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Containing principally the Biographies of the Men and Women, both Ministers and Laymen, whose Labors during a Hundred and Sixty Years, helped make the AME Church what it is; Also short Historical Sketches of Annual Conferences, Educational Institutions, General Departments, Missionary Societies of the AME Church, and General information about: Historical, Theological, Sociological, Legal and other matters concerning *African Methodism and the Christian Church in General.*

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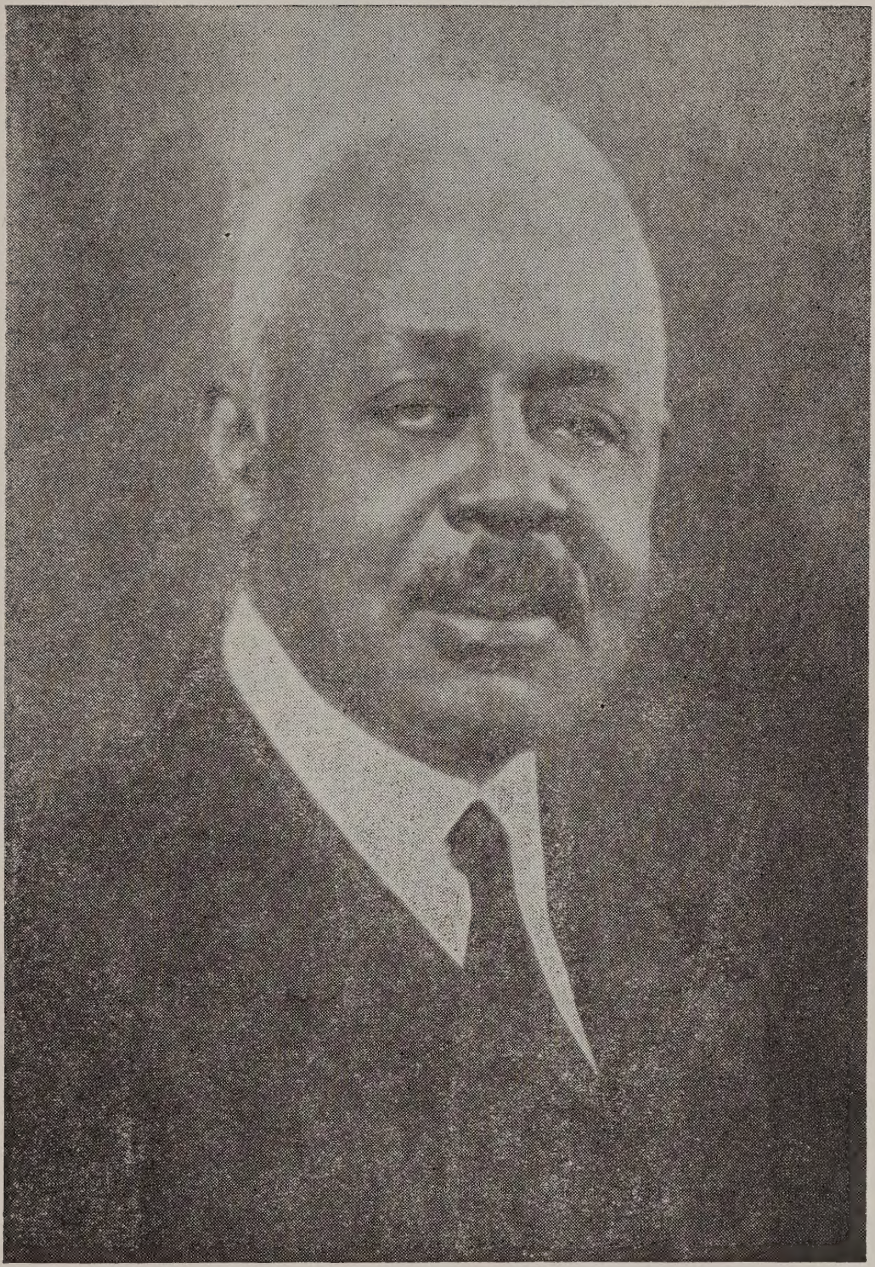

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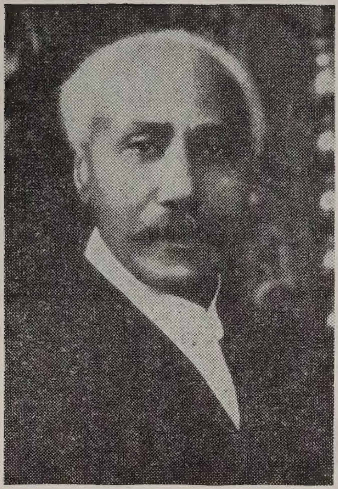

BISHOP R. C. RANSOM

Foreword

By Bishop R. C. Ransom

Chairman of the Bishops' Council AME Church

IN 1916, Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr., compiled, edited, and printed the first encyclopaedia of African Methodism ever to be published. It was, and still is, one of the most informing publications we have ever issued under the auspices of the AME Church.

Races, peoples, and nations, that have left no written history concerning themselves and the times in which they lived, are like a mountain sunk to the bottom of the ocean without leaving a trace of the fact that once their mountain peaks were uplifted to the clouds. This condition of affairs is largely true of the black man's Africa. They have left for posterity no history concerning their life on that lost continent for the last 10,000 years. For more than 3,000 years the sphinx has lifted up its head in the sands of an African desert, an unsolved mystery for more than 3,000 years: not even a symbol or hieroglyphic to inform posterity of its meaning, or why and by whom it was fashioned, and the reasons in past history that caused it to be fashioned and erected there.

There is no more stirring paragraph in American history than that relating to Richard Allen and his little band of faithful followers who, 160 years ago, first lifted upon these shores, for black humanity everywhere, the banner of freedom and equality before men and the eye of God. A second volume, bringing church life and history up to date, has been due to come to us for several years. Now, after a lapse of 30 years, we shall be permitted again to welcome another volume of the Encyclopaedia of African Methodism, that shall dramatize through pictures of churches, and church leaders, and through brief biographical sketches, the life and achievements of the men and women who have brought African Methodism up to date.

Regardless of race, or religious affiliation, this book should not only be secured and placed in the homes of our people, but also in public libraries, schools and colleges, to give them both factual and visual information concerning the men and women who wrought and achieved so gloriously in our branch of the total Christian contributions to world-wide human relations under the leadership of Jesus Christ.

REVERDY C. RANSOM.

BISHOP W. A. FOUNTAIN, SR.

Introduction

By Bishop William Alfred Fountain, Sr.
Senior Bishop of the AME Church

THE ROMAN historian Tacitus, began his monumental biography of Agricola, one of Rome's greatest and most loved characters, with the following words: "It has been a custom of long standing to hand down to posterity, the deeds and characteristics of illustrious men." No more choice language than those words could be employed with which to begin an introduction to the monumental work of the Rt. Rev. Richard R. Wright, Jr., which now appears under the title, "An Encyclopaedia of the African Methodist Episcopal Church." For, by the very nature and design of the work, it is a veritable assembly of autobiographies which, when brought together in one place, will constitute a biography of African Methodism from its incipient and formative period to the present time.

That the following work will meet an urgent need so long felt among African Methodist circles of thought, there can be no doubt. Such a work as this will serve to give to the members and friends of contemporary African Methodism a true historical perspective and such a view is absolutely necessary, if the constituency of the African Methodist Church is to know and appreciate the genius, organic structure, and rich heritage of our Zion.

In kaleidoscopic and panoramic form, so to speak, the romance of the history of the rise, formation, and activity of the African Methodist Episcopal Church is here presented, in the most authentic and most thoroughly documented manner. But the appearance of such a work as the bishop has presented to the church, not only justifies itself by giving us historical perspective, but it gives a close-up study of the leading personalities who have contributed to the progress of our Zion.

It's impossible for us to divorce personalities from the institutions in which and through which, they function. Neither one has any reality apart from the other. Individuals create institutions, it is true. But it is just as true that institutions deeply affect the life, thought, and activity of the individuals. There is a reciprocal relation between the two. We have here the life stories of persons who have been inspired by the doctrines and principles of African Methodism, and who, thus inspired, have labored incessantly to translate such teachings into living persons. It is clearly seen from the biographies contained in the Encyclopaedia that African Methodism has been, and is now, not a collection of dead dogmas, but a living vital spirit, inspiring, creative, challenging and redemptive. The life stories which appear here will indicate that these noble sons and daughters are flaming evangels, set on fire by the holy sparks from off the burning altar of African Methodism.

The amazing stories of self-sacrifice and devotion to ideals are told, in graphic and picturesque language, by the individuals whose biographies are contained herein. The Encyclopaedia is a vertiable mine of information concerning the ambitions, the toil, the very sweat and blood of those whose exploits and achievements have carried the banners of African Methodism to the very zenith of the denomination of Christendom. Here, then, can be found most useful and authentic materials for the Christian scholar who is interested in that phase of theological science known as symbolics. For, in these pages are to be found, not only biographical matters, but also a living incarnation of the piety and religiosity peculiar to African Methodism.

Bishop Wright has made a very definite contribution to the literature of American Christianity. In this respect, the work is a challenge to the scholars of our particular denomination. There is now, and always has been, a paucity of source materials and doctrinal works dealing with African Methodism. A church whose magnitude is so great and whose history and spirit have affected so deeply, the life of the Negro race in America, should have produced more literature of a theological and devotional type. Consequently, noting the singular contribution which has been made in this revised edition of the Encyclopaedia, scholars throughout the church should dig deeply into the organic character of African Methodism, in order to set forth in a scientific and methodical manner, the doctrines, polity and usages of one of the foremost denominations of ecumenical Christianity.

The enormous amount of energy, time, and money expended by Bishop Wright over a period of years, in perfecting this work, will not and cannot go unrewarded. Thousands of communicants, now, and in the years that are to come, will call him blessed, and as he beholds the finished product, let him say, as did Horace of old when he released a volume of poems to the ancient Roman literary world: "I have erected a monument more lasting than bronze."

May this Encyclopaedia be a source of inspiration and information to the noble sons and daughters of African Methodism everywhere.

Atlanta, Ga., June, 1944.

Preface

IN 1916 when I published the first edition of the Encyclopaedia of African Methodism the following preface was written:

"The manuscript for 'Encyclopaedia of African Methodism' is completed. The purpose of the Encyclopaedia is to present in some sort of literary form the work of the men and women, both ministers and laymen, who have helped to make the church what it is, and especially those now living who receive the inheritance of the fathers and upon whose shoulders rests the responsibility of passing the church down to a new century. The book is not a history of original research, nor history at all in the technical sense. It is prepared in such a way as makes it practically impossible to verify all statements contained therein. This verification will be made largely by criticisms received from those who will carefully read the book. Most of the material in the biographical part is largely autobiographical, taken from blank forms filled out by the subjects concerned, or from sketches furnished by themselves or someone who knew them, all of which has been edited as carefully as the time would allow. The files of the Christian Recorder, the various histories of the church, the encyclopaedias by Bishops Wayman and Simpson, and other books have been called into service where possible.

Our aim has been to present facts, and nothing but facts. We have not attempted to eulogize or to criticise, only to give the facts and let them tell their own story.

Though the work has been in the making for more than two years, the greatest part of the biographical matter came into the editor's hands less than three months before the time to go to press, making it impossible to as thoroughly organize it as he had hoped and still present the book by the time of the General Conference as he promised.

But the book is given out merely as a beginning. There should be collected and printed the biography and picture of every man and woman who has done anything creditable toward building our great Church, not so much for their sakes, but for the sake of the future and the inspiration of the church.

The second part of the book deals with the church in general, its history, location, laws, doctrines, statistics, etc., as well as items of interest pertaining to the religious life of the race.—Editors."

The purpose of the present edition of the Encyclopaedia of African Methodism is the same as that of the 1916 edition, published over 30 years ago. During these years the value of the first edition has steadily increased. People who possess copies have been unwilling to part with them for three, even ten times what they or their parents paid for them. The Centennial Encyclopaedia is almost the only source of information concerning the men and women of the first century of African Methodism.

By actual count nearly 90 percent of the persons whose biographies were in the 1916 Centennial edition have died. Only a few of the younger men of that year now live. All of the bishops of 1916 are dead; only one general officer who served then now serves the church as a general officer. A new leadership has arisen, a better educated leadership, as the biographies will indicate, and the church has been expanded in many directions.

The publication of this volume has been delayed two years on account of the shortage in paper for book printing. And even now, as the shortage still persists, the size of the volume has been curtailed. It had been our purpose to publish at least 200 short biographies of very early leaders. This is accomplished only in part, as we decided to use all space possible for the leaders now at work. Acknowledgment of thanks is given to my faithful secretaries, Mrs. Alberta Wright McClain and Miss Gloria Hedrick and my devoted wife, Mrs. Charlotte C. Wright for most of the work done in preparing this volume, and to Mrs. Ruth W. Hayre for proof reading, and to hundreds of others who furnished information.

It is our hope that this volume will be accepted as heartily as was its predecessor, and that after these present editors have ceased to work, other and stronger persons will take up the work and carry it forward.

R. R. WRIGHT, Jr., Editor-in-Chief.
May 15, 1947.

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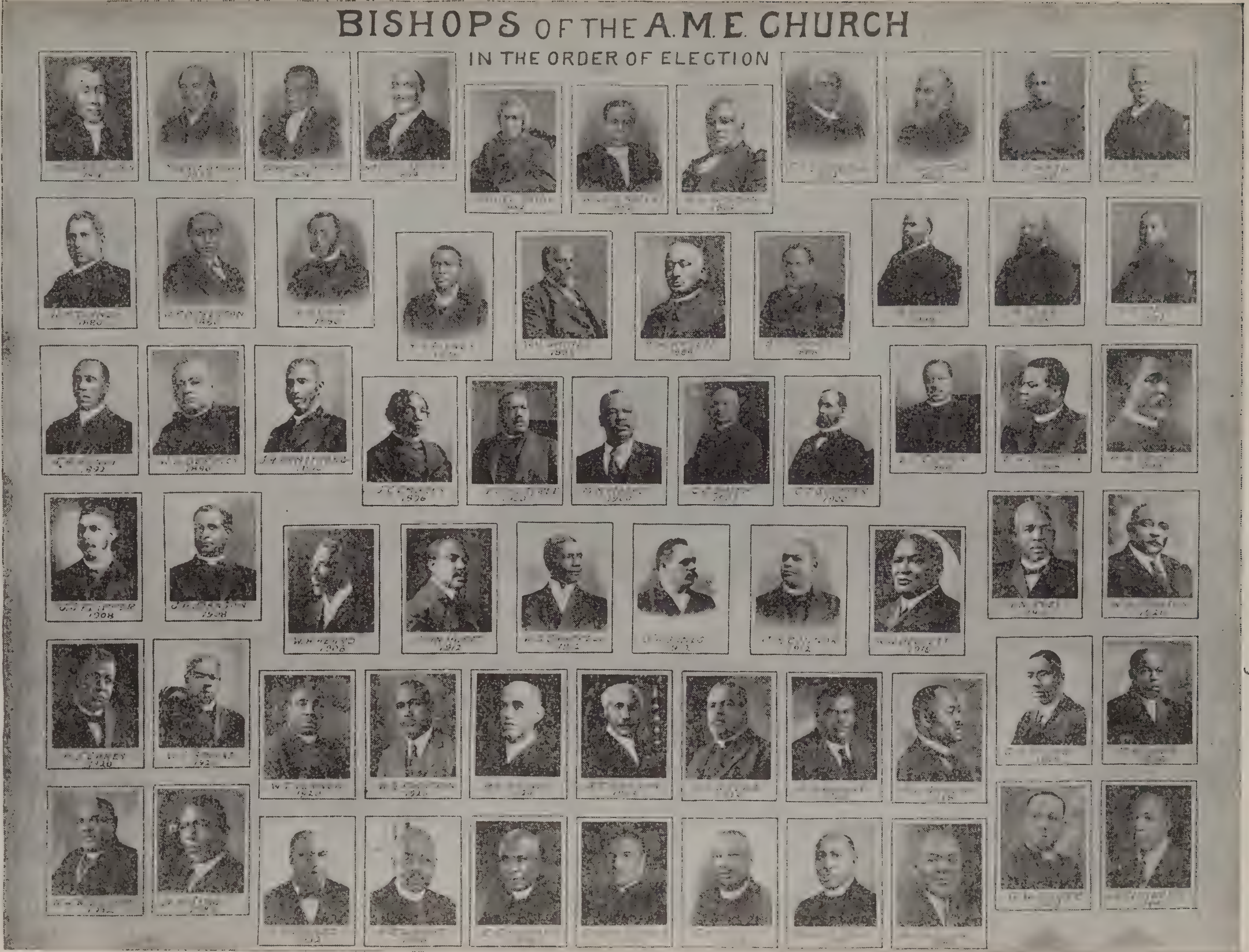

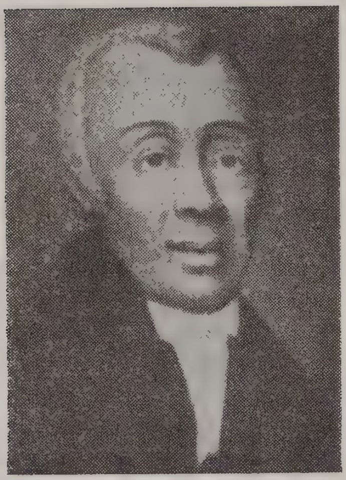

BISHOP RICHARD ALLEN, 1760—1831
First Bishop of The African Methodist Episcopal Church
Consecrated April 11, 1816.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church

1787—1947

ON WEDNESDAY, May 1, 1944 the thirty-second session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church opened in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania marking the 128th anniversary of its organization as a connectional Christian denomination. The hosts of the session were St. Matthew and Bethel AME Churches. Bethel Church still stands upon the ground purchased by that church in 1794, perhaps the oldest piece of real estate owned by any Negro organization in America.

The history of the AME Church dates back to 1787, when a number of persons of African descent, imbued with the spirit of independence, then in the American atmosphere, and led by Richard Allen, a colored local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, withdrew from St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, because the white Christians had segregated the "Africans" into the gallery of the church, and otherwise placed a badge of inferiority upon them. This African group established a "society" of their own, in which any person, regardless of his color, could enjoy the worship of God with freedom from restriction or segregation, also so that they could guide their people the better, and aid the less fortunate. "Africans" of other Pennsylvania localities, and of New York, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland followed the example of the Philadelphians, and formed distinctive "African" congregations often with the encouragement of liberal white Christians. In April, 1816 representatives, sixteen in all, from Bethel African Church in Philadelphia, and African churches in Baltimore, Maryland; Wilmington, Del.; Attleboro, Pa.; and Salem, New Jersey, met in Philadelphia and formed a church organization or connection under the title of "The African Methodist Episcopal Church." (The term "African" was then prevalently used to designate the people of color, just as the terms "Negro" and "colored people" are now used). They adopted the polity and doctrine of the Methodist Episcopal Church, with some slight changes, and selected and consecrated one of their number, Richard Allen, as their bishop.

During the first fifty years, the church was confined almost entirely to the Northern states, as it could not conveniently operate among the slaves in the South, although in Charleston, South Carolina, New Orleans, Louisiana, Louisville, Kentucky, and some few other places, there were small organizations among free Negroes. In Boston and New Bedford, Massachusetts; Newport, Rhode Island; New York and Buffalo, N. Y.; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Washington, D. C.; Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Sacramento, California, and other Northern and Western cities, where there were a hundred or more Negroes, churches were organized. In these places the "AME Church," as it is called for short, became the most powerful agency for creating and preserving the morale of the Negroes, and organizing them for good. It was the chief focal point of most of their creative efforts and its ministers became leaders in spiritual, moral, social and civic affairs. It was the chief social agency, and the greatest inspiration for the people and its leadership was everywhere recognized.

During this period many of the ministers of this church were active in the anti-slavery movement, and the "Underground Railroad," and such of the actual work of receiving and transporting escaped slaves was done by them.

The emancipation of the slaves in 1863 opened up a great missionary field for the AME Church in the South, which it was not slow to seize. Before the Civil War was over, scores of preachers and teachers had been sent as missionaries to the South, the first going from New York in 1863. The church grew rapidly and was welcomed by the freedmen as one of the evidences of their freedom. The former slaves found in the church one of their first opportunities for self expression, self-help and self-government, and worship "under their own vine and fig tree."

Men flocked to the ministry of the church and were accepted regardless of their lack, of education. The AME Church, however, recognized the need of education, and schools were established in the church buildings wherever possible. "We are rising" became the slogan for the Negroes, inspired by the AME and other churches. To them was committed almost the entire life of the people, so far as inspiration was concerned.

Some of the early AME preachers also became prominent in business and political life as well as in religion. The first United States Senator of African descent was Rev. Hiram R. Revels of Mississippi, who was an AME minister. Others were elected to Congress and to state legislatures, and became otherwise politically prominent. But the great majority confined their labors to the organization of the church among the recently emancipated people, and the results were remarkable, as the people flocked to their standard in greater numbers than they could be efficiently cared for. Many preachers took on additional work such as teaching, newspaper editing, business, farming, etc.

In 1816, the church was established in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, with about only 400 members. In 1836 it had spread to Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, and the Island of Haiti, and had 7,544 members. In 1856, it had spread to Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Louisiana, Kentucky and Canada and had about 20,000 members. In 1866, through its first missionaries in the South, it had spread to South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Alabama, and a membership exceeding

73,000. In 1896 it had covered every southern state and planted missions in Liberia, Bermuda and in South Africa, Nova Scotia, and the total membership was more than 650,000 members, 6,650 traveling ministers, and 6,400 local preachers, 15 active bishops, and 1 retired bishop. There were 81 annual conferences, approximately 7,500 churches and 2,750 parsonages, 24 schools. Property value was reported at more than $12,500,000.

In 1844, plans were laid for the first AME School —a manual labor school near Columbus, Ohio. In 1855 Wilberforce University was established by the Methodist Church with the AME Church cooperating. In 1863, one of its bishops, Bishop Daniel A. Payne, bought Wilberforce University, now the oldest and one of the largest Negro institutions of higher learning in America. Since then an institution of learning has been established by the church in nearly every state in the South: Allen University, Columbia, S. C.; Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.; Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla.; Daniel Payne College, formerly in Selma now in Birmingham, Ala.; Campbell College, Jackson, Miss.; Lampton College, Alexandria, La. (merged with Campbell College); Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas; Shorter College, Little Rock, Ark.; Kittrell College, Kittrell, N. C.; Western University, Quindaro, Kans. There are several high schools and elementary schools, both in America and in foreign countries. All of these institutions except Western University, Wilberforce University and Kittrell College are named for some of the earlier bishops of the church. In each of these colleges is a theological school, training ministers. In all more than 10,000 students are enrolled in the AME colleges.

The AME Church pioneered in journalism. Next year the "Christian Recorder," published in Philadelphia will be 100 years old, the oldest weekly published by Negroes in the world. "The AME Review" is 63 years old—the oldest Negro magazine in the world. "The AME Book Concern," the oldest weekly publishing business in the world, is 131 years old, and has been incorporated 92 years. The pioneer work in writing Sunday School commentaries and printing the same was done for Negroes by the Sunday School Union started 65 years ago. The first Negro missionaries sent by Negroes to Africa were sent by the AME Church whose Missionary Department is over 100 years old. It sent a missionary to Haiti in 1826, to Africa in 1887. Bishop Turner was the pioneer African bishop having gone to West Africa in 1891, and South Africa in 1898. In these two sections of Africa we now have over 100,000 members and three episcopal districts. The discipline of the AME Church is the oldest book of law published by Negroes in the United States of America, and the AME Hymnal is the first book of hymns Negroes ever printed.

To-day the African Methodist Episcopal Church has a million members scattered all over America and most of the world where black people reside, including West, Central and South Africa, South America, Canada, Mexico, the West Indies. We have 17 episcopal districts, 13 of which are in the United States, one in the West Indies and South America, one in West Africa and two in South Africa. In no part of the world is the church growing more rapidly than in South Africa, where we have Wilberforce Institute, an accredited teacher training college, The R. R. Wright, Jr., School of Religion for training ministers, Bethel Institute at Capetown, and scores of elementary schools with a total enrollment of 15,000 scholars. We have 110 annual conferences, 14 active bishops, nearly 10,000 students of college grade in America, over 400 teachers. The AME's furnished the first Negro college president and the first German Ph.D. among Negroes, and the first Negro college president with the Ph. D. degree. We have over 8,000 ministers and more than 8500 churches. Our property valuation is estimated at $45,850,000 on which are mortgage debts of approximately $6,900,000.

Our main job is to bring people to the knowledge of God, to bring Negroes to the understanding that they too are children of God, and must develop the God-like qualities of their father, to lift the spirit of Negroes out of the dust of disappointment, frustration and sin, to build solid moral character in the individual and society, to persuade America and the world to practice the principles of the Christian religion in dealings with black people, and to include them in the Christian Brotherhood.

Our motto is: "God our Father, Christ our Redeemer, and Man our Brother."

Our job is "Kingdom building."

Chronology of African Methodism

By R. R. Wright, Jr.

1703—John Wesley, born in Epworth, England.

1729—John and Charles Wesley start "The Holy Club" at Oxford University.

1739—Methodism founded in England by John Wesley.

1758—First Negro baptized by John Wesley.

1759—First Methodist class in the new world, in Antique organized by Nathaniel Gilbert, composed chiefly of Negroes.

1760—Richard Allen born in Philadelphia, Penna.

1764—Robert Strawbridge organized first Methodist Society in Maryland.

1766—First class meeting in New York; a colored woman a member.

1771—Francis Asbury came to America.

1772—Lewis Gray, Negro converted under preaching of Francis Asbury, in Portsmouth, Va.

1775—Nucleus of Emanuel AME Church, Portsmouth, Va.

1777—Richard Allen converted.

1782—Richard Allen licensed to preach.

1784—Methodist Episcopal Church in America begun at Baltimore; Richard Allen present.

1786—Richard Allen organizes a class of colored persons.

1786—A Church in Baltimore organized by Daniel Coker.

1787—"Free African Society" started and Richard Allen and others withdrew from St. George's Methodist Church, Philadelphia, Penna.

1790—Slavery abolished in Pennsylvania.

1791—Richard Allen purchased lot for church at 6th and Lombard Streets.

1793—Epidemic of yellow fever in Philadelphia, in which Richard Allen did great service.

1794—Richard Allen sells lot to Bethel Church and erects the first blacksmith-shop-church, which was dedicated by Bishop Asbury.

1796—James Varick and others organized African Church (Zion) in New York.

1797—Baltimore African Methodists purchase lot and house on Fish St., (now Saratoga) and start Bethel Church.

1800—Methodist General Conference permits ordination of colored preachers.

1800—Richard Allen ordained a deacon by Bishop Asbury.

1808—Insurance society started in Philadelphia by Richard Allen and others.

1810—Primitive Methodist Church organized.

1813—Union Church of Africans incorporated at Wilmington, Del., Peter Spencer, leader.

1814—Reformed Methodist Church started.

1816—April 9-11, organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church effected at Philadelphia. Richard Allen consecrated first bishop.

1817—First AME Discipline published.

1818—Bethel AME Church organized in Brooklyn.

1818—First AME Hymnal published, compiled by Bishop Allen, Daniel Coker, and James Champion.

1820—Bethel AME Church organized in New York.

1820—Zion Methodist Church withdraws from white supervision and starts AME Zion Connection at New York.

1822—First general minutes published.

1822—Repeal of 2-year time limit for pastors; bishop's salary placed at $25 for each conference and traveling expenses. Jacob Matthews elected assistant bishop, but not ordained.

1822—Charles Butler was ordained deacon and elder for missionary work in Africa, but did not go.

1822—Denmark Veasey, Gullah Jack and others executed because of a plot against slave holders. This caused the abandonment of the AME Church in South Carolina where there were about 1,400 members, and stricter supervision of blacks.

1824—Joseph M. Corr elected general book steward.

1826—No Sunday School in existence in AME Church.

1827—Slavery abolished in New York State.

1827—Scipio Bean, ordained deacon and elder and sent to Hayti as a missionary.

1827—Chartered fund originated, but not made effective.

1827—"Daughters of the Conference" organized—first woman's conference society.

1828—George M. Hogarth reports for Port au Prince, Hayti, 72 members.

1828—General Conference met at Philadelphia; Morris Brown elected bishop-assistant to Bishop Allen.

1829—Morris Brown presided over Baltimore Conference.

1829—Baltimore Conference provides for a sinking fund.

1830—First choir organized in AME Church, at New York, under the pastorate of Rev. Samuel.

1830—Methodist Protestant Church organized.

1831—Bishop Allen died, March 31.

1832—Second edition of AME discipline published.

1832—Edward Waters acts as assistant to Bishop Brown.

1833—American Anti-Slavery Society established.

1833—Wm. Paul Quinn readmitted and transferred West, begins his great work "west of the Alleghenies."

1833—First resolution in favor of Sunday Schools and temperance societies and education, by Ohio conference meeting at Pittsburgh, Pa.

1833—Baltimore conference at Washington, D. C., for first time.

1834—Baltimore Conference passes resolution in favor of education and temperance.

1834—12½ cents asked from each member to aid publishing interests in order to help preachers' fund.

1834—Exhorters deprived of their seats in annual conference by the Philadelphia conference.

1834—New York conference passes resolutions favoring Sunday schools, education and temperance.

1835—Joseph M. Corr reports condition of Book Concern, showing 1,000 hymn books printed and 1000 disciplines.

1836—New York conference passes resolution to establish a quarterly magazine.

1836—Resolution of New York conference to send missionaries to Canada.

1836—Edward Waters elected junior bishop at General Conference at Philadelphia.

1837—First AME Church organized in New England, at New Haven, Conn.

1839—Baltimore Conference adopts resolution to raise 2 cents per month from each member for Book Concern to aid Preachers' Fund.

1840—First (upper) Canada conference, organized by Bishop Morris Brown.

1840—Indiana conference organized.

1840—Idea of publishing a magazine first discussed in annual conference.

1841—Baltimore conference makes first report of Sunday Schools in connection, there being 9 Sunday Schools, more than 482 pupils and 37 teachers.

1841—New structure for Bethel, Philadelphia, begun (third building).

1841—New York Conference decrees 2c per month from each member to improve finances.

1841—$486.50 pledged for magazine in New York Conference.

1841—First choir organized in Bethel Church, Philadelphia, under the pastorate of Rev. Joe Corr.

1841—New York Conference reports first balance in favor of Book Concern of over $1,300.

1841—First copy of magazine issued by Rev. Geo. Hogarth, in September.

1841—Convention held in Hartford, Conn. in August; petitions for organizing an African and Foreign missionary society.

1841—St. Paul Church in St. Louis, Mo., organized.

1842—Philadelphia Conference Home Missionary Society.

1842—Philadelphia conference orders monthly magazine to be changed to quarterly.

1842—Bishop Payne introduces first of his educational resolutions in Baltimore conference.

1842—First resolution on course of study adopted by an annual conference.

1842—General Book Steward ordered to print Bishop Allen's life.

1842—Union Theological Association of Philadelphia formed.

1842—Notable year for church building, Mother Bethel being completed at a cost of $18,000.

1843—First Class refused ordination by Baltimore conference because of insufficient knowledge of the Bible and the Discipline.

1843—Wesleyan Methodist Church organized.

1843—Great revival in Philadelphia and vicinity.

1843—Philadelphia Conference passes resolutions in favor of education.

1844—General Conference met at Pittsburgh, Pa.

1844—Edward Waters resigned bishopric and returned to the ranks as an effective elder.

1844—Terms junior and senior bishops abolished in Discipline, and bishops put on equality. Basis of representation in General Conference changed.

1844—Lay delegates permitted to General Conference but actually confined to local preachers.

1844—Course of study adopted for ministers by General Conference on resolution of Rev. D. A. Payne, after being voted down once.

1844—First committee to select course of study were D. A. Payne, H. C. Turner, David Ware, Richard Robinson, Abraham D. Lewis, Willis R. Reves, George Ward.

1844—Rev. W. P. Quinn reported 47 churches in the West, and elected bishop; General Book Steward created under General Conference, D. A. Payne first elected, but declined, M. M. Clark elected. Parent Home and Foreign Missionary Society started. Baltimore Conference authorizes establishment of high school in Baltimore on motion of Rev. H. C. Turner.

1844—Philadelphia Conference authorizes establishment of high school in Philadelphia on motion of Rev. D. Ware.

1844—Rev. Richard Williams, first AME elder to to Canada.

1844—Ohio conference appoints committee on motion of Rev. Matthew Newsome, to select location for seminary.

1844—The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, splits from the M. E. Church on the slavery question.

1845—Philadelphia Conference superannuates Bishop Morris Brown on $200 per annum.

1845—Ohio Conference adopted constitution for Union Seminary of the AME Church, recommended as site for school in Franklin County, Ohio.

1845—The first General Educational Convention held in Philadelphia, October 30.

1846—Baltimore conference institutes the annual missionary sermon and formation of educational societies in charges.

1846—A step toward union with AME Zion Church by the Baltimore Conference.

1846—The New York Conference passes first resolution for Preachers' Aid Society.

1846—A committee, Geo. Hogarth, M. M. Clark, Edward Africanus, appointed to communicate with the Evangelical Christian Alliance in London. M. M. Clark was sent, being the first delegate to go abroad.

1847—One Ohio conference agrees to tax ministers 2 cent of salary for a fund for the education of children of ministers. Quinn Chapel, Chicago, Illinois, organized by Bishop Quinn.

1848—Episcopal address of Bishop Quinn at this General Conference, the first reported in full in the General Conference minutes.

1848—Office of presiding elder voted down by General Conference. Office of historian established.

1848—Missionary sermon in each annual conference adopted.

1848—Monthly magazine ordered published quarterly.

1848—Christian Herald ordered, Rev. A. R. Green, Editor.

1848—Book Concern moved from New York to Pittsburgh, and a committee appointed to purchase the type and fixtures of the New York store.

1848—Rev. D. A. Payne appointed historiographer by General Conference.

1848—Philadelphia annual conference met for the first time outside of Philadelphia, at Trenton, N. J. The AME Church started in New Orleans, La., Rev. Charles Doughty being ordained deacon and sent to Louisiana mission from Indiana Conference. Forms for laying corner-stone and dedicating churches arranged.

1848—New Bethel Church, Baltimore, dedicated, costing $16,000.

1850—First Friday in June, Day of Prayer against slavery.

1850—Division between the UAME Church and the AUMP Church, chiefly in Delaware.

1851—Fugitive slave law forces many members of AME Church to emigrate to Canada.

1852—Supreme Court of Pennsylvania decided case of trustees of Bethel, making pastor in charge legal.

1852—General Conference met at New York, Revs. Willis Nazrey and Daniel A. Payne elected bishops.

1852—Christian Recorder established at Philadelphia with Rev. M. M. Clark, editor.

1852—Book Concern moved to Philadelphia from Pittsburgh.

1852—Episcopal districts instituted, three in number.

1852—Visitors denied privilege of voting in other than their own conference or district.

1852—Bishops' Council instituted.

1852—"Ten cent money" to help start the Christian Recorder.

1852—Congregational Methodist Church started.

1854—Rev. J. P. Campbell appointed editor and general book steward.

1855—Book Concern chartered under laws of Pennsylvania.

1855—First move made to separate Canadian churches.

1855—Committee appointed to consider proposition from ME Church.

1855—"General Days" first suggested by Bishop Payne.

1856—Editor of Christian Recorder and Manager of the Book Concern given to one individual, Rev. J. P. Campbell.

1856—Time limit made 2 years for pastors of circuits and stations.

1856—All elders of 6 years standing members of General Conference; 1 local preacher for every 800 lay members.

1856—Episcopal seal ordered.

1856—The British AME Church organized, at Chatham, Ontario, September 27, and Bishop Nazrey elected its head.

1856—Wilberforce University founded.

1860—Free Methodist Church started.

1863—Emancipation Proclamation opens up large field for AME Church.

1863—First Negro Chaplain in the U. S. Army appointed, Rev. H. M. Turner. First AME missionaries sent to South Carolina.

1863—Bishop Payne purchased Wilberforce University for the AME Church.

1864—General Conference met at Philadelphia, A. W. Wayman and J. P. Campbell, bishops. Fraternal delegates sent to the ME Church General Conference. Question of union with AME Zion Church considered in convention at Wesley Church, Philadelphia.

1865—Bishop Payne organized, May 15, the South Carolina Conference, which then embraced all of southeastern part of the United States. Louisiana conference organized at New Orleans, November 1.

1866—Semi-Centenary of African Methodism celebrated.

1866—African Union Methodist Protestant started.

1866—Georgia Annual Conference organized.

1866—Colored Methodist Protestant Church started.

1867—North Carolina Conference organized. Florida Conference organized.

1868—General Conference met in Washington, D.C. Revs. J. A. Shorter, T. M. D. Ward, J. M. Brown elected bishops. "Two cent money" done away with and "dollar money" adopted. Rule forbidding ministers to publish anything without permission was abolished. Permission given to annual conference to adopt the presiding eldership. Board of stewardesses in local churches provided by General Conference. Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Kentucky conferences organized by Bishops Wayman, Brown, Shorter and Payne, respectively. Texas Conference organized by Bishop Shorter.

1869—Reformed Zion Union Apostolic Church started.

1870—Colored ME Church organized at Jackson, Tennessee, by ME Church, South.

1872—General Conference at Nashville, Tennessee. No bishops elected. Daily Recorder first published at General Conference. Bishop Quinn superannuated. Local preachers dropped from membership of official boards. The Financial Department established as the general Church treasury. Paul Quinn College started in Texas.

1874—Women's Mite Missionary Society organized.

1875—Southwest Texas Conference organized by Bishop Brown at San Antonio; West Texas Conference organized by Bishop Brown at Corsicana.

1876—General Conference met at Atlanta, Ga. No bishops elected. Work in Hayti detached from the Philadelphia conference. The "Independent Methodist Episcopal Church," A. R. Green, Bishop absorbed. Child's Recorder and Quarterly Magazine ordered published. First legislation regarding Church Extension. Education and Sunday School Departments authorized. Rev. B. F. Lee succeeds Bishop Payne as president of Wilberforce. Bishop J. C. Embry elected commissioner of education.

1879—Northeast Texas Conference organized by Bishop Ward at Corsicana.

1880—Kittrell College founded at Kittrell, N. C. Western University instituted as an AME School at Quindaro, Kansas. Allen University started by Bishop Dickerson at Columbia, S. C.

1880—General Conference met in St. Louis, Mo., Revs. H. M. Turner, W. F. Dickerson and R. H. Cain elected bishops.

1881—Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga., begun by resolutions in the North Georgia Conference. Paul Quinn College held its first session. First Ecumenical conference of Methodism held in London. Bishop Payne appeared on program.

1881—New Congregational Methodist Church started.

1882—Sunday-School Union started by Rev. C. S. Smith.

1883—Edward Waters College started in Texas; Central Texas Conference organized at San Antonio.

1884—General Conference met at Baltimore, Md. No bishops elected. "AME Review" begun by Rev. B. T. Tanner.

1884—The British ME Church became a part of the AME Church. AME Sunday School Union organized.

1886—Southern Christian Recorder first issued by Bishop Turner.

1887—Shorter College started at Little Rock, Ark.

1888—General Conference met at Indianapolis, Ind. Revs. W. J. Gaines, (Georgia), B. W. Arnett, (Ohio), B. T. Tanner, (Pennsylvania), and A. Grant (Texas), elected and consecrated bishops.

1891—Bishop H. M. Turner first visits West Africa and organizes Sierra Leone Conference.

1891—The Methodist Ecumenical Conference held in Washington, D. C.

1891—Payne Theological Seminary established at Wilberforce University, O.

1892—Western Christian Recorder first published by Rev. J. F. McDonald.

1892—Church Extension Society organized.

1892—"Voice of Missions" founded by Bishop Turner. General Conference met at Philadelphia. Revs. B. F. Lee, M. B. Salter and J. A. Handy elected bishops. Rev. H. T. Johnson, editor Christian Recorder, Rev. J. A. Armstrong, financial secretary.

1895—New publishing house built at Philadelphia, 631 Pine St. by business manager J. C. Embry.

1896—Allen C. E. League organized. Rev. J. W. Dwane, representative of the Ethiopian Church of South Africa, accepted by Bishop Turner in Atlanta, Ga.

1896—General Conference met at Wilmington, N.C. Revs. W. B. Derrick, J. H. Armstrong, and J. C. Embry elected bishops. Laymen, J. R. Hawkins and H. T. Kealing were elected educational secretary and Review editor. Rev. T. W. Henderson, manager of Book Concern, Rev. H. B. Parks, missionary secretary.

1897—Independent African Methodist Church started.

1898—Bishop Turner visited South Africa. Rev. I. N. Fitzgerald sent to South Africa by Bishop Turner.

1899—Payne University organized at Selma, Ala.

1899—Bishop Grant visits West Africa.

1900—General Conference met at Columbus, Ohio, and authorized the incorporation of the AME Church. Revs. Evans Tyree (Kentucky), M. M. Moore (Florida), C. S. Smith (Tennessee), C. T. Shaffer (Philadelphia), and L. J. Coppin (Philadelphia), elected bishops. General officers elected first time were: R. H. W. Leake, business manager; Phillip Hubbard, financial secretary; R. M. Cheeks, editor Southern Recorder; W. D. Chappelle, secretary-treasurer of Sunday School Union.

1900—Bishop L. J. Coppin goes to South Africa as first regularly assigned bishop to that field.

1900—Holiness Methodist Church started.

1901—Ecumenical Conference at London attended by AME delegates.

1902—Bishop Shaffer visits West Africa and established Shaffer High School.

1902—Financial Secretary Phillip Hubbard died; Rev. E. W. Lampton succeeded him.

1902—First Young People's Congress at Atlanta, Ga., in which the AME Church took an active part.

1902—Rev. R. H. W. Leake removed as business manager and J. H. Collett elected by publication board.

1902—Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Attaway go to South Africa as missionaries.

1903—Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Gregg go to South Africa as missionaries.

1904—General Conference met in Chicago, Ill. No bishops elected; Rev. G. W. Allen, editor Southern Recorder.

1905—Bishop C. S. Smith goes to South Africa. Rev. C. M. Tanner goes to Africa.

1906—Bishop Arnett died, October 7, 1906. Bishop W. B. Derrick assigned by Bishops' Council to South Africa to replace Bishop Smith.

1907—Bishop Smith visited West African work.

1908—AME Seminary opened at 38 Oxford House, Willington St., Freetown, West Africa, on February 3.

1908—General Conference met in Norfolk, Va. Revs. E. W. Lampton, H. B. Parks, J. S. Flipper, J. A. Johnson and W. H. Heard elected bishops. General officers elected for the first time: Revs. John Hurst, financial secretary and W. W. Beckett, Missionary secretary, and Mr. Ira T. Bryant, secretary-treasurer, Sunday School Union.

1908—Bishops of the AME, CME and AMEZ Churches met together in Washington, D. C. Bishops Heard and Johnson, elected for West and South African work respectively, go to their fields.

1909—Office of editor of Christian Recorder and manager of Book Concern combined with R. R. Wright, Jr., chosen as managing-editor.

1911—Great educational rallies held in Georgia, South Carolina, Texas, and other states.

1911—Fourth Ecumenical Conference met in Toronto, Canada. AME delegates present.

1911—Bishop Handy died October 3.

1911—Bishops of AME, AMEZ, and CME Churches met for a second time in Mobile, Ala. Bishop Grant died June 22.

1912—Bishop W. J. Gaines died January 12 at Atlanta, Ga.

1912—General Conference met in Kansas City, Kans. Revs. John Hurst, W. D. Chappelle, J. H. Jones, and J. M. Conner elected bishops. John R. Hawkins, the first layman elected financial secretary; Revs. J. I. Lowe elected business manager; R. R. Wright, Jr., editor Christian Recorder; R. C. Ransom, editor of AME Review; J. W. Rankin, missionary secretary; A. S. Jackson, (layman) educational secretary.

1913—Bishop Derrick died April 21.

1914—Connection Young People's Congress at Atlanta, Ga.

1914—Rev. J. W. Rankin, Missionary Secretary, visited West Africa.

1915—Bishop Turner died, May 8.

1916—Centennial General Conference met in Philadelphia, Revs. W. W. Beckett and I. N. Ross elected bishops. All general officers re-elected for the first time in many years.

1916—Bishop W. W. Beckett sails for South Africa during World War I. Bishop I. N. Ross sails for West Africa.

1916—Centennial Encyclopaedia of African Methodism by R. R. Wright, Jr., published.

1916—Rev. J. I. Lowe resigned as business manager, and Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr., appointed a second time both editor and manager.

1916—Reformed New Congregational Methodist Church started.

1918—Bishops of AME, AME Zion and CME Churches met in Louisville, Ky., to consider organic union.

1919—Bishop C. T. Shaffer died.

1919—$90,000 debt on Bethel, Baltimore, Md., paid by Rev. W. S. Brooks; Wilberforce University paid out of debt.

1919—Book Concern, Philadelphia, paid out of debt by Editor-Manager R. R. Wright, Jr., and mortgage burned in Mother Bethel AME Church, Philadelphia. "Commission on After-the-War Problems" appointed, Bishop C. S. Smith, chairman; Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr., secretary; Dr. J. R. Hawkins, treasurer.

1920—General Conference at St. Louis, Mo., elected as bishops: Revs. W. D. Johnson of Georgia; A. J. Carey of Chicago; W. Sampson Brooks, of Baltimore; W. T. Vernon, of Memphis, Tenn.; and W. A. Fountain of Georgia. Revs. D. M. Baxter elected business manager, and S. S. Morris, ACE League secretary.

1920—Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr., turned over to the new manager, Dr. D. M. Baxter, the AME Book Concern free from all debts with $21,000 assets, no liabilities, and $1000 cash, June 1.

1920—Dollar money totaled a MILLION DOLLARS in a quadrennium for first time in history. Book Concern receipts reached $125,000 the highest in history.

1920—Bishop Brooks tours country for missions in West Africa, and with Mrs. Brooks, sails. Bishop Vernon and Mrs. Gregg sail for South Africa.

1921—Ecumenical Conference of Methodism held in London, England, attended by large delegations from AME, AME Zion and CME Churches.

1921—Bishop Evans Tyree died.

1922—Bishop C. S. Smith died. Bishop W. S. Brooks builds largest school building in Liberia for AME College. Bishop Brooks tours U. S. A. for funds for the same.

1924—General Conference at Louisville, Ky. elected as bishops: Revs. A. L. Gaines of Baltimore, R. C. Ransom, editor of AME Review, and J. A. Gregg, president of Wilberforce University. Revs. J. G. Robinson elected editor of AME Review, E. H. Coit, missionary secretary. Bishop Brooks returns to West Africa. Bishop and Mrs. Gregg go to South Africa.

1925—Bishop J. A. Gregg, first Negro elected president of Howard University, declines. Bishop Gregg purchases episcopal residence in Capetown, 28 Walmer Road, Woodstock.

1927—Bethel Church, Capetown, South Africa, built by Bishop Gregg at cost of $38,000, furnished by W. H. & F. Missionary Society.

1927—Bishop Gregg builds Eliza Gregg Hall at Wilberforce Institute, South Africa.

1928—General Conference at Chicago, Illinois elected Revs. R. A. Grant of Florida; S. L. Greene, Arkansas; G. B. Young, of Texas, and M. H. Davis of Baltimore as bishops; Bishop and Mrs. Young and nephew, Lionel Young, go to South Africa. Bishop M. H. Davis and wife go to West Africa.

1931—Ecumenical Conference of Methodism meets in Atlanta, Ba. Bishop Fountain presided at one session.

1932—General Conference at Cleveland. Revs. N. W. Williams of St. Louis, Mo.; D. H. Sims, president of Allen University, and H. Y. Tookes of Florida, elected bishops. Rev. J. H. Clayborn elected editor Southern Christian Recorder.

1932—Apostolic Methodist Church started.

1933—Bishop and Mrs. Sims sail for South Africa.

1934—Fraternal Council of Negro Churches founded, Bishop R. C. Ransom, first president.

1935—Bishop N. W. Williams visits the Holy Land.

1936—Bishop H. B. Parks, senior bishop, died February. Bishop J. S. Flipper becomes senior.

1936—General Conference at New York in May, Revs. R. R. Wright, Jr., editor Christian Recorder, and E. J. Howard of Texas, elected bishops. Bishop and Mrs. Wright sail for South Africa, taking Revs. L. C. Gow and E. C. Maxwell, natives of Africa back. Rev. George A. Singleton elected editor Christian Recorder.

1937—Professor and Mrs. A. J. White of Wilberforce University, sail to South Africa to become president and secretary respectively of Wilberforce Institute, South Africa.

1937—Bishop E. J. Howard goes to West Africa to hold conferences.

1938—Rev. J. R. Coan sails for South Africa to become dean of the "R. R. Wright School of Religion." Mrs. Lucy M. Hughes spends 110 days in South Africa inspecting Missions from Capetown to Ndola, Northern Rhodesia.

1939—Bishop Wright visits America to raise funds for Wilberforce Institute and the Clinic, and take back to Africa with him Miss Grace Wares, New York, nurse to become head nurse of the Crogman Clinic at Wilberforce Institute, in the Transvaal, and Mr. R. R. Wright, III to make a study of economic conditions in South Africa. Wilberforce Institute in South Africa is accredited.

1939—Dr. L. L. Berry and Mrs. C. S. Smith visit West Africa with Bishop E. J. Howard.

1940—The Methodist Church organized by union Methodist Episcopal Church, M. E. Church South, and Methodist Protestant Church.

1940—General Conference at Detroit, Michigan in May. Revs. D. Ward Nichols, G. E. Curry, F. M. Reid and A. J. Allen elected bishops. Rev. E. C. Hatcher elected editor of Southern Recorder; Rev. W. H. Dorsey elected business manager. Bishop F. M. Reid assigned to South Africa, and Bishop Allen to the 16th district, Cuba and West Indies and South America.

1940—South African delegates arrive at General Conference too late, but make tour of U. S. A. Mrs.Ntombe Tantsi of Pretoria, Transvaal, and Mrs. Dumas of Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, of South Africa, remained in America.

1941—U. S. Court of Appeals at Cincinnati awarded Sunday School Union property at Nashville to the AME Church.

1941—U. S. A. enters World War II after Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7.

1943—Bishop Gregg made trip to war areas of Pacific, North Africa, England, and Near East at request of Fraternal Council of Negro Churches approved by President Roosevelt. Bishop Gregg ordained 40 persons deacons and elders in South Africa. Distance traveled by airplane 56,217 miles.

1943—President Edwin Barclay, and President-elect Wm. V. S. Tubman visit America. President Barclay received LL.D. degree from Wilberforce University.

1944—General Conference at Philadelphia, Penna. Revs. G. W. Baber (Michigan) and J. H. Clayborn (Arkansas) elected bishops. Rev. David Norris, editor Christian Recorder, Rev. F. A. Hughes, editor Western Recorder; Women's Mite Missionary Society and Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society merged in Women's Missionary Society of AME Church. Two districts set up for South Africa: the 15th and 17th. The Pension Department established with Rev. D. L. Witherspoon (Memphis) the first secretary-treasurer.

1944—Bishop J. S. Flipper, senior bishop, died November; Bishop W. A. Fountain became senior bishop.

1944—The 13th District sets up a Men's Service League, organization of men of the church, along similar lines as the Women's Missionary Society for women. Sixth District under Bishop Fountain raises over $262,000 in one rally for Morris Brown College.

1943—First Negro Chaplain in the Navy appointed: Rev. J. Russell Brown of Kansas City, Kans.

1945—Close of World War II.

1945—Bishop John H. Clayborn goes by airplane to West Africa.

1946—Wilberforce University paid out of debt through rally arranged by Bishops Ransom, Gregg and Sims.

1946—Extra session of the General Conference, first in our history, held in Little Rock, Ark., November 20-23. Bishops D. H. Sims and G. E. Curry expelled; and M. H. Davis suspended till February 1947.

1947—Bishop Davis restored at expiration of term of suspension.

1947—This Encyclopaedia goes to press.

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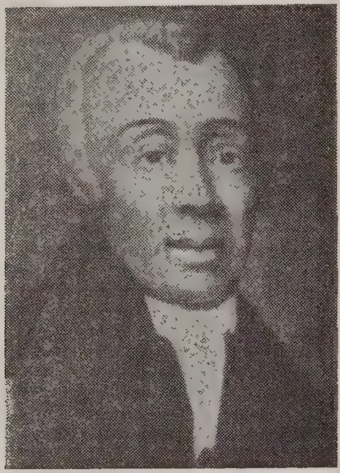
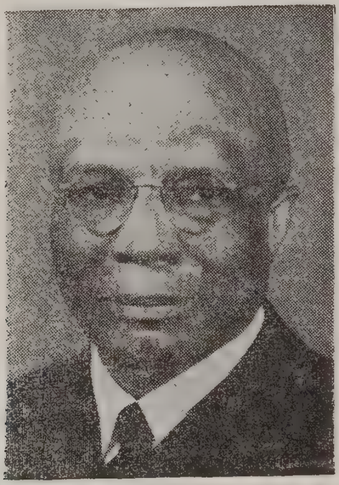


ALLEN, BISHOP RICHARD, the first bishop of the AME Church, was born February 14, 1760, a slave of Benjamin Chew, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At an early age he, with his father, mother and three other children, was sold into the state of Delaware, where, on a farm in the neighborhood of Dover, he was brought up. About 1777 he was converted and soon afterwards, abut 1780 he began to preach. His religion was of such a genuine sort that it affected every department of his life. As a result his master permitted prayer meeting and preaching in his house, and was himself converted. The master showed his conversion by making it possible for his slaves to become free. Accordingly Richard Allen and his brother bought their freedom for $2000 Continental money. Richard Allen left his master and began to work for himself, with a job of cutting cord wood; then he was employed at $50 (Continental money) a month in a brick yard; then he worked as a day laborer; then as a teamster hauling salt during the Revolutionary War from Rehobar, Sussex County, Delaware. During all of this time he preached whenever he could. After he had acquired experience, he began to travel from place to place preaching. Like Paul, he worked with his hands for his own support as he preached. In the fall of 1783 he was in Wilmington, Delaware; later and until spring of 1784 he traveled and preached in New Jersey, after which he traveled and preached in Pennsylvania, going to Radnor, Lancaster, York and other points. Thence he went to Baltimore, where, December, 1784, he was present at the first general conference of Methodism in America, and met the leaders. In 1785 he traveled and preached with Rev. Richard Watcoat on Baltimore Circuit, and held meetings in "Methodist Alley," Baltimore, Maryland. Bishop Asbury recognized Richard Allen's talent and frequently gave him assignments to preach. The latter part of 1785 found him again at Radnor. In February, 1786, he came to Philadelphia and preached at St. George's Methodist Church and at different places in that city where there was then a large colored population. He said, "I soon saw a large field open in seeking and instructing my African brethren, who had been a long forgotten people, and a few of them attended public worship." He started prayer meeting in Philadelphia and soon had 42 members. As early as 1786 he proposed a separate place of worship for colored people, but the whites opposed this, and only three colored brethren favored the plan. But because of Allen's power the number of colored worshippers at St. George's grew very large, and soon they were separated from the whites, who did not want them with them or away from them. The crisis came one Sunday morning when the sexton ordered the colored people to the gallery. But some made a mistake in the seats. Bishop Allen thus narrates it: "He told us to go, and we would see where to sit. We expected to take the seats over the ones we formerly occupied below, not knowing any better. We took those seats. Meeting had begun and they were nearly done singing, and just as we got to the seats, the elder said, 'Let us pray.' We had not been long upon our knees before I heard considerable scuffing and low talking. I raised my head up and saw one of the trustees, H—M—, having hold of the Rev. Absalom Jones, pulling him off of his knees, and saying, 'You must get up—you must not kneel here.' Mr. Jones, replied, 'Wait till prayer is over.' Mr. H—M— said, 'No, you must get up now, or I will call for aid and force you away.' Mr. Jones said, 'Wait until prayer is over and I will get up and trouble you no more.' With that he beckoned to one of the other trustees, Mr. L—S—to come to his assistance. He came, and went to William White to pull him up. By this time prayer was over, and we all went out of the church in a body, and they were no more plagued with us in the church." Thus began the movement for an independent African Church. In 1787 the "Free African Society" was started by Richard Allen and Absalom Jones. Later Absalom Jones began the African Protestant Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, but the majority of the people remained Methodist and stayed with Richard Allen, worshipping in a house. The first property bought was on Lombard Street near 6th. But this property was not accepted by the majority of the committee. So Richard Allen kept it. After Allen and Jones separated, Allen purchased an old building used as a blacksmith shop and moved it on this lot. On July 1794 this church was dedicated by Bishop Asbury. In this church there was organized a Sunday School and a day and night school and regular ministers were sent by the Methodist Conference. In 1799 Bishop Asbury ordained Richard Allen deacon, and in 1816 he was ordained elder.

Other African churches had begun in much the same way in other parts of the country. Many of these were, like Bethel, under the Methodist Conference, but were dissatisfied. The organizing genius of Richard Allen got many of these together and in April, 1816, they held their first convention in Philadelphia and formed the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Richard Allen was elected bishop and ordained April 11, 1816. He served until his death, March 26, 1831. In 1817 he published the first discipline. Richard Allen was a man of independent character as shown by his conception of religion, by his unwillingness to have others support him, by his unwillingnes to travel as a preacher's assistant in the South and sleep in his carriage at night, by his resentment of the treatment of his people at St. George. He was a thrifty man. As a slave he did more work than other slaves; he always could find work; he seemed to have been a good trader; he owned several teams when Bethel was established though he had been in Philadelphia but a short while. He was a man of strict integrity. Even as a slave when he delivered a message, his word was taken and he did not have to bear a note with his master's signature. When the first property was purchased for the African Church, though a majority of the committee wanted to give up the property and did so, Allen had given his word, and therefore kept it. And this should ever be remembered in connection with the oldest piece of property owned by any Negro organization in the country—the first bond on it was Richard Allen's word.

His remains lie buried in Bethel Church, Philadelphia.



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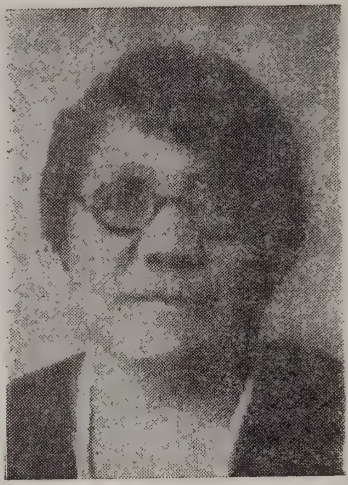

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ABINGTON, Rev. Charles William, Editor-in-chief of Religious Literature of Department of Christian Education, son of Peter and Lucinda Abington; born in Franklin County, Virginia; received early training in Virginia and Tennessee; graduated from Gammon Theological Seminary 1898; was converted at Warren Chapel, Chattanooga, Tenn., and served as secretary of Sunday school, teacher, superintendent, class leader, steward, trustee, exhorter, local preacher; licensed by Rev. T. J. Gilmore; admitted on trial in Georgia Conference—into full connection at Fayettville, Tennessee, ordained deacon by Bishop Moses B. Salter 1898; began a Mission at Fort Wood, Chattanooga; ordained elder 1899 by same prelate; transferred to Oklahoma to Bishop Wesley J. Gaines, stationed at St. Paul, Guthrie, Oklahoma; constructed first pressed brick church owned by our people in Oklahoma, bought and beautified parsonage; was statistician of Oklahoma Conference during the five years pastorate; transferred to Central Texas Conference 1905 by Bishop Evans Tyree. Held following appointments in Texas: Metropolitan Church, Austin, 5 years, remodeled church and built up great congregation; Bethel Church, Dallas, 5 years; bought adjoining property to church, paid debts, completed reconstruction, furnished throughout including pipe organ; Corsicana, 3 years, paid mortgage, repaired church and parsonage; St. James, Dallas, 10 years, built up congregation from 100 to 525; built greatest structure in Texas, with pipe organ; presiding elder of Dallas District 8 years; of San Antonio District 1½ years. In 1936 when the general conference organized the Department of Christian Education, was elected Editor-in-Chief of Religious Literature; organized the present Sunday School literature and prepares most of it; had written weekly comments on International Sunday School Lessons for secular and religious papers, including Christian Recorder, for more than a decade; served 28 years in pastorate, 9½ as presiding elder, 4 on Auditing Committee of Home and Foreign Missionary Board, New York; has been member of General Conference continuously since 1912, serving on temporal economy or episcopal committees; member of World's Sunday School Association, selected to enlist Negro delegates of North America to World Sunday School Convention which was to convene in Durban, South Africa, 1940, but was postponed on account of War; member of Editors' Section of International Council of Religious Education; was first African Methodist given membership on International Lesson Committee; member of Advisory Committee of American Standard Version of the Bible; in 1922 visited England, France, French West Africa and Liberia; in 1932 was a member of World's Sunday School Convention in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, visited Uruguay and Argentina, Haiti and Bermuda Islands; in 1941 was member of International Sunday School Congress in Mexico City; has traveled in every section of United States and much of Canada; one daughter, Blanche Estells, Chicago, survives from his marriage to Miss Ella Rice of Nashville, Tenn., who died 1897; received degrees of D.D. and LL.D. from Paul Quinn College, D.D. from Gammon; among first few Negroes having Neptune Diploma; in 1902 married Miss Estella Maxie, Ft. Scott, Kansas; hard student and enjoys the confidence of people where he is known.

ABINGTON, Mrs. Estella, wife of Rev. C. W. Abington, daughter of Rufus and Charlotte Maxie; born in Ft. Scott, Kansas, educated in schools of her native state; taught school in Guthrie, Okla.; accomplished musician, piano and pipe organ; specialized in choir music; zealous missionary; Conference Branch president of Central Texas and North Texas Conferences; member of Connectional W. H. & F. M. Society 1919-1943, chairman of judiciary committee 12 years; life member of

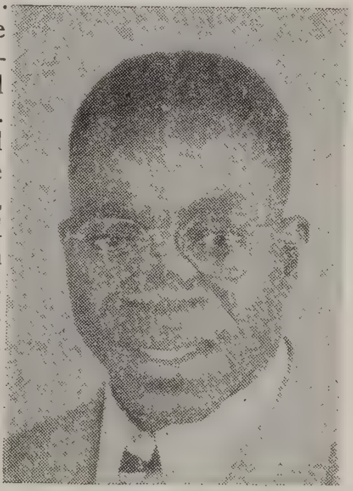
Missionary Society; President-Emeritus of North Texas Conference; twin girls were adopted and educated at Wilberforce, graduating 1944 cum laude; member of Wednesday Morning Study Club, Business and Professional Women's Club and Auxiliary of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority of Dallas, Texas.

ADAMS, Rev. Eugene A., general officer, (Secretary of Education), born Cokesbury, S. C., February 7, 1888; son of Wesley and Lucy (Blackwell) Adams, attended Cokesbury School, Johnson C. Smith High School, Johnson C. Smith College; A.B., Johnson C. Smith Univ., 1910; A.M. same in 1920; B.D. Wilberforce Univ., 1916; D.D., Allen Univ. 1926. Held the following local church offices: Supt. of Sunday School, class leader, steward, St. Paul AME Church, Cokesbury, S. C. Licensed to preach at St. Paul Church by Rev. G. T. Coleman in 1912; admitted to North Ohio Annual Conference at Piqua in 1913; ordained deacon at Cleveland, Ohio in 1915 by Bishop C. T. Shaffer; elder at Hillsboro, N. C., 1917 by Bishop J. Albert Johnson. Served as pastor of the following: Killin Chapel, Ohio 1914-1916; Kittrell College, N. C., 1916-1918; Goldville Ct., S. C. 1918-1923; Bethel, Columbia, S. C. 1923-1926. Presiding Elder of the following districts: Columbia, S. C., 1926-1928; Newberry, 1930-1939. Built the Mt. Zion Church, Goldville, S. C. 1919. Delegate to General Conference of 1924, 1928, 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944; alternate 1920. Served on the Financial Board, 1925-1939. Trustee, Allen University, 1920 to date; Payne Seminary, 1930 to date. Member of the following: President State Citizens Com., President of Local Branch of NAACP, Mason, K. of P., Odd Fellows, Alpha Phi Alpha; Secretary of Education, AME Church, President Victory Savings Bank. He was appointed Secretary of Education in 1939 to succeed Dr. A. S. Jackson, and maintains his office at 2113 Lady St., Columbia, S. C.

ADAMS, Charity E., daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Adams of Columbia, S. C. She was one of the 36 Negro members of the first officer-candidate class of the Women's Auxiliary Corps of the U. S. Army which was graduated at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, August 29, 1942. On graduation she was commissioned a second lieutenant, promoted to captain December, 1942, to major in September 1943, and later to lieutenant colonel which commission she held at the close of World War II. She served both at home and overseas.

Lt. Col. Adams taught mathematics for four years at Carver Junior High School in Columbia, S. C. She received A.B. from Wilberforce in 1938, and A.M. from Ohio State University.

She was one of the outstanding American students selected for the 1937-38 edition of "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges." At Wilberforce was president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a class officer, member of the executive staff of the Women's Self Government Association, member of the staff of the university newspapers, of "Forcean," the university annual. Her father is secretary of education of the AME Church, her brother, Technical Sgt. E. A. Adams, also served overseas in the Engineering Corps of the U.S. Army.



AIKEN, Rev. James Alphonso, born East Palatka, Fla., September 5, 1900. Son of Daniel and Addline (Clark) Aiken. Attended Putman County, Florida public school, Palatka, Florida High School; Wilberforce University. B.D. degree Payne Seminary, 1935. Extension work in Sacred Literature, Flint, Mich. 1937-1938. Converted age of 12, joined Payne Chapel AME Church, East Palatka, Fla. Held following offices in local church: Steward, trustee, class leader, local preacher. Licensed to preach, 1931, at Detroit, Vernon Chapel by Rev. J. W. Saunders, presiding elder; admitted to the Annual Conference at Saginaw, 1932. Ordained deacon, 1934; elder, 1935 at Bethel, Detroit, by Bishop Parks

Served as pastor of Colman, Michigan, 1931-32; South Charleston, Ohio, 1933-34; Colman, Michigan, 1935-36; Vernon, Flint, Michigan, 1936-38; Bethel, Michigan City, 1938-41; Vernon Chapel, Detroit, 1941. Completed the church at Michigan City, paid Vernon Chapel's mortgage. Have started the first unit towards a greater Vernon Chapel. Member of the following organizations: NAACP, F. & A. M. U. A. W., C. I. O., Wayne County Council, Fraternal Council of Negro Churches. Married Miss Mamie L. Baskin, March 21, 1926; father of one child, Cornelius James Aiken, who was drowned, July 27, 1939.

ALEXANDER, Mrs. Dollie J., R.N., Atlanta, Ga., was born in Lithonia, Georgia, the eighth child of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee. Her paternal grandfather was Rev. Rance Lee, an AME minister. She attended public schools of Atlanta, and later graduated from Morris Brown College. A member of Allen Temple AME Church, Atlanta, she served as steward, class leader, president of several clubs, and secretary of the steward board. Very active in the state work of the church; at present state president of the Laymen's Movement of the AME Church in Georgia; and first vice-president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the State. Supervisor of the Young People's Department of the South Atlanta District; Conference officer of the Woman's Missionary Society; delegate to the General Conferences of 1936, 1940, 1944, also delegate to the Quadrennial Convention of the W. H. & F. M. Society of 1943, and 1947. In 1939 she was one of the organizers under Rev. C. A. Wingfield of the John Alexander AME Church, Atlanta, giving the lot and making large gifts. She was responsible for the erection of the building which is a memorial to her husband, the late John Alexander. The Rev. R. B. Williams was the first pastor; Mrs. Alexander, one of the first trustees, along with I. Talmadge Bryant, P. L. Johnson, W. H. Shivers, and Mrs. Eugenia Williams. She is widely known in the city and throughout the state of Georgia for her civic work; a life member National Council of Negro Women in the United States; state organizer in the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. For five years president of the P.T.A. of Booker T. Washington High School; four years, vice-president of the Colored Parent Teacher Congress in the State of Georgia. Assistant Secretary of the Trustee Board of Morris Brown College. Very active in fraternal circles; a member of the Eastern Star O. E. S., being royal matron for eight years. A past grand chapter officer of the Eastern Star Order in the State of Georgia.

ALEXANDER, Rev. John Andrew, pastor Bethel AME Church, Indianapolis, Ind., born in Kansas City, Mo., October 3, 1895; son of William E. and Mattie (Cummings) Alexander; attended Sedalia and Girardeau, Mo., public schools; Boonsville, Mo. high school; received A.B., at Western University, 1922; B.D. same, in 1923; B.D. Drake Univ. 1933. Attended Univ. of Chicago; honorary D.D. Western Univ., 1924. Licensed to preach at Ward Chapel Church by Rev. Wm. Alexander, June 1913. Admitted to South West Missouri Conference at Springfield, 1916. Ordained Deacon at Kansas City, Mo., 1918, by Bishop H. B. Parks; and Elder there in 1919 by same. Served as pastor at Wellington, Mo., 1916-1917; Nevada, Mo., 1917-1918; Joplin, Mo. 1918-1920; Pleasant Hill, Missouri, 1920-1921; Kansas City, Willis Chapel, 1921-1924; Hannibal, Mo., 1924-1927; St. Joseph, Ebenezer, 1927-1929; Minneapolis, Minn., St. Peters, 1929-1931; Des Moines, Iowa, St. Paul, 1931-1935; Evanston, Ill., Ebenezer, 1935-1941; Indianapolis, Indiana, Bethel, 1941 to present. Built Willis Chapel, Kansas City, 1923; rebuilt Allen Chapel, Hannibal, 1926. Paid the mortgage of St. Peters, Minneapolis, Minn.; Willis Chapel, Kansas City, Mo.; Nevada, Mo. Received 1225 members into the church; had 685 conversions under preaching. Alternate to the 1932 General Conference; Delegate 1936, 40 and 44. Served on Missionary Boards 1936-1940; trustee of Western University, 1924-1929; Payne Seminary, 1942 to present. Published articles in AME Review, Southern Recorder, Christian Recorder. Member of the Masonic Lodge, Elks, Phi Beta Sigma, NAACP, and YMCA. Received honors of President of Chicago Preachers Meeting 1940 and 1941; President Western University Alumni Association, 1917-1920. Married Miss Kathryn Mary Bedell October 1916.

ALEXANDER, Mrs. Sadie Tanner Mossell, Philadelphia, Pa., daughter of Attorney Aaron and Mary (Tanner) Mossell. Attended public schools and Dunbar High, Washington, D. C. Received following degrees from the University of Pennsylvania: B.S. in Ed. 1918; M.A. in Ec., 1919; Ph.D. in Ec. 1921; LL.B. degree, 1927; is attorney of Union African M. E. Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; attorney for the Philadelphia Annual Conference, and the Bishops' Council of the AME Church. Published articles: "Standards of Living Among 100 Negro Migrant Families," "Annals of American Academy," 1921; "Negro Women as Practitioners of the Law," National Bar Journal, Vol. 1; "Fellowship, Christianity at Work," in The Church Woman, 1943. Member of Philadelphia Bar Association, National Bar Association, Lawyers' Guild, John Marshall Law Club. Director of National Urban League (Secretary of board), the Whittier Center (and solicitor), The South Broad Street U. S. O. (Vice President), The Benezet Committee of the Society of Friends, Fellowship House of Philadelphia, The Armstrong Association of Philadelphia; member of Philadelphia U.S.O. Council and Association War Agencies; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority (First Grand President, 1918-1923, and now legal advisor); National Council of Negro Women (Parliamentarian); lay representative from AME Church to Federal Council of Churches, and member of committees of Women's Cooperating Commission, 1943-44, Department of Race Relations, 1943-44. Honors-Graduated in three years from School of Ed. of University of Penn., with honor, 1915-1918; awarded Graduate Scholarship, 1918-1920; Frances Sargeant Pepper Fellow of University of Penn., 1926-27. First Negro Woman in America to receive degree of Ph.D.; first and only Negro woman member of the bar in Penna.; first and only Negro woman to serve Philadelphia as Assistant City Solicitor, 1927-31; 1936-40. Married in 1924 to Raymond Pace Alexander, graduate of University of Pennsylvania, and Harvard Law School. Mother of two girls, Mary Elizabeth and Ray Pace. Her grandfather was Bishop B. T. Tanner; her father was the first Negro graduate of University of Penn. Law School; her uncle, Dr. N. F. Mossell was the first Negro graduate of the University of Penn. Medical School and the founder of Frederick Douglass Memorial Hospital in Philadelphia; one uncle the Rev. Charles Mossell was a missionary to Haiti and another, Rev. Carlton M. Tanner, was a missionary to South Africa; another uncle was Henry Ossowa Tanner, famous American and French artist. Her aunt, Dr. Hallie Q. Tanner Johnson, was the first Negro woman graduate from the University Pennsylvania Medical School, and the first woman white or colored to practice medicine in the state of Alabama, where her sister-in-law, Dr. Virginia Alexander, is now practicing medicine. Mrs. Sadie T. M. Alexander is a member of the law firm of Raymond Pace Alexander, Philadelphia, Pa., which represented the Church in the case of Sims vs. Greene, in which former Bishop Sims sought to restrain Bishop S. L. Greene from functioning in the First Episcopal Distrct. She was a member of the 1944 General Conference, the 1946 extra session, and has been elected lay delegate to the 1948 General Conference.

REV. AND MRS. B. C. ALLEN

ALLEN, Rev. Browning C., born Waverly, Mo., September 5, 1894, son of Rev. James and Ida Walker Allen. Attended Independence and Springfield, Mo. public schools, Lexington High School. Received A.B. from Lincoln University, Missouri in 1914; also attended Western University. Was Sunday school Supt., class leader, member of choir; licensed to preach at Denver, Colo., Campbell church by Rev. R. L. Pope, presiding elder, 1918; was admitted to Colorado Annual Conference at Denver in 1918. Ordained deacon at Denver, 1919, by Bishop H. B. Parks. Ordained elder at Denver, 1923 by Bishop H. B. Parks. Served as pastor at Sheridan, Wyo., 1918-20; Winfield, Kans., 1920-21; Raton, New Mexico, 1922-25; Salt Lake City, Utah, 1925-26; Cheyenne, Wyo., 1926-28; Trinidad, Colo., 1928-29; Moberly, Mo., 1929-31; St. Charles, Mo., 1931-33; St. Joseph, Mo., 1933-36; Springfield, Mo., 1936-37; Tacoma, Wash., and Portland, Oregon, 1937-43. Paid mortgages of parsonage and church, Raton, New Mexico; parsonage at St. Charles, Mo.; Church at St. Joseph, Mo.; received 424 members into the Church, had 149 conversions under preaching. Delegate to General Conference, 1944. Alternate in 1932, 1936, 1940. Trustee of Wilberforce University, 1929-36; Western University, 1929-37. Published articles in Christian Recorder, Western Christian Recorder, local dailies. Member of NAACP, County Republican Club, precinct committeeman, Masons, Pythians, Ministerial Union. Speaker at Inter-Racial Meetings at St. Joseph, Tacoma, Portland, Oregon; Chief Secretary of Puget Sound Conference 6 years; chief secretary of North Missouri Conference 8 years; secretary of Colorado Conference 2 years. Rev. Allen was accorded the honorary degree, "Doctor of Divinity" at Bishop Williams School of Religion—June 1944.

ALLEN, Mrs. Bernice E., wife of Rev. Browning C. Allen; president of Missionary Conference Branch Society four years; local president of Missionary Society, member of choir and various church clubs; Co-Supervisor of Allen Stars; Junior organization. She has two sons, James Winfield, now a student at Wilberforce, and Browning Allen, Jr., graduate of Oregon University and student of medicine Meharry Medical College.

ALLEN, Bishop Alexander Joseph; 62nd Bishop of the AME Church; son of Dr. George W. and Phoebe Harvey Allen; born in Columbus, Georgia; educated in the public schools of Girard, Ala.; Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., and Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn. This was the first time the son of a General Officer in the AME Church was elected a Bishop. The father of Bishop Allen was for twenty-eight years editor of the Southern Christian Recorder.

Bishop Allen was converted when twelve years of age, elected superintendent of Sunday school when sixteen years of age. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of St. James AME Church, Columbus, Ga., June 9, 1911, by Dr. Wm. Decker Johnson (later Bishop), pastor and Rev. John Cooper, presiding elder. He joined the New England Annual Conference in 1913, was ordained deacon in Charles Street Church, Boston, June 6, 1915 by Bishop Evans Tyree, ordained elder in Newport, R. I. June 13, 1917 by Bishop Evans Tyree.

Bishop Allen's first appointment was to a mission of twenty-three members, located in a store front on Camden Street, Boston, Mass. From that small beginning we have the Grant AME Church. Other appointments were to North Adams, Mass., Jamestown, R. I., Connellsville, Pa., Mt. Vernon Avenue AME Church, Columbus, Ohio; Allen AME Church, Portsmouth, Ohio; and Allen AME Church, Dayton, Ohio.

From the pastorate at Dayton Bishop Allen was elected Division Secretary of the American Bible Society in the year 1931 with headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio. The holder of this position having been voted membershp in the General Conference, gives the rank of a General Officer. In this position he raised thousands of dollars for the American Bible Society in its work of world-wide distribution of the Scriptures to every person in his own language.

After nine years in the work of the American Bible Society Dr. Allen was elected to the Bishopric in the AME Church at the General Conference in Detroit, Michigan, May 11th and was consecrated the next day, Sunday, May 12, 1940. He was assigned to the Sixteenth Episcopal District embracing the West Indies Islands and South America. He was re-assigned to the same District by the General Conference meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., in May, 1944.

Prior to entering the ministry Bishop Allen served for two years as Executive Secretary of the Ninth Street YMCA, in Columbus, Ga., and for two years as Executive Secretary of the Goffe Street YMCA, New Haven, Conn. While in the pastorate he served for five years as President of the Connectional Council of the AME Church. He organized the Methodist Ministers' Union of Cleveland in 1943 and was its first President. He served as Vice President of the Methodist Union of Cleveland, representing all Protestant churches of the city and vicinity.

While pastoring in Columbus, Ohio he served two terms as President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He is at the present time a member of the Boards of Managers of the Cleveland YMCA, Urban League and Church Federation. He is a member of the State Board of Wilberforce University and chairman of the Education Board of the AME Church. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and of the Western Division of the World Council of Churches.

Bishop Allen holds the following honorary degrees: Doctor of Divinity 1930, Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas; Doctor of Divinity, 1931, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio; Doctor of Laws, 1940, Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.; Doctor of Laws, 1941, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio. He has published many sermons and addresses, chief of which are "The Old and New

South," "Keeping Faith with Jesus," "Will a Man Rob God?' He is author of the ministerial plan known as The Richard Allen Mutual Insurance Association.

Bishop and Mrs. Allen were married June 30, 1915, and are the parents of four sons; Alexander Joseph, Jr., educated at Wilberforce University, Yale and Columbia Universities; Samuel Washington, educated at Fisk and Harvard Universities; George Wesley, educated at Michigan, Howard and Western Reserve Universities; Griffin Marion, educated at Talladega and Meharry Medical Colleges and at Columbia University.

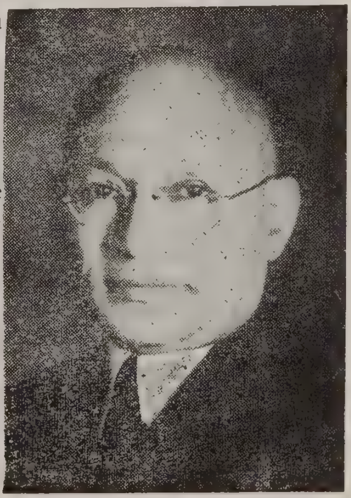
ALLEN, Mrs. Jewett Washington, daughter of Dr. S. S. H. and Joseph Turpin Washington and the wife of Bishop Alexander Joseph Allen. She was born in Mobile, Alabama and educated at State Normal, Montgomery, Ala., Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., Western Reserve University, Cleveland, and Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

Prior to her marriage to Bishop Allen Mrs. Allen taught in the public schools of Montgomery, Ala., Mt. Meigs Institute, Mt. Meigs, Ala., and the Florida A. & M. College, Tallahassee. Since her marriage she has taught in the public schools of Dayton, Ohio. She has traveled extensively in America, the West Indies Islands and South America. She has written a thesis entitled, "African Methodism in Haiti."

ALLEN, The Rev. Dr. George Wesley, son of George and Margaret Allen. One of ten children; born August 10, 1854 in Bullock County, Alabama. Parents were members of AME Church.

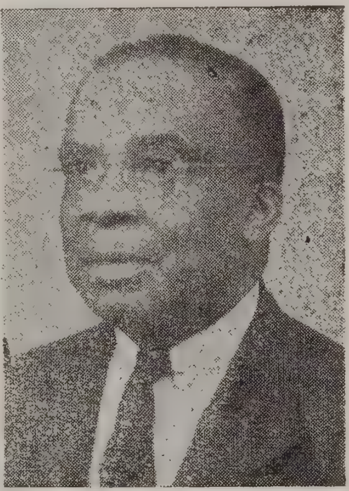
Began attending school at an early age, and attended irregularly for twenty years. He received much of his instruction from Professors in Colleges and High Schools for whites who taught privately, as he was prohibited from attending their schools because of race discrimination. Received degree Doctor of Divinity from Payne University and Wilberforce University; was converted July 1867 and joined the ME Church (South) the same year, there being no AME Churches near. He held almost every office in the church with honor, steward, trustee, class leader, exhorter, local preacher, Sunday school teacher, pastor, presiding elder, and for twenty-eight years the able and brilliant Editor and Manager of the Southern Christian Recorder, official organ of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, published in Nashville, Tennessee; was licensed to preach in 1878 at Enon, Alabama, by the Rev. Cain Rogers, presiding elder; ordained elder December, 1894 at Union Springs, Ala., by Bishop A. Grant; joined annual conference at Opelika, Ala., under Bishop W. J. Gaines, December, 1890. After successful pastorate was elected General Officer May 1904 at Chicago, Ill; had distinction of being one of the few Colored men to serve in the state legislature of Alabama for two terms. During this period, was instrumental in the founding of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; was for 32 years principal public schools in Alabama; was Editor-Manager of The East Alabama Messenger, great Civic leader. Contributed to many leading magazines and newspapers; was a delegate to the General Conference of his denomination from 1900 to time of death 1932. Member of Centennial General Conference of 1916; a member of the Ecumenical Conference in London, England, 1921 and has traveled in six foreign countries; was married to Phoebe Harvey of Talbotton, Ga., March 2, 1876; born to this union seven boys and one girl who lived to maturity. All of them are College graduates, faithful members of the AME Church. Griffin A., pharmacist and physician, Tuskegee, Denver Gross Medical College, Meharry and Temple University; William W., druggist, Georgia State College; James L., U.S. P. O. Clerk, Georgia State College; John S., Real Estate Broker, Clark University; Alexander J., Bishop in the AME Church, Clark University and Yale; Nimrod B., Executive Secretary Urban League, Wilberforce University and Yale; Marion A., dentist, Atlanta University and Harvard Dental School and Bertha L., House Director Wilberforce, Atlanta University, Practical Art School, studied New England Conservatory of Music. "The power behind the throne" was Mrs. Allen who was a person of most charming manners, modest, courageous, painstaking, faithful and Christ-like in the performance of her every duty. She was a great inspiration to her family, her church and the community. A rare mother, wife and star of the first magnitude.

ALLEN, Nimrod B., born Girard, Alabama October 12, 1886; son of Rev. George Wesley Allen and Phoebe Harvey Allen; married Clara Elberta Wilson, one child, Phoebe Janet. Occupation, Social Engineer. Attended the following schools: Girard, Alabama public schools and Wilberforce Academy, Wilberforce, Yale and Ohio State Universities. Wilberforce University A.B. 1910; Yale University S.T.B.. 1915; A.M. (hon.) 1920. Held the following local church offices: teacher and Sunday School superintendent; trustee and steward. Delegate to General Conferences of 1920, 1924, 1928, 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944. Served as trustee of Wilberforce University. Published articles in the Crisis, Southeern Workman, Opportunity Maga-



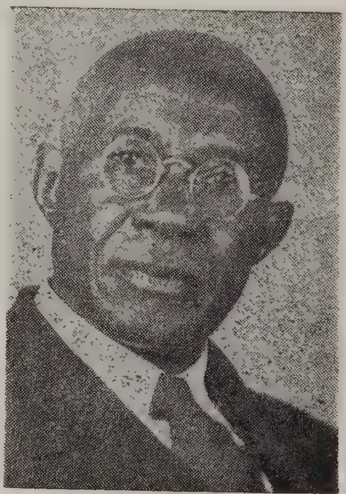
zines. Member of Board of Directors Columbus Council of Social Agencies; Civilian War Services Board; Franklin County Council of Defense. Member Alpha Phi Alpha, Masons, National Conference of Social Work, founder Ohio Conference of Social Work Among Negroes, president for five years, at present member of board of directors, treasurer, 1927; founder Big Walnut Country Club; founder Colored Big Sisters of Columbus; founder Nut Club, an organization of intelligent men for self advancement; founder and president, Frontiers of America, Inc., the only National Negro Service Club; organizer, The Friendly Service Bureau, Crime Prevention of Columbus, Police Department; Executive Secretary, Spring Street Branch, Y.M.C.A., 1915-1921, during which time the new building was erected at a cost of one hundred fifty thousand dollars; Executive secretary of the Columbus Urban League, 1921 to the present.

ALLEN, Rev. Robert E. Lee, pastor AME Church, Cynthiana, Ky.; son of Jeff and Louisa Allen, born February 4, 1888, Moscow, Tennessee; married Nancy Elizabeth Campbell of Saint Lawrence, Kansas May 11, 1933. Educated in public school of La Grange, Tenn., Wendell Phillips High School, Chicago, Ill., Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill.; Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio. Joined the Iowa Conference at Galesburg, Ill., 1909. Ordained deacon and elder by Bishop C. T. Shaffer of the 4th Episcopal District. Been a successful pastor through the years: at Madison, Wisconsin; Keokuk, Iowa; Ottumwa, Iowa; Bellefontaine, Ohio; Cadiz, Ohio; Cambridge, Ohio; Chicago, Illinois; Cynthiana, and Ashland, Gy. His wife is Mrs. Nancy C. Allen, a faithful and efficient helpmeet.



ALLEN, Mr. Willard W., born in Buckingham County, Virginia, May 3, 1888, son of George and Lizzie Allen; is president of Southern Life Insurance Company and a real estate broker in Baltimore, Md.; attended public schools, received honorary degree, LL.D., from Allen University, 1941; from Wilberforce, 1942; trustee of Morgan State College. Has published "The Economic Condition of the Negro in Maryland" in the Service Magazine, February, 1942; an officer of the National Negro Business League, the National Negro Insurance Association, director Goodwill Industries of Baltimore; an appointee of Governor Herbert R. O'Connor, to serve on the commission which revised the magistrate fee system in Maryland. He is Grand Master of the Masons of Maryland (Prince Hall Affiliation), having served 20 years; the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of Scottish Rite Masonary, Southern Jurisdiction, including all states south of the Mason-Dixon Line. His most recent appointment is that of Associate State Administrator of Maryland on the War Savings Staff. He bought for the government many of the houses used for the low-cost housing project, acting as a representative of the government; 33rd degree Mason.

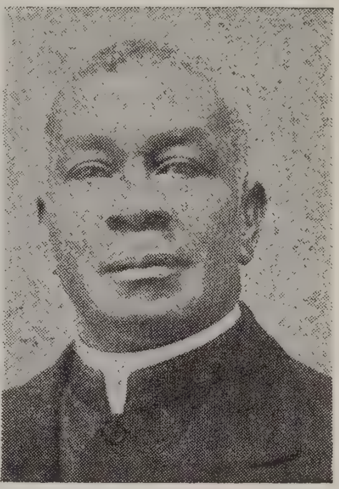
ALSTON, Rev. Isaiah H., dean of Dickerson Theological Seminary and treasurer of Allen University, Columbia, S. C., and pastor of Wayman AME Church, Winnsboro, S. C., was born in Georgetown County, S. C. His father, Tony Alston, was for many years a class leader, trustee, local deacon of Bethel AME Church, Georgetown, and his mother was a faithful member of the same congregation. Was graduated from Howard High School, Georgetown; B.S. Allen University, Columbia, 1902; B.D., Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University, 1914, (the first college graduate of Allen University to win this degree from a regular Theological Seminary); M.A. (honorary) Allen University,



1920; D.D. Wilberforce University, 1924. Was converted and joined Bethel, Georgetown, under Dr. Samuel Washington in 1893. Licensed to preach by Dr. T. F. Harper, presiding elder of the Columbia District, Columbia annual conference in 1902, admitted to the Columbia Conference November, 1903 by Bishop W. J. Gaines. Ordained deacon at Anderson, November, 1905 by Bishop Levi J. Coppin. Ordained elder at Laurens, November, 1907 by Bishop L. J. Coppin. Pastorates: Central Missions, Pickens County, 1905-1906; Saint Paul Circuit, Newberry County-Lexington County, 1906-1907; Swansea Circuit 1907-1910; Trinity, Edgefield, 1910-1911, (all in the Columbia District.) Student at Payne Theological Seminary and pastor of Allen Chapel, now Saint James, Springfield, Ohio, 1911-1917; St. Paul, London, Ohio, 1912-1914. Improvements amounting to $1500. St. James, Columbia, South Carolina, 1916-1917.

Positions other than pastorates: In 1915 assistant dean of Dickerson Theological Seminary. Elected dean in 1916, and served ten years. Pastored Weston Chapel, Latta, S. C., five years, and built a parsonage costing $2500; furnished and repaired the church edifice. Mullins and Newberry 1 year each. 1932-1935 presiding elder of Orangeburg District, Central S. C. Annual Conference, when the district raised the largest amount of educational money ever raised. One year at St. Peters, Cameron, South Carolina. Transferred to the North Carolina Conference in 1935, stationed at Burgaw, N. C., one year; next pastored at Fayetteville. Refurnished and renovated parsonage at each place. Built rest room at Fayetteville. As presiding elder of the Rocky Mount District an energetic group of men, inspired by his leadership, brought about many unprecedented improvements in that sector. At Weldon, a new parsonage was erected; at Kinston, a building was completed that had been begun 20 years ago; at Rich Square, and at Rocky Mount, church edifices renovated. Returned to his home state under Bishop J. S. Flipper. Has injected new life into the moribund Dickerson Theological Seminary, and is displaying his fine sense of financial values as treasurer of Allen University. He is a Free and Accepted Mason, and an American Woodman. Married in 1905 Miss Edna Louise Carter at Greenville, S. C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Carter.

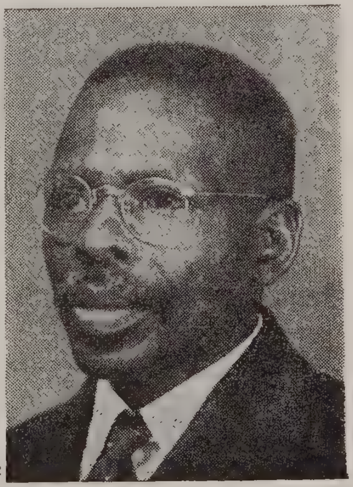
AMOS, Rev. A. A., has been pastor St. John, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; pastor St. Luke's AME Mission; Bethel Mission, New York City; reorganized church and named it Emanuel AME Church, purchased and remodeled an auditorium at same; St. John's Brooklyn, N. Y., bought the present site for $12,000 and paid half this mortgage; Mt. Carmel, New Rochell, N. Y., paid mortgage to save church; Huntington, L. I.; Larchmont, Westchester County; Port Washington; Amityville; Rockville Centre; Yonkers; Tuckahoe; Port Jefferson; St. John's AME Church, Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Wright's Chapel, Brooklyn, serving under Bishops Gaines, Tyree, Heard, Jones, Sims, and now the present Bishop, R. R. Wright, Jr.



ANDERSON, Mrs. Alice L., born in Greenwood, Florida in 1876, daughter of Jack Jordan and Margaret Smith. Prominent lecturer, churchwoman, traveler, fraternal woman in her native state. Attended Marianna, Florida, public school. Held office of class leader, secretary of stewardess board, organizer of Sons and Daughters of Mt. Zion, Jacksonville, Florida. Delegate to General Conference in Chicago, 1928. Member of the Household of Ruth of America; Good Samaritans, Court of Calanthia; elected in 1928 Most Noble Governor of Florida of the H.H. of Ruth. She introduced "Woman's Day" in the state of Florida, and gave initial "silver tea" in Florida. Honored by Bethune-Cookman College, Florida Normal and Industrial, St. Augustine, Fla., and Edward Waters College. Has two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Moseley of Patterson, N. J., and Mrs. Alma A. Polk, Pittsburgh, Pa., prominent in church, civic and journalistic circles.

ANDERSON, Rev. Joseph, was born Eatonville, South Carolina on January 5, 1912, son of Fred and Mary Green Anderson. He attended public school at Eatonville, as he was raised on a farm, and started the ministry in 1936. He was ordained deacon by Bishop Noah W. Williams and elder by Bishop J. S. Flipper. He has served as pastor of the Jacksonboro Circuit in the Edisto District of the South Carolina conference for two years. He has built a new church and raised all funds far beyond previous years. The two other churches are paid out of debt and plans are being made to build another church in the District. The membership of the churches has also been increased.

AUGUSTUS, Rev. A. L., born July 8, 1885, Savannah, Georgia; was converted in July 1903; joined St. Philip Monumental AME Church. Licensed to preach by Rev. C. C. Cargile, presiding elder 1916; moved to Pennsylvania and joined the St. Matthew AME Church; in 1927 was appointed to the pastorate of Ridley Park, Penna. in 1928 was sent to Conshohocken and was ordained elder in May 1927 at West Chester by Bishop J. H. Jones; was sent back to Conshohocken; pastored at little Bethel 4 years; St. John, Paschal two years; Swarthmore one year, and Calvary three years.



ANDERSON, Rev. Louis Walter, A.M., B.D., is a graduate of Lutheran Emanuel Seminary, Greensboro, N. C.; Straight College (Now Dillard University) New Orleans, La.; A.B. and A.M. degrees; Payne Seminary, Wilberforce University, degree B.D. post graduate work Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

He has held the following positions: high school instructor, Orleans Parish School Board, New Orleans, La.; boys' counsellor, YMCA, New Orleans, and newspaper correspondent, "Louisiana Weekly," New Orleans, Louisiana.

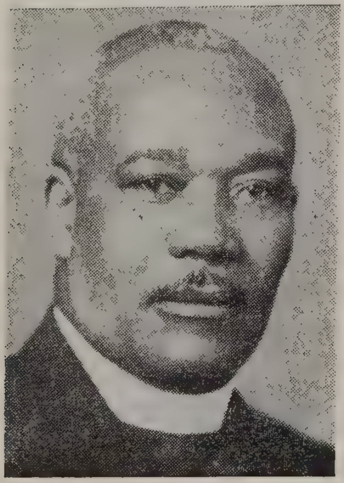
He has held key pastorates in the Mississippi, Louisiana, Ohio and Pittsburgh Conferences. At present he is pastor Bethel AME Church, Greensburgh, Pa.

AVERY, Mrs. Bernice Crews, daughter of Mr. John E. and Elizabeth (Bishop) Crews; was born in York, Alabama, June 12, 1909; was educated in the public schools of Michigan, graduated from Northern High School, Detroit, Mich. She was married October 16, 1933 to Mr. Robert H. Avery and one child was born: Shirley Enid, Sept. 1, 1934. She was converted in 1915 and joined Lilly's Chapel AME Zion Church. She was a delegate twice to the annual conference, is a chorister, president of the Parent Teacher Association, assistant director of Coordinating Council, chief spokesman and representative of the community to the Detroit City Council and Michigan State Land Board.

BABCOCK, Rev. D. T., pastor Big Bethel, Atlanta, Ga.; born Sandersville, Georgia, December 1894; son of Joseph H. and Anna Babcock; attended the Sandersville public and high schools and industrial school and Morris Brown College; received the A.M., B.D., and D.D. degrees from Morris Brown College. Served as class leader, president of league, teacher in Sunday school. Licensed to preach at St. Paul Church by Rev. C. J. Jones in 1912; admitted to North Georgia Annual Conference at Marietta in 1916; ordained deacon at Rome, Georgia, in 1919 by Bishop J. S. Flipper; ordained elder at Athens, Georgia, in 1923 by same bishop. Pastor of Redan, 1915-16; Bolton and Vinings Cir. 1922-24; Quinn Chapel, 1924-1925; Gaines Chapel, 1925-1929; St. Paul, Atlanta 1929-1934; Big Bethel, 1934 to date. Organized Powell's Mission Church in Atlanta, Ga. 1931; paid mortgage on Vinings Cir., Quinn Chapel, Uniontown, Alabama; St. Paul, Atlanta; and paid to date $32,000 on Big Bethel's mortgage. Received 3000 members into the Church, had 1000 conversions under his preaching. Delegate to General Conferences 1928, 1932, 1940, 1944. Served on the General Conference Commission, 1940, 1944. Served as trustee of Morris Brown College, 1922 to date. Member of the Atlanta Civic and Political League, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

BAILEY, Mrs. Flossie Katherine, wife of Dr. Walter T. Bailey, missionary and social worker; born in Kokomo, Indiana, daughter of Charles E.

and Anna Isabelle Duggard Harvey; attended the elementary, high and normal schols in Kokomo, and Indiana University Extension; served local church as stewardess and Sunday school teacher. She is a member of the following: president of Indiana Conference Branch Woman's Missionary Society; N A A C P; order of Eastern Star, Mary Chapter No. 10, Marion, Indiana; was representative of the Fourth Episcopal District on executive board of Woman's Missionary Society and chairman of the program committee for the Quadrennial Council in Louisville, Kentucky, October 1943; third vice president of Indiana Council of Church Women; Committee for observance of the 70th birthday anniversary of the Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society in Philadelphia, 1944. She was awarded the Walker Medal for distinguished service by the NAACP, Pittsburgh, 1931. Her husband, Dr. Walter T. Bailey was appointed by President Roosevelt through recommendation of Governor Schricher to serve as one of the three examining physicians on Selective Service Examining Board.



BAILEY, Rev. J. T., presiding elder, Baltimore Conference, born Roxboro, N. C., son of Samuel B. and Amy Bailey; attended the public schools of North Carolina and Washington, D. C., Dunbar Night High School, Washington, D. C.; received D.D., from Kittrell College, May 29, 1941; was licensed to preach at Brown Memorial AME Church, Washington, D. C., April, 1916; admitted to Baltimore Annual Conference at Washington, D. C., 1920; ordained deacon at St. John A M E Church, Baltimore, Md., in 1922 by Bishop J. A. Johnson; ordained elder at Bethel in 1925 by Bishop J. A. Johnson; served as pastor of Mt. Nebo AME Church, Md., 1922-25; Allen Chapel, Wheaton, Md., 1925-1927; Tee Bee Circuit, Md., 1927-34; Ebenezer, Washington, D. C., 1934-40; served as presiding elder of Centerville district, Baltimore Conference, 1940-42; Potomac district Baltimore Conference, since 1942. He has received 210 members into the church, had 175 conversions under his preaching. He was a delegate to the General Conference in 1944; alternate in 1940; a trustee of Kittrell College since 1940. Member of the Rock Creek Civic Assn., West Washington, D. C.; Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, Warren Lodge; No. 8, F.A.A. Masons.

DR. AND MRS. W. H. BALLARD, SR.

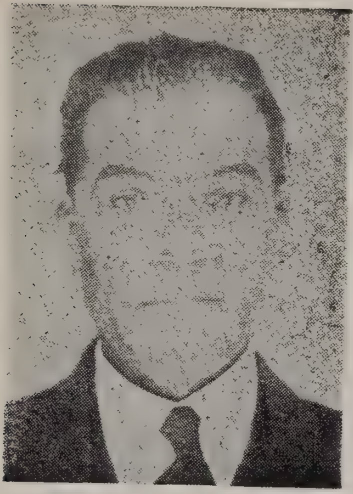
BALLARD, Dr. William Henry, Sr., pharmacist, son of Dowan Ballard, Sr., and Matilda (Bartlett) Ballard; born October 31, 1862 in Franklin County, Kentucky; graduated from Louisville public school, 1879; special science college course in Roger Williams University, Nashville, Tennessee, 1879-1882; teacher in public school of Johnsonville, Tennessee 1882; Tullahoma, Tennessee, 1883; Jackson, Tennessee, 1884-1886; Hickman, Kentucky, high school, 1886-1886; Mayfield, Ky., high school, 1889-1892. Evanston, Illinois, B.S. Pharm., D., 1892. Established first race drug store in Kentucky in Lexington, March 1, 1893; still a prosperous retail pharmacist. Active in following: civic and fraternal organizations, Masons; P. G. V. Chanc. K. of P. in Kentucky; P.G.M.—U.B.F. of Kentucky; P.N.F.—U.N.O.O.F. of Kentucky; trustee St. Paul AME Church, Lexington, Ky.; director of Domestic Realty Co., Lexington; director of Greenwood Cemetery Co., Lexington; president emeritus and life member of Kentucky State Blue Grass Medical Society; past president of Emancipation and Civic League, Lexington, and Fayette Co. Kentucky; member of Park Commission Board of Lexington; delegate to National Republican Convention, 1898 from 6th Congressional District in Kentucky; delegate to General Conferences of 1904, 1944 and 1948. Married Miss Bessie H. Brady, December 28, 1892 at Nashville, Tennessee; six children born as the result: William H. Jr., pharmacist, Chicago, graduated from Howard Uni-

versity, Washington, D. C.; Bartlett Foster, died May 28, 1903; Orville Lee, M.D. Howard University, Washington, D. C., resident physician, Waverly Hills Sanatorium, Louisville, Ky.; Edward Hunter, M.D., Howard University, practicing physician, Birmingham, Alabama; Vivian Elizabeth, Atlanta University, wife of Nathaniel J. Wilson, Harrodsburg, Ky.; Gladys Mae, died March 15, 1906.

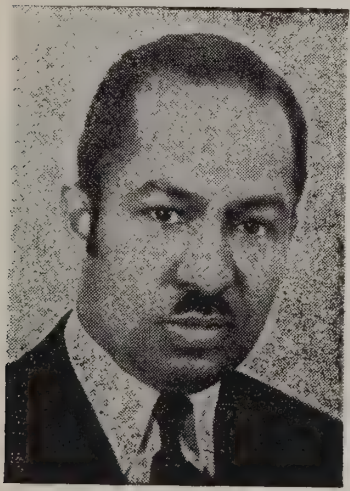
BALLARD, Mrs. Bessie H. (Brady), deceased wife of Dr. William H. Ballard, Sr.; daughter of William M. and Malinda (Walker) Brady; born in Nashville, Tennessee, June 25, 1872; educated in the public school and Central Tennessee College, Nashville, Tennessee; taught in Meigs High School, 1890-1892; married William H. Ballard, Sr., December 28, 1892; joined St. John Church, Nashville, Tennessee, 1886; transferred membership to St. Paul AME Church, Lexington, Kentucky; served as director of St. Paul Choir, from 1921 till her death in 1946; president of the Ross M. M. Society at St. Paul Church, 1940-1946; P. H. G. Secretary of the Cecelia Dunlap G. Chapter, 1916-1926; P. G. R. M. Cecelia Dunlap G. Chapter, 1937-1939; honorary president of the State Association of Colored Women, 1933-35; past president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Blue Grass Medical Society, Kentucky; president of the W. Imp. Club (Day Nursery), Lexington; vice chairman of the Financial Committee, Phyllis Wheatley Branch, Y.W.C.A., Lexington, member of executive board of the Kentucky Conference Branch, W. M. S.

BANKS, Rev. George M., presiding elder Paris, Jackson District, West Tennessee Annual Conference, born in Booneville, Prentis County, Miss., March 19, 1891, son of George H. and Lucinda Banks; attended public schools in Jefferson and Lonoke Counties, and Shorter College in North Little Rock, Ark. received B.D. from Jackson Theological Seminary, Shorter College, May 1, 1924; converted at the age of 14 September 20, 1905, baptized the same year by Rev. J. O. Williams, and joined New Hope AME Church, Tucker, Arkansas. Served local church as class leader; licensed to preach at New Hope Church of the Sherrel Circuit, East Arkansas Annual Conference on October 17, 1912, Rev. G. W. Wilborn, pastor. Admitted in the East Arkansas Annual Conference at Holly Grove, December 18, 1914; ordained deacon at Helena, Ark., December 19, 1915 by Bishop W. D. Chappelle; ordained elder at Stuttgart, Ark., on December 20, 1928, by Bishop J. M. Conner. Served the following charges as pastor: Banks and Ollie Chapel, 1914-1917; Ward Chapel, Pine Bluff, Ark., 1918-1922; Stuttgart, Bethel, 1923-1925; Fordyce, Ark., 1926-1927; Pine Bluff, Allen Temple, 1928; Pilgrim Rest, Monticello, 1929; Tyree Temple, Dumas, Ark., 1930; Salters Chapel, Dyersburg, Tenn., 1931-1932; Quinn Chapel, Paris, Tenn., 1933. Served in the West Tennessee Conference as presiding elder as follows: Clarksville District, 1933-1937; Paris-Jackson District, 1937-1941; North Memphis District, 1942-1944; East Memphis District, 1944-46, and Paris-Jackson since 1946. Organized the following churches: Banks Chapel, Ferda, Ark., 1914; Ollie Chapel, Red Bluff, Arkansas, 1915; Monticello Mission, 3 miles South of the City, 1929; re-organized the Tigrett Mission Church in Tigrett, Tennessee in 1931. Built the following churches: Banks Chapel, Ferda, Arkansas, 1914; Ollie Chapel, Red Bluff, Arkansas, 1916; rebuilt St. John, Fordyce, Arkansas, 1926; finished Allen Temple Church, started by Rev. P. L. Johnson, Pine Bluff; paid the mortgage of Banks Chapel, Ollie Chapel, Ward Chapel, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Bethel Church, Stuttgart; and practically paid all the mortgages of St. John Church, Fordyce. Received approximately 1500 members into the church; had 1000 conversions. Was elected delegate to the General Conferences of 1924, 1928, 1936, 1940 and 1944. Served as trustee of Shorter College, 1918-1929. Published articles in Christian Recorders, Shreveport World, Jackson Sun, The Goal. Published a yearly bulletin "Some Thoughts of the Black Man on Good Citizenship." Member of the Masonic Lodge and the Royal Arch Chaplain. President of the Southern Association for the Improvement of Colored Citizens, Inc. Attended Summer Session of Fisk University Ministers School of Religion for seven years, and received certificate from the same; was chairman of the School of Religion of North Memphis District. Married Miss Victoria Johnson, December 17, 1910.

BAXTER, Rev. George Washington, was born near Bowman, S. C., March 10, 1879 on a farm where his parents lived. His educational advan-



tages were very poor, but he struggled to improve himself, and at an early age felt the call to preach. He was given local preacher's license by Rev. J. G. Hamilton, presiding elder, in 1901. He entered the active ministry a few years later, his first charge being the Dawkins mission in the South Carolina Conference. He was ordained deacon and elder by Bishop W. J. Gaines and Bishop L. J. Coppin respectively; served the following appointments: Barnwell, Smoaks, Williston, Bamburg, St. James Circuit, Jacksonboro Circuit, North Johns Island Circuit, Eutawville Circuit, Denmark Circuit, Adams Run Circuit, Maryville Circuit, now (1944) serving his fourth year on the St. Paul Circuit, where he is having splendid success. His very acceptable presiding elder is the Rev. Jesse E. Beard. He has been instrumental in bringing many people into the AME Church. He lives on his own farm near Bowman, S. C., with a good wife, Janie, six children, two fine girls being twins, Mary and Martha, and Willie, Janie, Jr., Annie Laurie and Corina.



BEARD, Rev. Elbert Hooper, (deceased) born at Prosperity, S. C., August 21, 1901, son of Rev. Jesse E. and Leonora F. Beard; attended public schools of Abbeville, S.C., Georgetown, S.C., and Avery Institute, Charleston, S. C., Howard University, Washington, D. C. Received A.B. Howard University, June, 1924; B.D., Gammon Theological Seminary, May, 1917; D.D., Allen University, May, 1941; did graduate work at Howard University in 1937; licensed to preach at Morris Brown Church by his father, J. E. Beard, January, 1924. Ordained deacon at Andrews, South Carolina, in 1925 by Bishop W. W. Beckett; ordained elder at Washington, D. C. in May 1928 by Bishop J. A. Johnson, served as Pastor, Jamestown, R. I., summer 1926; Cockeysville, Md., 1927; Cumberland, Md., Cosmopolitan AME Church 1928-1931; Ebenezer AME Church, Baltimore, Md. 1931-1936; Brown Memorial AME Church, Washington, D. C. 1936-1939; Cosmopolitan AME Church, Atlanta, Ga., 1939-1942. Renovated Bazil AME Church, Cockeysville, Md. in 1927; Brown Memorial AME Church, Washington, D. C. in 1937; Ebenezer AME Church parsonage in 1932; Cosmopolitan AME Church and built the parsonage in 1939-1940. Here, because of ill health, on August 3, 1942 he resigned. Paid mortgages on Ebenezer AME Church, Baltimore, Md., and Cumberland, Md. He received into the church over 1500 members, over 800 of them being conversions; trustee of Kittrell College, 1931-1939; Morris Brown College 1939-42. Published articles in Christian Recorder, Georgia African Methodist, etc.; was associate editor of the "Oracle," bulletin of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, 1925-1927; associate editor, Georgia African Methodist, 1939-1942. A member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Board of the Urban League, NAACP, and YMCA; Board Boy Scouts of America; the first Negro Boy Scout Executive in Baltimore, Md.; first Negro member of the Boy Scout Board in the city of Baltimore, Md. He was one of the leaders in the Young People's Forum movement in Baltimore which secured Negro workers in many of the grocery and ten cent stores of Baltimore. Rev. Beard died February 11, 1943 at Charleston, South Carolina.

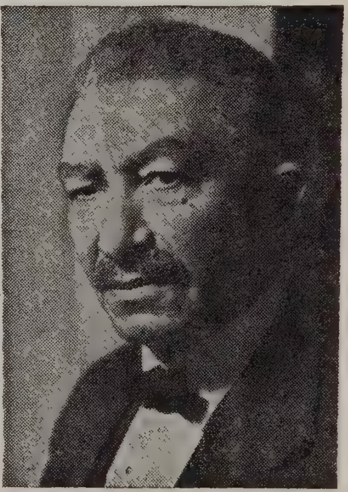
REV. AND MRS. J. C. BECKETT

BECKETT, Rev. Jabez Campbell, pastor Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, D. C., born Hagerstown, Md., October 14, 1877, son of Rev. John Wesley and Catherine Stella Beckett; attended public schools and Central High School and University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa. Received B.A., Central High School, 1898; B.S. University of Pennsylvania, 1902; B.D. Reformed Episcopal Seminary, 1912; D.D. Wilberforce University, 1924. Served as class leader, Sunday school teacher and superintendent, president of ACE League, exhorter, local preacher, and as private secretary to Bishops Abraham Grant, Wesley J. Gaines and Evans Tyree when they presided over the First Episcopal District. Licensed to preach at Union AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa., by Rev. B. W. Arnett, Jr., July 15, 1907; admitted to the Philadelphia Annual Conference at Carlisle, Pa., June 1908; ordained deacon at Carlisle, Pa., June 15, 1908 by Bishop W. J. Gaines; ordained elder at Milford, Del., May 16, 1909 by the same bishop. Pastor in Philadelphia, Penna.; at Disney Church, 1908; Morris Brown, 1909-1911; Campbell Church, 1911-1915; Mt. Pisgah Church, 1916-1920; Union Church, 1921-1925; Mother Bethel Church, 1926-1930; Bethel Church, Germantown, 1932; Union Church 1933-1936, and Metropolitan Church, Washington, D. C. since 1936. Presiding Elder West Philadelphia District, Philadelpha Annual Conference, 1930-31. Paid the following mortgages: Union AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; bought and paid for a parsonage at Mt. Pisgah Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Installed a new heater and stoker in Metropolitan Church, Washington, D. C., and paid for same. Reduced mortgage debt at Mother Bethel Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and paid mortgage Metropolitan Church, Washington, D. C. Received at least 5000 members into the Church. Had over 500 conversions under preaching. Delegate to General Conference of 1916, 1920, 1924, 1928, 1932, 1940. Served on Missionary Board 1932-36, and since 1944. Member of the following religious organizations: Fraternal Council of Negro Churches, Washington Federation of Churches, treasurer of Methodist Preachers' Union, Interdenominational Ministers' Union. Was married twice; first to Sidney Clifton in 1903, who died in 1931. Five children, viz: Mrs. Mary C. Twisdale, Mrs. Florida G. Williams, John C. Beckett, Rev. Charles C. Beckett, Francis J. Beckett. The last three are graduates of Wilberforce University. Married June 28, 1933 Mrs. Elsie P. Wright, widow of the late Rev. R. F. Wright, presiding elder in Philadelphia Conference.

BECKETT, Mrs. Elsie P., wife of Rev. J. Campbell Beckett, Washington, D. C., daughter of Isaiah and Mary A. Parson, Harrisburg, Pa.; attended public schools of Harrisburg; Glassboro State Teachers College, Glassboro, N. J., and Cheyney College, Cheyney, Pa. She taught in public schools of Carlisle, Pa., and of the state of New Jersey. She was married to Rev. R. F. Wright, presiding elder, in the Philadelphia Conference. After his death she was married to Rev. Beckett in 1935. Served as recording secretary of the Philadelphia Conference Branch Woman's Mite Missionary Society. Delegate to Quadrennial Convention of Parent Mite Missionary Society five consecutive times; delegate to General Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, 1932; recording secretary of Baltimore Conference Woman's Missionary Society at present; president of Sarah Allen Woman's Missionary Society of Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, D. C.; one of the vice presidents of the Federation of Church Clubs of the same church; vice president of the Interdenominational Council of Ministers' Wives of Washington and Vicinity; member of the Phyllis Wheatley Young Women's Christian Association.

BECKETT, Rev. Charles Campbell, social work executive, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., January 23, 1912, son of Jabez Campbell and Sydney Clifton Beckett; attended Newton, Lincoln, Bache, Hanna Public Schools, Overbrook High School, Wilberforce University; received A.B., Wilberforce, 1934; B.D. Yale Divinity School, 1938; New York School of Social Work, 1940. Served local church as Sunday school teacher, Christian Endeavor officer, trustee, assistant Pastor. Licensed to preach at New Haven, Connecticut, Bethel AME Church by Rev. D. L. T. Robinson, June, 1935; admitted to New England Annual Conference at New Haven, Conn., 1935; ordained deacon at New Haven, Conn. in 1938; elder at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1940 both by Bishop Sims. Member of Omega Psi Phi, Sword and Shield, Frontiers Club of America, City Policy Committee of Philadelphia, NAACP, National Urban League, National Conference of Social Work, U.S.O. Council. Received Cum Laude, Wilberforce, 1934. Served 1942-1946 executive director of South Broad Street USO Club, Philadelphia, Pa., and assistant Pastor of Union AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Present position: executive secretary of the Urban League, Washington, D. C.

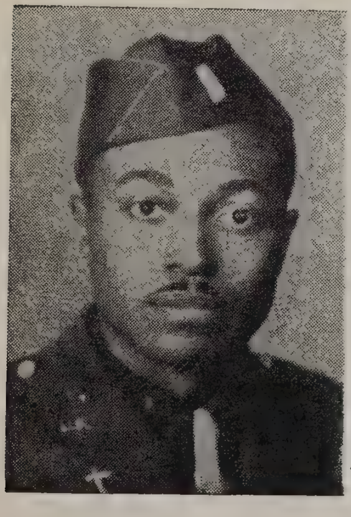
BECKETT, Mrs. Rubye L. Russ, wife of Rev. Charles Campbell Beckett, married in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 31, 1941. She received A.B. from Prairie View College, Texas, and A.M. from the University of Cincinnati.



BEARD, Rev. Jesse Elijah, presiding elder, South Carolina Conference, Charleston, S. C., is a native of Georgia. His life sketch is in the first Encyclopaedia edited by Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr. Rev. Beard has been pastor of four different churches in Charleston; Francis Brown and Morris Brown stations of the Palmetto Conference; and Mt. Zion and Mother Emanuel stations of the South Carolina conferences. He has been presiding elder of four different districts heading up in Charleston; the Mount Pleasant and Kingstree Districts of the Palmetto Conference; and the Charleston and Edisto Districts of the South Carolina Conference. He now presides over the Edisto District, having unusual success, harmony and peace. Since leaving college and seminary, Rev. Beard has been awarded D.D. by Morris Brown and Wilberforce universities (1908), and LL.D. by Greater Payne College (1944), although he never sought a degree.

BELL, Rev. J. B., deceased, was born in Baltimore, Maryland and died in New Jersey, December 21, 1944. He received his early education in the public and private schools of Baltimore; was a seaman on ships plying in the Chesapeake Bay; became an elder while living in Baltimore; transferred to the Louisiana Conference in 1894 under Bishop Armstrong, and served as pastor of many of the leading churches; among them, Union Bethel AME Church, at New Orleans, which is the largest in the state; served as presiding elder for sixteen years, was transferred to the First Episcopal District in 1921 and served in Chester, Germantown, Metropolitan (Philadelphia); Ardmore, Chambersburg and Wayne, Pennsylvania; was transferred to the North Ohio Conference and was stationed at Zanesville, Ohio and later became presiding elder of an Ohio District, later serving at Newark, Ohio. From there he was transferred back to the First Episcopal District, and was stationed at Gouldstown, N. J., for six years. From there he was sent to Moorestown, N. J., from which he was made presiding elder, serving three years over the Newark District, from which he was retired at the annual conference, June 1944. In 1896, he was married to Mrs. Lena Bell, and from this union were born two girls and one boy, of whom Miss Marion F. Bell and Mrs. Celestine Bell White survive him. After the death of Mrs. Lena Bell he married Miss Angie L. Brooks in 1906. The last Mrs. Bell died August 21, 1944.

BELL, Chaplain William LeRoy, born Adel, Ga., March 25, 1911, son of John Thomas Bell, Sr., and Mary Jane (Newsome) Bell. Attended Excelsior High School in St. Augustine, Florida; Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia; Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio; A.B. Morehouse College, July, 1934; **B.D.,** Payne Seminary, June, 1942; S.T.M., Boston University School of Theology, May 1947; licensed to preach at St. Paul AME Church, Jacksonville, Florida, by Rev. R. T. Gordon, May, 1928; ordained deacon at Central Oklahoma Conference in 1937 by Bishop H. Y. Tookes; ordained elder, November 19, 1939 by Bishop E. J. Howard; appointed Pastor of Cypress Mission, West Florida, December 13, 1936; Pewhuska, N. E. Oklahoma, October 17, 1937; Poteau Station, Oklahoma, October 16, 1938-1939; Toledo Mission, North Ohio, July 13, 1941; First Church, Xenia, Ohio, October 12, 1941. He built Israel Chapel, Poteau, Okla., 1939. Appointed Chaplain in the United States Army November 27, 1942, served overseas, promoted from First Lieutenant to Captain. He is a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. Married Miss Valleta Harper, daughter of Rev. James Harper of New York in 1943. Leaving the Army in 1946, he served as dean at Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla., which position he left to further his education at Boston University.



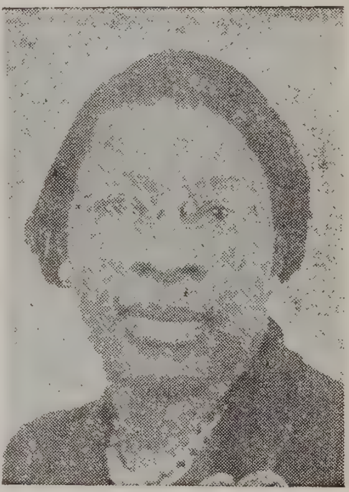
REV. AND MRS. J. L. BENBOW

BENBOW, Rev. J. L., presiding elder, Palmetto Conference, born in Eastover, S. C., 1877, son of Edward and Ann Benbow; attended Eastover Graded School, and Allen University, where he received his D.D., in 1921; was class leader and steward; licensed to preach at St. James Church by Rev. G. J. Sampson, August, 1900; admitted to North East S. C. Annual Conference at Marion, S. C., in November, 1903; ordained deacon at Lancaster, S. C., in 1906 by Bishop L. J. Coppin; ordained elder at Orangeburg, S. C., in 1908, by Bishop B. F. Lee. Served as pastor of Shiloh Mission, Eastover, S. C., 1905-1906; Fort Motte Station, 1906-09; Antioch, Rimini, S. C., 1909-1914; Mt. Pisgah, Sumter, S. C., 1919-1923; Bethel, Georgetown, S. C., 1924-28, Morris Brown, Charleston, S. C., 1928-1933; presiding elder of following districts: Lancaster, (Columbia Conference) 1914-1919; Sumter, (North East, S. C.), 1923-1924; Kingstree, (Palmetto Conference, S. C.), 1933 to date. Paid the mortgage of Mt. Pisgah, Sumter, $3,650.00; Bethel, Georgetown, $3000; Morris Brown, Charleston, $1,200; received 3,012 members into the church; had 1500 conversions. He was a delegate to the General Conferences of 1920, 1924, 1928, 1932, 1936, and 1944; was alternate in 1916 and 1940, Rev. Benbow served on the Compilation Committee of 1928 and 1936; trustee of Allen University since 1910. Published articles in the Christian Recorders, Palmetto Leader and Samaritan Herald. Member of Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, NAACP, treasurer of the Sumter Loan and Investment Corporation.

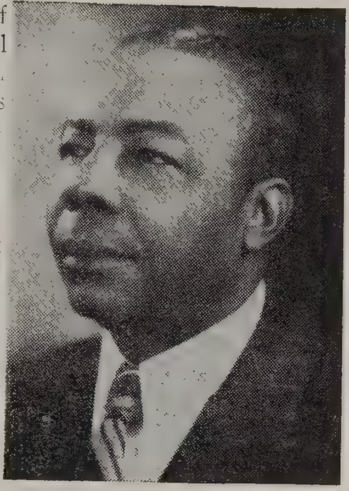
BENBOW, Mrs. Minnie (Spears) wife of Rev. J. L. Benbow, daughter of Joseph D. and Mamie (Benbow) Spears, was born in Sumter, S. C.; educated in public school of Sumter, S. C. and State A. & M. College, Orangeburg, S. C. Married June 20, 1928. Taught at Dorchester County Training School, Summerville, S. C.; Lincoln High, Sumter, S. C.; and at present is teaching at Mayesville Inst., Mayesville, S. C. Joined Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Sumter, S. C. in 1920. Is now president of Kingstree District Woman's Missionary Society, and Treasurer of State Branch Woman's Missionary Society; delegate to Quadrennial Conventions of 1935, 1939, 1943. Has one child, Bernice Loraine Benbow.

BENN, Mrs. Sarah Jane Cooper, public school teacher in Philadelphia, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Henry H. Cooper, Sr., born in Philadelphia, Pa., one of seven children; attended Philadelphia public schools; graduated from the Philadelphia High School and Normal School; completed special courses at the West Chester State College for teacher training. Taught at the Whittier School, Camden, N. J.; served as teacher and superintendent in the Sunday school, district League superintendent, and conference assistant superintendent of the ACE League of the Philadelphia Conference; soliciting agent for the Woman's Missionary Recorder for the Philadelphia Conference Branch; delegate to the quadrennial session of WMMS in Louisville, Ky., 1943. She is a pianist, organist and vocal soloist; studied music under local Philadelphia teachers, voice under Prof. F. A. Clark, piano under Mrs. Ida M. Yocum and Prof. Carl Diton, later at the Zeckwer Hahn School of Music; studied theory of music at the University of Pennsylvania under Dr. Hugh Clark. She was director of the Alpha Female chorus of Harrisburg, Pa., of 60 voices; director and organizer of the West Philadelphia Alpha Peerless Glee Club of 50 voices, conducting musical festivals throughout the state; has gained note as a contralto soloist, and served in Philadelphia Temple AME, Ward AME, Tyree AME, Mt. Olive AME Churches; organized and directed chorus of 100 student voices at Harrison School, Philadelphia. Received B. Music degree, honorary, from Wilberforce, 1928. A leader of Rebecca of Tent No. 1. Author of several musical compositions. She is married to Rev. J. S. Benn, of the Philadelphia Annual Conference.

BENNETT, Mrs. Satyra Pearson, daughter of Rev. William B. Pearson (a minister in the AME Church 35 years, who started the work in Jamaica, B. W. I., and the Leeward Islands and was made Supt. of the same for 4 years, 1904-1908; died in Cambridge, Mass., December 5, 1919) and Frances L. Gale Pearson. She attended the following schools: Peabody Grammar, Cambridge (Mass.) Latin School, High School; Wilberforce Univ. Served St. Paul AME Church as class leader, Supt. Sunday School, secretary of mortgage committee, board of Christian Education, trustee, treasurer of Philathea Class. Published articles in the Boston Chronicle, Cambridge Sun, Christian Recorder, Boston Guardian. Served as Air Raid Warden; Lieut. in Mass. Women's Defense Corps; First Aid (Red Cross) Canteen Corps. Member of the following: charter member, director and treasurer of the Cambridge Community Center, secretary of Cosmopolitan Club, chairman of Race Relations Committee of Mass. State Union, first lay delegate elected from local church to the Annual Conference, alternate to the 1936 General Conference, Conference Supt. of N. E. Conference Church Schools. Is director of the Bennett Home for Children, member of the Speakers Bureau of the Congregational Church of Massachusetts and chairman of Education for the Massachusetts State Union of Women's Clubs. Has one child, George B. Bennett, a graduate of Wilberforce University.



BENNS, Rev. Oscar Harrison, A.B., B.D., D.D., pastor of Smith Chapel AME Church, Dallas, Texas; born in Seguin, Texas, where he received his high school education, and is a graduate of Guadalupe and Paul Quinn Colleges from which he received his degrees. He was ordained for the ministry December 20, 1919, by Bishop Joshua H. Jones and has pastored in the leading churches of Texas. He is easily rated among the great financiers, having raised more than thirty-three thousand dollars in the last nine years, building and remodeling churches and parsonages; and paying mortgages, and upward of nine thousand dollars during the same period for general claims. He is a powerful preacher. Dr. Benns is a leader in civic affairs; president of the Dallas District AME Ministerial Alliance; connected with the leading fraternal societies, and a 32nd degree Mason. During the series of annual conferences of 1942 in Texas, he was endorsed for episcopal honors in 1944, in the AME General Conference, Philadelphia, Pa., of which he was a member.

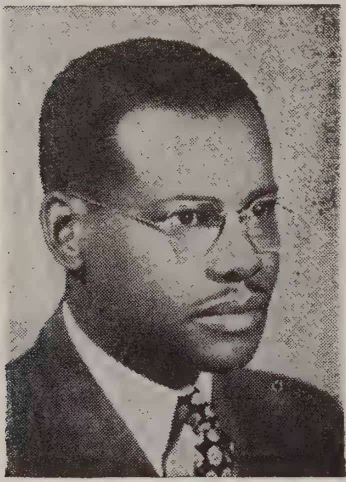


REV. AND MRS. L. L. BERRY

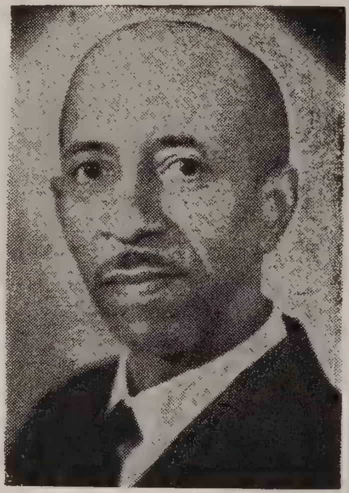
BERRY, Rev. Lewellyn Longfellow, Missionary Secretary of the AME Church, son of John and Nancy Berry was born in Hampton, Virginia, February 26, 1876; was reared in the Sunday school of Bethel AME Church, his parents being among those who organized and built the first AME Church in Virginia; converted at the age of 13 years, licensed to exhort at 17 years; to preach at 18 by Rev. Dr. George D. Jimmerson, presiding elder. Educated in the schools of Hampton, Va., and Kittrell College, N. C. Received the D.D. degree from Kittrell College and Wilberforce University. Joined the Virginia Annual Conference in 1899; ordained deacon in 1901, and elder in 1903, by Bishop B. F. Lee; has served in the Virginia, North Carolina and Western North Carolina Annual Conferences.

After 8 years in North Carolina, he returned to his native Virginia where he began his ministry and soon became the leader of the Virginia Conference and leader in the Second Episcopal District. He served successfully as the presiding elder of the Portsmouth District in Virginia. Outstanding achievements as pastor were at St. James AME Church in Winston-Salem, N. C., completed at cost $50,000; Emanuel AME Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, where he took in 1500 members; and St. John's AME Church, Norfolk, Virginia, where he received a large number of members in the church and raised the largest amount of money in one single rally in the history of the church up to his administration. In April, 1933, he was elected Secretary of Missions of the AME Church with headquarters in New York City. He has carried the missionary setup of the AME Church to the greatest heights of its organization, traveling as a missionary secretary more than any of his predecessors, visiting the work in all of the Virgin Islands; Trinidad, BWI; Georgetown, British Guiana; Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana; Nickerie, Dutch Guiana; Haiti, Santo Domingo and practically all the West Indies Islands, informing himself of the activities, habits and customs of the people. He assisted in organizing the AME Church in Cuba and made all arrangements for the Commission of the AME Church to set up its banners in that new field. He visited West Africa, (Liberia, Sierra Leone and Gold Coast) inspecting AME Missions. He has also traveled much in England, France, Belgium and other sections of the old world. Among his books are: "The Devotional Guide," "A Little Missionary Journey In A Great Missionary Area," "Facts of the AME Church," the last named written both in English and Spanish especially for the Cuban work. His latest is "A Century of Missions," 336 pages giving a full and graphic account of 100 years of missionary activities in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, has had wide circulation in the Church and in libraries in America and abroad. Dr. Berry has been a member of every General Conference from 1920 including 1944. He is a Past Grand Master of Masons of the Jurisdiction of Virginia and a 33 degree Mason, also an Odd Fellow, Elk and member of Order of the Eastern Stars; a voter and a tax payer. In 1900, he married Miss Beulah Ann Harris of Roxboro, N. C., a public school teacher of that state. For many years Dr. Berry taught public school in connection with his pastorates; at one time, principal of the elementary school at Chapel Hill, N. C. He was re-elected secretary of the missionary department at the General Conference in Philadelphia, a testimonial to his efficiency and popularity. Campbell College of the AME Church conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Letters.

BERRY, Mrs. Beulah A., wife of Dr. L. L. Berry, Missionary Secretary was born in Woodsdale, N. C., December 12, 1879, daughter of Tobe and Bettie (Jordan) Harris; attended the Pearson County public school, Roxboro graded school, Kittrell High School and Kittrell College in North Carolina. She is a member of the Order of Eastern Star and Past Worthy Matron; president Interdenominational Minister's Wives Association and member of the United Council of Church Women. At the time of her marriage to Rev. Berry in 1900, she was a teacher in the North Carolina public schools. She is the mother of four sons, Dr. L. H. Berry (see biography), L. L. Berry, Jr., Richard O., Elbert J., and two daughters, Mrs. Gladys B. Fisher, wife of Attorney Fisher of Detroit, Michigan, and Miss Geraldine Berry at home and in school in New York.

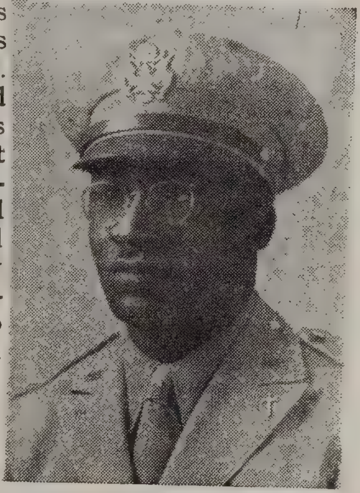


BERRY, Dr. Leondias H., physician and surgeon, Chicago, Illinois, was born in Woodsdale, N. C., July 20, 1902; son of Rev. Lewellyn L. and Beulah A. (Harris) Berry. A. (Harris) Berry. Attended Abraham Lincoln public school at Norfolk, Va., Booker T. Washington High School, Norfolk, Va.; received B.S. from Wilberforce University, June, 1924; S.B. University of Chicago, August, 1925; M.D. Rush Medical College of the University of Chicago, June, 1929; M.S. (Pathology), from University of Illinois, June, 1933. Held office of junior trustee, Quinn Chapel, Chicago; steward, Woodlawn AME Chicago; alternate to the general conferences 1936 and 1940; published articles in church papers: Voice of Missions; medical journals: Journals of American Medical Association; American Journal Digestive Diseases, Review of Gastroenterology, Journal National Medical Association; Proceedings Institute of Medicine of Chicago, Illinois Medical Journal, Radiology; Army Medical Reserves. 1st Lt. 1931-1941; Illinois Reserve Militia, Medical Corps, Captain, 1942-44; now serving Chairman, Provident Hospital Emergency Medical Board of Selective Service System. Member of the Advisory Board of Negro Health of the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity (past president), Masons; senior attending physician, gastroscopist and chairman, division of Digestive Diseases, Provident Hospital, Chicago; consulting physician, Community Hospital of Evanston, Ill.; member of American Association for the Advancement of Science, Fellow of American Medical Association, National Gastroenterological Association, National Medical Association, Chicago Society Internal Medicine, diplomat of the National Board of Medical Examiners, member of Society of the Sigma Xi (national honorary research society), former Rosenwald fellow in internal medicine at Cook County Hospital. Married: Ophelia J. Harrison June, 1937; two children.



BLACK, Rev. Herman Hume, pastor of Allen Chapel, Indianapolis, Ind., son of Reuben Thomas and Mary E. Black, born in Frankfort, Kentucky, on July 18, 1893; graduate of Clinton Street High School, Frankfort, Ky., 1909; Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tenn., 1914; principal of Wing Street High School, Harriman, Tenn.; membership sectary of Colored Branch YMCA Louisville, Ky.; executive secretary of Colored Branch YMCA Louisville; studied in Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce; pastored Allen Chapel AME Church, Jellico, Tenn.; ordained deacon by Bishop L. J. Coppin; elder by Bishop Coppin. Pastored Bethel AME Church, Marion, Indiana, two years—painted parsonage, insatlled furnace in parsonage; Allen Chapel AME Church, Terre Haute, Ind., two years—reduced indebtedness, painted parsonage; Bethel AME Church, Richmond, Ind., six years—placed basement under the church, pointed and painted church and parsonage; Allen Chapel AME Church, Indianapolis, Ind., for the past 15 years—reduced indebtedness, paid for pipe organ, church seats, decorated church interior, painted church and parsonage. In every church increased the membership and strengthened it spiritually and numerically. Fourteen years conference superintendent of ACE League, chairman of Ministerial section of Fourth Episcopal District Convocation, Chicago, Ill., July, 1942; chairman of Dollar Money and board of examiners committees of Indiana Conference. Wife, Mrs. Mabel Ross Black; brother, John G. Black. Date of marriage—October 20, 1927. Allen Chapel, Indianapolis, is now out of debt. The final payment was made on June 27, 1944. In Marion—served as president of Grant County Interdenominational Ministerial Association. In Terre Haute—a member of the Ministerial Association. In Richmond—served as vice-president of Richmond Ministerial Association. In Indianapolis—served for two years as president of Interdenominational Alliance. At present a member of the Indianapolis Ministerial Association, and the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches.

BLACKSHIRE, Mrs. Thalia I., born in Joliet, Illinois; converted at age of eight; delegate to the secondary school convention; married Rev. H. S. Blackshire, and helped him in his work, acting as his personal secretary; organized choirs, Sunday schools, leagues and missionary societies, also served as class leader; served as president of the AME Ministers' Wives Alliance of Chicago and vicinity; assistant secretary of the Chicago Conference Branch of Missionary Society for 14 years; corresponding sceretary of the AME Ministers' Wives' Alliance for three years; helped Rev. W. W. Harris six months with choir at Carey Temple AME Church, Chicago; served as organist and director at Beloit, Wis.; St. Paul, Chicago; East Moline, Ill; serving 4th year as recording secretary of all Missionary societies where husband pastored; was secretary of the quarterly conference of Brown's Chapel, Joliet last year.



BLAKE, Chaplain Charles Carlos, of the United States Army, Chaplain Corps, was born in Patterson, Georgia, June 9, 1910; third child of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Blake. His mother's maiden name was Emma Bell Carlos. His parents moved to Florida while he was quite a child. He spent part of his early childhood there. Attended the Junior high school in Alachua County Training School. Christened and taken into the church at the age of nine. Attended Georgia State College High School which was abolished in 1933 while he was in his senior year. In 1934 his fatherdied leaving a widow and seven children. In 1937, he was licensed to preach under the pastorate of Dr. S. R. Dinkins, of St. Philip AME Church, W. O. P. Sherman, presiding elder. He later went to Atlanta, Georgia, and received his first charge, St. John AME Church, Fairburn, Ga., where he built a church in 8 months. He was ordained deacon in 1939 after spending two years at St. John. He next pastored Marietta Chapel AME Church, Marietta, Ga. A member of the North Georgia Annual Conference he was sent to Canton and Tate Circuit. Ordained elder in St. Paul AME Church in Rome, Georgia in 1940. During his second year as Pastor of Canton and Tate Circuit, he met Miss Lottie L. Morgan of Savannah, Georgia, whom he married during his senior year at college; they have one daughter, Yvonne Edith Phelitha Blake. Was pastoring Bethel AME Church, Dalton, Georgia., and studying at Atlanta University before he was commissioned in the United States Army as 1st Lt. and Chaplain.

BLAKE, Rev. David Addison, Sr., presiding elder of the South Detroit District, Michigan Conference, Ann Arbor, Michigan; son of John Addison and Mintia (Hooker) Blake; born August 7, 1887, Cary, Wake County, North Carolina; married Grace H. Rogers of Detroit, Michigan, September 20, 1916. Four children; David A. Jr., born September 15, 1917; George F., born January 28, 1919; Richard D., born December 20, 1921; Grayce Isabelle E., born December 31, 1930. He was educated in public school in Cary, North Carolina, Howard Grammar School; Howard Academy, 1912; B.D. School of Theology, Howard University, 1915; D.D., honorary from Wilberforce University, 1924; converted August, 1899, joined Union Bethel Church, Cary, North Carolina; 1902 held office of superintendent of Sunday school. Joined Emanuel Church, Portsmouth, Virginia in 1904; licensed to preach by Rev. Samuel M. Johnson, presiding elder, Feb. 1907. Rev. George D. Jimmerson, pastor of Emanuel Church, admitted him to Virginia Annual Conference, April, 1915; ordained deacon by Bishop Levi J. Coppin, April, 1916 at Richmond, Virginia; elder, by Bishop J. Albert Johnson, April 1918 at Danville, Virginia; pastor of Carrollton Circuit, Isle of Wight County, 1915-1920; pastor Marshall Chapel, Lynchburg, Va., 1920-1923; St. James, South Norfolk, Va., 1923-1926; Bethel Church, Wytheville, Virginia; 1926-1927. At Howard University he won the Pemroy Scholarship for being the best Bible scholar

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out of a class of fifteen. Burnt mortgage on Campbell Chapel while pastoring Carrollton Circuit. Taught public school in Isle Wight County, and also grammar school in Lynchburg, Va. For four years he was State Superintendent of the ACE League Societies of Virginia; for two years, state superintendent of the Sunday schools of Virginia. In 1927 he transferred to the Michigan Conference, and placed at Old Bethel Mission, Detroit, 1927-1929; pastor of St. Luke, H. P. 1929-1932; pastored Bethel Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1932-1937; reduced debt of the church and repaired parsonage. Appointed presiding elder of South Detroit District by Bishop John A. Gregg, 1937. Served as chief secretary of the Michigan Conference for 8 years, 1929-1937; has attended every General Conference beginning at Louisville, Kentucky, 1924. Delegate to the General Conference in 1944 at Philadelphia, Penna. For 4 years was state superintendent of the ACE League of Michigan. Contributed to the church papers and magazines. Member of the Ann Arbor Cooperative Society, also a member of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches. Has three sons in the United States armed forces of the World War II, Lt. David A., Jr., Pvt. George F., and Corporal Richard D.; Grayce Isabelle E., is a musician at 13 years.

BLAKE, Mrs. Grace H. Rogers, wife of Rev. David L. Blake, daughter of George W. and Isabelle J. Rogers; born in Detroit, Michigan; educated in the public school, Detroit Business College and Conservatory of Music of that city. Member of the Choral Society, Michigan University, 8 years. Served as stenographer and bookkeeper for W. B. Hughes Realty Company. Joined Ebenezer AME Church, Detroit, 1908; superintendent, Primary Department, supervisor of the Cradle Roll Department, contralto soloist, senior choir and member of the Missionary Society.

BLAKE, Rev. Eustace Lewis, pastor of Mother Bethel AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa., was born in Cary, North Carolina, son of John Addison and Mintia (Hooker) Blake. He was educated in the secondary schools of North Carolina and Wilberforce University; licensed to preach by Bethel AME Church, New Haven, Connecticut. He was united in marriage to Miss Leila M. Davis of Atlanta, Georgia and she has been his most faithful wife and counselor throughout the years. Rev. Blake served as Pastor of Waterbury, Connecticut; Holyoke, Massachusetts; Hillsboro, Ohio; Chelsea, Massachusetts; Norwalk, Connecticut; and Springfield, Massachusetts. On Sunday, May 31, 1942 he was appointed Pastor of Mother Bethel AME Church by Bishop David Henry Sims and still holds that pastorate. He was a member of the 1940 General Conference, also a member of and co-host to the 1944 General Conference.

BLAKE, Mrs. Lelia M., wife of the Pastor of Mother Bethel AME Church, Philadelphia, Penna. She has been his most sympathetic counselor throughout the years.

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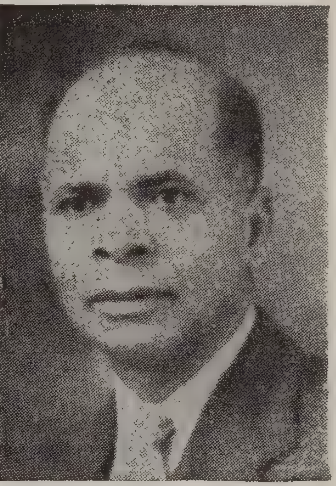
BLAKELY, Rev. George Wayman, Pastor of Big Bethel AME Church, Little Rock, Arkansas; youngest child of Richard and Alice Blakely; born August 30, 1903, Ashley County, Arkansas; married Annie Marion King, June 26, 1922, Kansas City, Missouri; educated in public schools of Ashley County, high school, Shorter College, North Little Rock, Arkansas; college, Western University, Quindaro, Kansas, A.B. 1924; Theology, Iliff School of Theology, Denver University, B.D., Shaffer Theological Seminary, 1930. Baptized in infancy; Received into full membership, Pleasant Grove AME Church, Thebes, Arkansas, at the age of twelve; licensed to preach in Bethel AME Church, North Little Rock, 1918, Rev. H. G. Montgomery, pastor; Rev. J. W. Whiteside, presiding elder; admitted to South Arkansas Annual Conference, Warren, Nov., 1919, Bishop J. M. Connor, presiding; ordained deacon by Bishop H. B. Parks, October, 1923, Allen Chapel, Kansas City, Missouri; ordained elder by Bishop A. J. Carey, September, 1925, St. John, Pueblo, Colorado. Pastored Turner Mission, Kansas City, Mo., 1923-24; Mt. Olive, Sheridan, Wyoming, 1925; Ward Mission, Denver, Colorado, 1926-28; Ward Chapel, Junction City, Kansas, 1928-29; Bethel, Leavenworth, (Kansas' oldest church) 1929-30; St. John, Pine Bluff, Ark.,

1930-31; Visitor's Chapel, Hot Springs, 1931-35; presiding elder Monticello District, 1935-36; Pastor, Carter Chapel, Helena, 1936-37; presiding elder, Pine Bluff District, 1937-38; Little Rock District, 1938; Big Bethel AME Church, Little Rock, 1939—Raised money to remodel parsonage at Sheridan, Wyoming; paid up mortgage notes, beautified and furnished parsonages at Junction City and Leavenworth, Kansas; built modern brick parsonage, repaired and beautified the church at St. John, Pine Bluff. Re-purchased Visitor's Chapel, Hot Springs, when the church had been sold out of the connection. Paid off all bills for parsonage furnishings and an organ debt of $3000.00; remodeled basement, installing modern religious education rooms, rooms, ladies' parlor and men's lounge; paid for pews at Carter Chapel; bought new parsonage furniture, renovated parsonage; paid $21,000.00 principal debt on Big Bethel, Little Rock in four years. Remodeled basement as at Hot Springs; placed modern plumbing and cooking equipment in the kitchen; installed rooms for recreation, religious education and visual education; placed neon cross on the church as a memorial for service men and women in World War II, and a huge neon sign displaying the church name, this being the only colored church property on Broadway; put new roof on church; remodeled parsonage and furnished a pastor's office with proper equipment and records and operated a weekly bulletin.

Delegate to General Conference 1932-44; candidate for bishopric, 1944; member of Committee on Temporal Economy; trustee, Shorter College; treasurer, Arkansas Annual Conference; chairman, Committee of Management 9th Street USO; served as member of the Grand Jury, Pulaski County; president, two terms, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, Little Rock; member, Executive Committee, Fraternal Council Negro Churches; vice-president, Arkansas Branch, Fraternal Council; member executive committee, Urban League; member, committee of management, YMCA; member, NAACP; Masonic Lodge, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

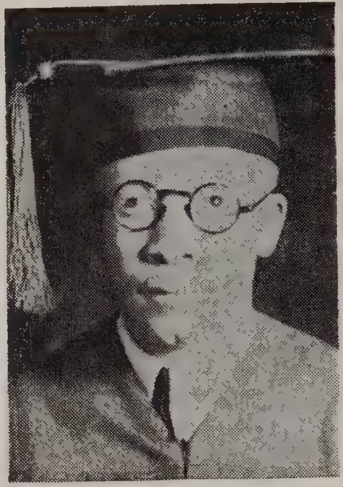
Entertained the last Quadrennial Executive Board held by the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society previous to the merger of the Societies—meeting held in July, 1943. Was host pastor to the Bishops' Council in February 1946, and of the Extra Session of the General Conference, November 20-22, 1946; was an honor student in each of his graduating classes. His treatise on "Jesus and the Gentiles" was used as source material in the New Testament department of the Iliff School of Theology. He is home owner and a member of the Republican party. His first wife was Mrs. Marion Blakely, who died March 13, 1943. His present wife, Mrs. G. Wayman Blakely, he married in 1945. They have one child.

BLAKELY, Mrs. Marion King, (deceased wife of Rev. G. W. Blakely) youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. H. King; (Rev. King was one of Arkansas's most outstanding ministers); born in St. Louis, Missouri, May 13, 1902; translated, March 13, 1943, Little Rock, Arkansas; baptized in the church in infancy. Graduated from Mary Holmes Seminary, Utica Institute in Mississippi and Shorter College, North Little Rock; taught school and served in secretarial capacity before marriage; was president of the Little Rock Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society; was four times a delegate to the Quadrennial convention; ardent church worker; excellent home maker and devoted wife; no children blessed this union.—In Memoriam.

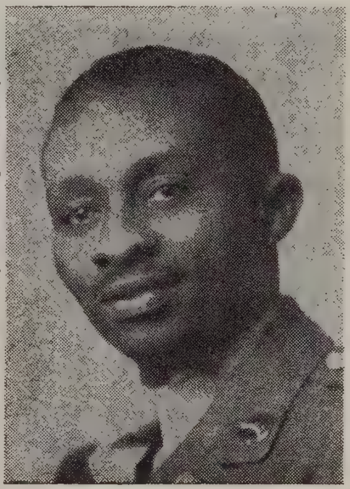


BLAKEMORE, Atty. E. P., born in Crockett County, Tenn., son of Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Blakemore. Received his Normal degree, from Walden University, 1900; his LL.B. from Walden University, Nashville Tenn. 1903; degree of J.D. from John Marshall Law School Chicago, Ill. 1938; admitted to practice law states of Indiana, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and Illinois, and before the United States Supreme Court 1928, Washington, D.C. Sunday School Supt and Steward Shorter Chapel, AME Church Denver, Colo.; steward at Carey Temple, Chicago, Ill.; a delegate and member of each General Conference beginning 1920 to 1944; vice-chairman, of the Title and Charter Commission, appointed at New York 1936-1940 for completion of charter. Member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Cook County Bar Association, Chicago, Ill. In Wichita, Kansas, the first and only Negro lawyer, employed by the Arkansas Valley Interrurban R.R. Co. of Kanass, as Special Asst. to said Corporation, and the Wichita Street Railway So.; prosecuted the "Shoe-shining case" 1919, through the Supreme Court, of Colorado winning the only case of record up to date, compelling the operators of Shoe Shining parlors of Colorado to shine Negroes' shoes as part of the Civil Rights Law of that State, and winning many other Vivil Rights cases. During his practice of law in Oklahoma, the only case of record, compelling the satisfying of a judgment against the Railroad, Ft. Smith and Western R. R. Co., by ordering the chaining to the tracks, a full crew train. In politics, independent. Married Mabel White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. White, former hardware merchants of Boley, Okla. Mr. White was also the first president of the Boley National Bank, the first National Bank organized by Negroes.

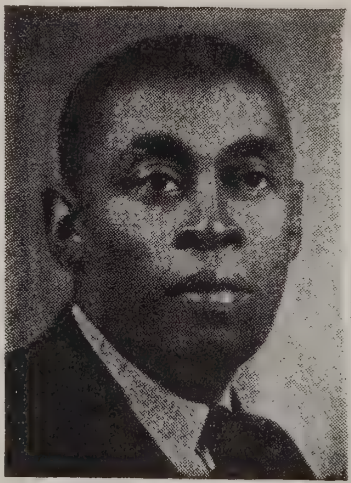
BLETSON, Rev. Herbert Warren, born, Charleston, Mo., November 22, 1897; son of Rev. Harrison F. and Frances T. Bletson; graduated from the Charleston public school and Mound City, Ill., high school. Graduated from the Alexander Hamilton Business School; a correspondence course in Modern Business. Served as steward, class leader, and Sunday School teacher. Was licensed to preach at Campbell Chapel in Denver, Colo by Rev. H. A. Wells, 1927; admitted to the Colorado Annual Conference at Lajunta, Colo., in September, 1928; ordained deacon at Tucson, Ariz., in 1929 by Bishop J. A. Gregg; ordained elder at Albuquerque, N.M. in 1932 by Bishop Gregg. Served as pastor of Globe-Miami, Ariz., 1928-29; Ogden, Utah, 1930-31; Salt Lake City, Utah, 1931-32; Alliance, Neb., 1932-34; Hiawatha, Kansas, 1934-35; Quindaro, Kansas 1936; Argentine, Kans., 1937-39; Cheyenne, Wyoming, 1940-44. Trustee of Western University, 1937-42. He published articles in the Ogden and Kansas City papers, all the church papers. Received 106 members into the church and had 56 conversions. As secretary for 3 years, he published the Nebraska Annual Conference minutes, 1938-40. Past Master of Masonic Lodge, a Knights Templar in the same fraternity. A civilian teacher at Ft. Francis E. Warren, air raid warden, completed course from a detective agency. His wife is the former Hattie Lawrence, daughter of the Rev. Lewis and Hattie Lawrence. They were married December 17, 1924. He is statistical secretary of the Colorado Conference, vice-president of the Cheyenne Ministerial Association. Always had round full reports. Owns all the books in the course of study in our discipline with many others making a fine library for a minister, including encyclopaedias. Complete business library. He is a member of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches. 32nd degree member of the Ancient Egyptian Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.



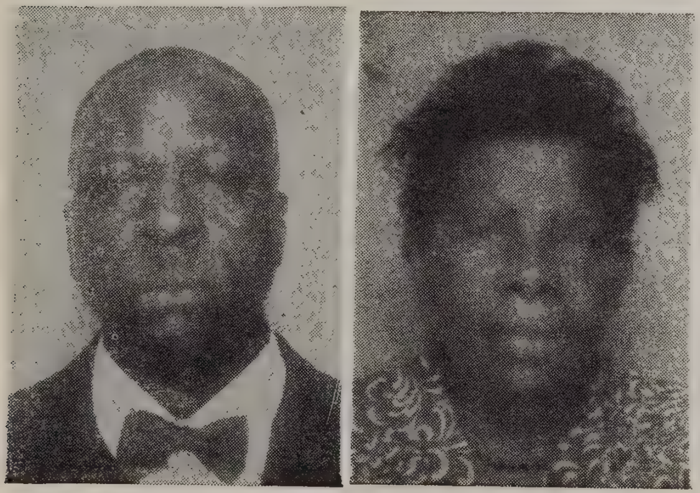
BLIGEN, Mr. Luther St. Julian, outstanding student at South Carolina State College because of ability in athletics (football, basketball, tennis and track); received many trophies; attended Avery Institute at Charleston, S. C.; Tuskegee Institute; is polemarch of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; very prominent in religious and civic circles; is the brother of Mrs. Mabel Rivers.



BLIGEN, Mr. Adolphus Benjamin, recent graduate of Avery Institute, Charleston, S. C.; organist of St. Philip AME Church, Kennedy St., Charleston, S. C.; president of ACE League; is the brother of Mrs. Mabel Rivers.



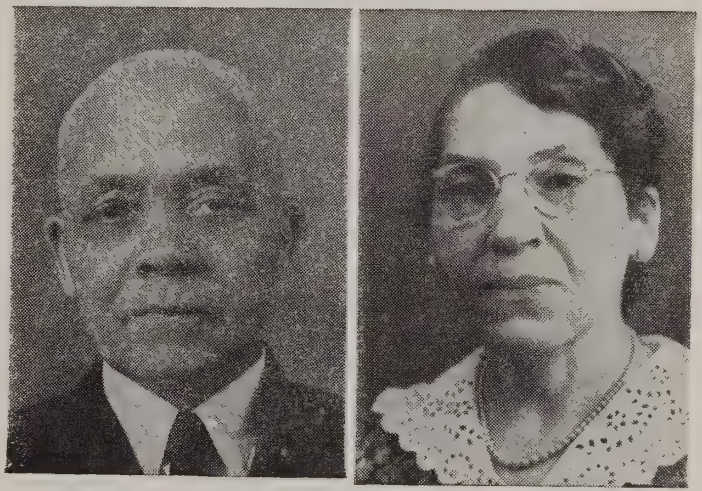
BONNER, Rev. Isaiah Hamilton, Pastor Bethel, Mobile, Alabama; born Camden, Alabama, July 27, 1890; son of Richard and Priscilla Bonner; attended the Camden Academy and the Miller's Ferry Normal and Industrial School and Knoxville College, Tenn. A.B. from Knoxville College, 1912; B.D. from same, 1914; D.D. from Payne University, 1942. In local church was superintendent of Sunday school; president, ACE League, steward, trustee, class leader; licensed to preach at Bethel AME Church, Knoxville, by Rev. E. P. Ellis, May, 1910; admitted to East Tennessee Annual Conference at Chattanooga, Tenn., 1911; ordained deacon at Knoxville, 1913, by Bishop J. H. Jones; ordained elder at Mobile, Ala., 1920 by Bishop B. F. Lee; served as pastor of South Pittsburgh, Tenn., 1913-14; Chicasaw Mission 1919-1920; Qninn Chapel, Uniontown, Ala., 1921-23; Metropolitan, Mobile, Ala., 1924-25; Cherry St., Dothan, Ala., 1926-29; St. John, Montgomery, Ala., 1929-36; Brown Chapel, Selma, Ala., 1938-39; Bethel, Mobile, since 1940, served as presiding elder of Montgomery District, Alabama Conference, 1937; organized Chickasaw Circuit Mission in Chickasaw, 1919; paid $800 mortgage of Dothan, $500 note at Montgomery, $600 mortgage of Uniontown, $1000 mortgage at Brown Chapel, (buying the church and the parsonage), $6000 mortgage of Bethel, Mobile; received 765 members, had 230 conversions under his preaching; was delegate to the General Conference in 1928, 1932, 1936, and 1944. Received large vote for the bishopric in 1944. Served on the Financial Board, 1930-1936; served as trustee of Payne University since 1929; published articles in the Christian and Southern Christian Recorders, AME Review. He is a member of the Civic League, Montgomery; president of the State Interdenominational Alliance for three years with colored and white meeting together, holding the meeting each year at Tuskegee, Ala.



REV. AND MRS. W. M. BONNER

BONNER, Rev. W. M., minister and farmer, was born in Camden, Alabama on June 15, 1888; son of Sar Bonner and Lucendia (Pressly) Bonner; attended the rural school and Payne University where he received his degree on May 30, 1914. He held the office of class leader and steward in his local church. Licensed to preach at Rosebud AME Church in 1909 by Rev. W. H. Mixon; admitted to the Central Ala. Annual Conference at Uniontown, Alabama in 1912; ordained deacon at Camden, Alabama in 1915 by Bishop B. F. Lee; ordained elder at Atmore, Alabama in 1917 by the Bishop Lee. He served as pastor of the following places: Vocation, Miss., 1917-1918; Mt. Riese Cir., 1919; New Liberty Cir., 1920-1921; St. Paul Cir., Selma, Ala., 1922-1923; Dutch Bend Autaugaville, 1924-1929; Berlin Cir., 1930-1931; Black Bluff Cir., Coy, Ala., 1932-1933; Boiling Spring Cir., 1934-1937; Atmore Station, 1938-42; Autaugaville Station, 1943-1944. He organized Mt. Mariah in Vocation, Ala., 1917; Bales, Vienburgh, Ala., 1914. He built the following churches: St. Mary Church, Catherine, Alabama, 1937; Cedar Grove, Autaugaville, 1925; parsonage of St. Paul, Selma, Ala., 1932. He paid the following mortgages: Dutch Bend, 1924, Autaugaville, Ala.; St. Mary, 1935, Catherine, Ala.; Gaines Chapel Station, 1939, Atmore, Ala.; St. Joseph Station, 1934, Autaugaville, Ala. He received 900 members into the Church and had 500 conversions under his preaching. Delegate to the General Conference in 1944, Alternate in 1940. He served as trustee of Payne University and Payne College from 1937-1944.

BONNER, Mrs. Henrietta (Miller), wife of Rev. W. M. Bonner, was born in Millersferry, Ala., August 24, 1896; daughter of Daniel Miller and Elizabeth (Houston) Miller. She attended the rural school. She held the following local church offices: stewardess, president of the Missionary Society, choir member. She married Rev. W. M. Bonner in Mobile, Alabama in 1911. She is engaged in farming with her husband.

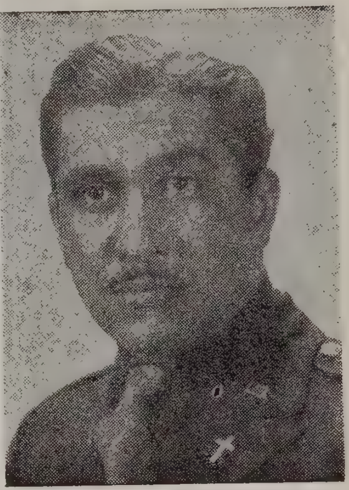


REV. AND MRS. CHARLES H. BOONE

BOONE, Rev. Charles H., presiding elder of the South Nashville district, was born in Franklin, Ohio, February 28, 1870, the son of William Randolph and Elizabeth Boone; attended public school at Madison County and Springfield, Ohio, and did high school and college work at Wilberforce University. He received B.S. from Wilberforce in 1896; A.B. in 1898, and B.D. from Payne Seminary in 1900. Licensed to preach at Greenfield, Ohio by Rev. John Coleman, March 1898; admitted to the Kentucky Annual Conference at Danville in September 1900. Ordained deacon at Danville in 1900 by Bishop B. T. Tanner, and elder in Murfreesboro, Tenn. in 1902, by Bishop B. T. Tanner. He served as pastor of Martin's Ferry, Ohio, in 1900; Georgetown and Salvisa, Kentucky, in 1900-02; St. Paul, Nashville, 1905-08; St. Peter, Clarksville, 1908-1911; Payne, Colorado Springs, 1911-1914; presiding elder of the Nashville district from 1924-30 and the S. Nashville district from 1930-31; 1936 to date. He paid mortgages on Woodfork, Shelbyville, Tennessee. Has received 386 members into the church and has had 253 conversions. A delegate to the General Conference of 1928. From 1905-1911 and 1920-24, he served as president of Turner College; and from 1914-17, Wayman Institute in Kentucky. Rev. Boone published articles in the AME periodicals; Nashville American and the Colorado Springs' leading daily papers. He is a member of the NAACP; Knights of Pythias, and Masons.

BOONE, Mrs. C. H., wife of Presiding Elder C. H. Boone, was born August 11, 1884 in Nashville, Tennessee. Converted at 11 years old and joined St. Paul AME Church. Graduated from A. & M College, Normal, Alabama; and has studied at A & I. State College, Nashville. She holds a permanent professional certificate as a teacher in the public schools of Tennessee. A faithful church worker, she served five years as president of the Tennessee Conference Branch of the W.H. & F.M. Society. During her administration the society witnessed an era of great prosperity. She has also served as Tennessee representative on the Connectional Board and statistician of the Connectional Society. She is at present treasurer of the Tennessee Conference Branch. She was married to Rev. C. H. Boone on November 4, 1908. To this union one daughter was born, who is a permanent teacher in the Nashville school system. Mrs. Boone was chosen by the colored citizens of Colorado Springs to appear before the Legislature of Colorado against a bill to segregate the colored children in the public schools. The bill was defeated. She was the only Negro to stand for election to the school board of Colorado, although she was defeated after a spirited contest which brought out the largest number of voters that had ever voted in an election in Colorado Springs. She was also spokesman for a committee of seven who appeared before the School Board of Shelbyville, Tennessee, Bedford County, and secured a high school for the Negro citizens.

BOWSER, Chaplain (Major) George G., Asst. Div. Chaplain, 92nd Infantry Division. Born Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, March 31, 1914. Graduated Wilberforce University 1936, B.S. in Education; Payne Theological Seminary in 1941, B.D. Pastored Jeffersonville, Ohio and Yellow Springs, Ohio Transferred from Int. Res. to Ch. Res. in 1940 and entered on active duty with army in 1941 Since then served a Savannah Ord. Depot Illinois; Ft. Custer Michigan; Captain Claiborne, La.; Mt. McClelland, Alabama; Capt Breckinridge, Ky.; Ft. Huachuca, Arizona and overseas. Was with the 92nd Division in Italy. At the close of the World War II, he was appointed Chaplain in the Regular Army.



BOYD, Rev. Jesse, pastor, Ashland, Ky.; born Pryorsburg, Ky., February 28, 1896; son of John P. and Elizabeth (Pryor) Boyd; attended Pryorsburg public school, and Mayfield, Ky., High School. Licensed to preach at Pryorsburg by Rev. T. J. Young, January, 1929; ordained deacon at Quinn Chapel, Louisville, Ky., in 1931, and elder at Shelbyville, Ky., in 1933, by Bishop H. Y. Tookes. Pastored Allen Chapel, Wingo, Ky.; St. James and Pryors Chapel, Pryorsburg; St. John, Mayfield, Ky.; St. John, Paducah, Ky. Built or renovated following churches: Allen Chapel, Wingo; St. James, Pryorsburg; St. John, Paducah, and Ashland; saved church property at Mayfield. Member of board of directors of local National Youth Administration; committee on juvenile delinquency; organizer of the Old Folk Convalescent Home; member of Civic League, Inc.; Inter-Racial and Interdenominational Alliance; has held nearly all offices in local church; statistical secretary of the West Kentucky Conference until 1945, when he was transferred to the Kentucky Conference.

REV. AND MRS. R. F. BOYD

REV. AND MRS. S. T. BOYD

BOYD, Rev. R. F., born Charlestown, Indiana, May 5, 1901; son of Henry and Florence (McCall) Boyd; attended the Charlestown, Indiana, public school and Wilberforce Academy, Payne Seminary. Received B.D. from Payne Seminary, 1932. Licensed to preach at Alliance, Ohio by Rev. E. H. Newsome, April, 1929; admitted to North Ohio Annual Conference at Steubenville, Sept. 1930; ordained deacon at Cleveland, Ohio in 1931 by Bishop Wm. H. Heard; ordained elder at Marion, Ind., in 1933 by Bishop H. B. Parks. Served as pastor of Brazil and Lost Creek, Ind., 1932-1933; New Albany, Ind., 1933-34; Princeton, Ind., 1934-35; Spruce Street, Terre Haute, Ind., 1935-37; Jeffersonville, Indiana, 1937-39; Evansville, Indiana, 1939-1940; Allen Chapel, Terre Haute, Indiana, 1940-1942; Saginaw, Michigan, 1942-1943; Benton Harbor, Michigan, 1943 to date. He received 86 members into the church, and had 45 conversions under his preaching. Published articles in the AME Review, Christian Recorder, Southern Christian Recorder; published these books: "The Rhyme and Reason," 1939; "Holiday Stanzas," 1940. He married Miss Carrie Cecile Head, March 5, 1940, and they have one son, Theodore Alexander Boyd; he is a member of the Berrien County Ministerial Association.

BOYD, Rev. Samuel Tate, pastor of Trinity AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa., was born January 31, 1877 at Knoxville, Tenn.; son of George and Minerva (Griffin) Boyd; he attended the Slater Training and Austin High school and Knoxville College at Knoxville, Tenn.; graduated from the latter in 1900; received D.D. from Wilberforce University, June, 1926; licensed to preach at St. James AME Church, Atlantic City, N. J., under the Rev. H. P. Anderson, April, 1916; admitted to New Jersey Annual Conference at Atlantic City, May, 1916; ordained at Orange, N. J., by Bishop E. Tyree. elder at Camden, N. J., 1919 by Bishop Tyree. Served as pastor at the following: Haddonfield, N.J., August 1918-20; Crawford, N. J., May, 1920-21; Riverton, N. J., May 1922-26; Jersey City, N. J., May, 1930-34; Morristown, N. J., May, 1935-37; Salem, N. J., May 1938; Metropolitan, Philadelphia, Pa., May 1939-1946, and Trinity, 1946 to date. Presiding elder of the New Brunswick District, New Jersey, May 1927 to 1929. During his pastorate Mt. Pisgah AME Church of Jersey City was built in 1933; mortgage paid on the Mt. Zion AME Church at Riverton, N. J.; 1,215 members were received and 680 persons converted. Rev. Boyd was delegate to the General Conferences in 1928 and 1944; served on the Church Extension Board from 1928 to 1932 and on the Educational Board from 1940-44; published articles in the AME Review, Christian Recorder, Atlantic City Press and the Morristown Press. Married November 11, 1914, Miss Virgie Banister.

BOYD, Rev. W. O., oldest son of Asbury and Annie Boyd, attended the public schools at place of birth, Kendleton, Texas; graduated from Paul Quinn College, received D.D. degree; converted in 1885; licensed to exhort in 1887 by Rev. R. Deal; as local preacher in 1894 by Rev. J. W. Rankin; joined the Texas Annual Conference in 1900 under Bishop M. B. Salter; ordained deacon 1902 by Bishop Salter; ordained elder 1906 by Bishop Tyree; served as pastor of Village Mill Circuit, Hemstead Circuit, Rock Hill Circuit, Willis Circuit, Crocket Station, Natches Circuit, Athens Station, Waxahachie Station,

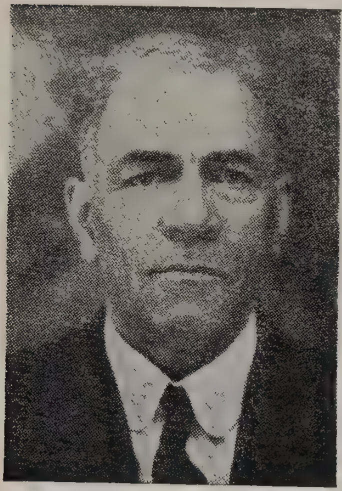
St. James, San Antonio; made presiding elder of Tyler District, 1918 by Bishop Jones. Served as presiding elder of Tyler, Wimar, Beaumont, Houston and San Antonio districts; now presiding over Austin district. He has built seven churches and one parsonage; taken scores of people into the church. Member of every General Conference since 1912 including 1944. Trustee of Paul Quinn College for over 25 years and one of the leaders in the ministry in Texas.

BRADFORD, Rev. F. D., Chaplain U. S. Army, born Richmond, Virginia, August 29, 1912; son of Robert and Ada V. (Glenn) Bradford; attended Drewry's Bluff public school, and Hickory Hill high school, Kittrell College in 1940; training at Harvard University Chaplain School in 1943; served as president ACE League at Kittrell College in 1939; licensed to preach at Bethel Church by Rev. W. Henry, January, 1937; admitted to North Carolina annual conference at Warrenton in April, 1939; ordained deacon at Rich Square, North Carolina, in 1940 by Bishop Monroe H. Davis, ordained elder at Dayton, Ohio, in 1944, by Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom; served as pastor at St. Paul AME, November, 1939; Brown's AME, November, 1940; Shorter AME, October, 1941; received 50 members into the church, had 15 conversions under his preaching; published articles in the Norfolk Journal and Guide. Married Bessie P. Bulluck, the daughter of Prof. and Mrs. P. B. Bulluck of Rocky Mount, N. C. Mrs. Bradford is also a graduate of Kittrell College. Chaplain Bradford served with the 1873rd Engineer Aviation Battalion.

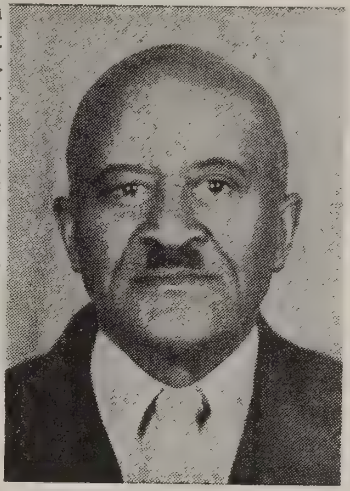
REV. AND MRS. JOHN E. BRADFORD

BRADFORD, Rev. John Edward, presiding elder in Indiana Conference, was born in Winfield, Kans., Aug. 24, 1901, son of John A. and Mattie Bradford; attended Winfield public school, Kansas City high school and Western University and Washburn College; received A.B. from Western Univ., in 1926, B.D. from same in 1927; D.D. from Wilberforce in 1939. Served as Sunday school superintendent, teacher, class leader, steward and Pres. ACE League. Licensed to preach at Wingeld, Kans., by Rev. A. L. Martin, 1920; admitted to Kansas Annual Conference at Coffeyville, Kansas, 1924; ordained deacon at Sedalia, Mo., in 1925 by Bishop A. J. Carey; ordained elder at Kansas City, Mo., in 1926 by same bishop. Pastor at Grant Chapel, Kansas City, 1925-1928; Marshall, Mo., 1928-1929; Sedalia, Mo., 1929-1930; Gregg Tabernacle, Kansas City, 1930-1934; Phoenix, Arizona, 1934-1936; served as presiding elder of Southern District, Indiana Conference in the state of Indiana from 1936 until date. Organized Gregg Tabernacle, in Kansas City, Mo. 1930. Had several successful revivals; reduced the indebtedness on all churches pastored. Purchased parsonage in Kansas City, Mo.; repaired the property at Sedalia, Kansas City, Mo., and Phoenix, Arizona. Received 4000 members into the church; had 6000 conversions under his preaching. Delegate to the General Conferences in 1936 and 1944; alternate in 1928-1932. Served as trustee of Wilberforce since 1936; Western University since 1932. Member of the Post War World Committee of Indiana, Federal Council of Churches, Masons, Odd Fellow, and K.of P.

BRADFORD, Mrs. Geraldine Harpole, wife of Presiding Elder. J. E. Bradford, of the Indiana Conference, was born in Kansas City, Kansas; the daughter of Mrs. Dovie Phelan. Mrs. Bradford tatended Douglass Grade School in Kansas City, Kansas; graduated from Sumner High School and Western University in Kansas City, Kansas; matriculated two years at the Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia, Kansas. She married Rev. John E. Bradford, January 1, 1928. She is a former Secretary Treasurer of the Young People's Department of the Southwest Missouri Conference of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society and a member of the Executive Board in the Colorado Conference. At present time, Mrs. Bradford is second Vice president of the Southern District of Indiana. Along with Mrs. Bradford's Missionary activities, she has organized many church clubs and through this channel of endeavor has raised more than $5000.00 for the beautification of churches and parsonages.



BRANDON, Rev. Alexander, employee of the U. S. Civil Service Association, was born at Ft. Reed, Orange, Florida, January 28, 1879, son of Alexander and Mary Fleming (Clay) Brandon; attended the public schools of Ft. Reed and Sanford, Earnestville, Pasco Co., Fla.; high school at Ocala Academy, Marion County, Florida, and college through private tutorship. Converted at Greer, Fla., and baptized by Rev. Jackson, pastor. In the local church he was steward, trustee, Sunday school superintendent and held these offices in every church he has been affiliated with. Licensed to preach at Ward Chapel by Rev. C. W. Newton on November 9, 1925; admitted to the Missouri annual conference at St. Louis, in November 1929; ordained deacon at St. Louis in 1931 by Bishop J. A. Gregg, and elder at Cape Giradeau, Mo., in 1940 by Bishop Noah W. Williams; served at St. Luke, Elmwood Park, Missouri, as acting pastor, 1935-36; conference evangelist from 1937-41; pastor Robertson, Mo. Mission, 1942-43; assistant pastor at Ward Chapel, South Kinloch, Mo., three years. Organized First AME Church at Robertson, Missouri, 1942. Was a civilian employee of the U. S. Q. M.D. in 1898 and assisted General C. F. Humphries in his office in 1899, Havana, Cuba. He helped in organization of Local No. 53 of the I.H.C.B. & C.L. of America; president of the Citizen's Civic League; in 1929 was a Republican candidate for justice of the peace, in St. Louis County, Missouri. Now employed by the War Department at St. Louis Medical Depot. Rev. Brandon gives 10 per cent. of his salary per month for U.S. war bonds and stamps. He married December 24, 1902, Miss Annie Anderson, daughter of Rev. Randel and Elizer Oneal Anderson of Tampa, Florida. She died September 1912; he married again in 1916 Mrs. Celia Kincade, widow, at Mt. Vernon, Ind., who died in South Kinloch, Mo., October 12, 1921; married again in August, 1922 to widow, Mrs. Maggie Brown Rawls, daughter of Dow Brown and Waslouisa Henderson of Fayate County, Mo.



BREWER, Rev. Hubbard H., (deceased); graduate of Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University; a delegate to the General Conference of 1928 and leader of the Kentucky Conference delegation in 1944. Pastored: West Kentucky Conference—Franklin, Kentucky, remodeled and paid the debt; Elizabethtown, Kentucky, where he beautified the church and installed a new lighting system, paying for both; Young's Chapel, Louisville, Ky., where he raised $600 and paid an old indebtedness in less than sixty days; Kentucky Conference — Nicholasville, Kentucky, where a mortgage debt of $1,000 was paid; St. Peters AME Church, Harrodsburg, Ky., he built the new church at a cost of $21,000; paid on this debt $13,200, reducing the debt to $7,800.00. Danville, which he remodeled at a cost of $9,900 and paid $6,00 on it; St. John, Frankfort, which he found $6,000 in debt and he raised $1,143 in five weeks, put new furnace in church, new roof on parsonage, and in four years, the debt was reduced to $2,150.00. He served as presiding elder of Frankfort District. After three years, was returned to St. John, Frankfort, Ky. After four years, he was moved to Quinn Chapel AME Church, Lexington, Ky., whose debts he paid and made it one of the most beautiful churches in the city. On account of illness he retired from Quinn Chapel and asked for superannuation in 1943, notwithstanding which, at the suggestion of Bishop Wright, he was elected leader of the delegation to the General Conference of 1944. He died at Cynthiana, Ky., Sept. 4, 1946.

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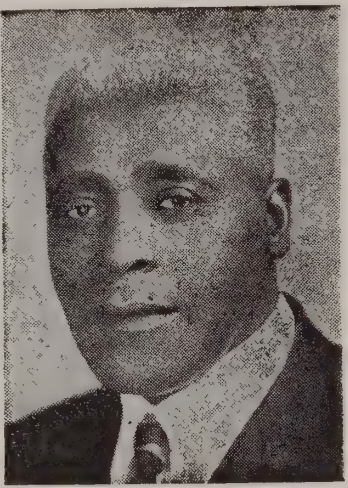
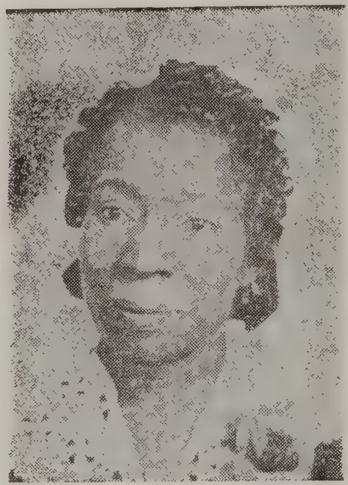
BREWER, Rev. Jonathan C., presiding elder, was ordained deacon 1903 by Bishop Abraham Grant; elder 1905 by Bishop C. T. Shaffer; served



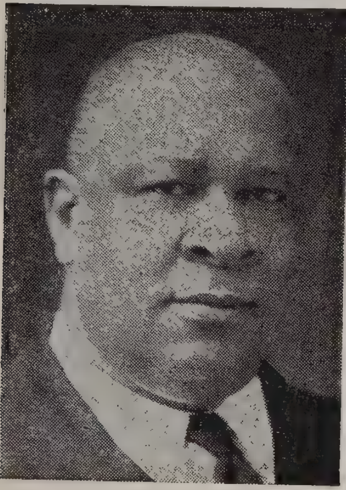
as Pastor of Osceola, Iowa, 1902-04; Raine, Wis., 1904-1905; Allen Chapel, Chicago, 1905-1907; Duluth, Minn., 1907-11; Keokuk, Iowa, 1911-12; St. Stephen, Chicago, 1912-13; was transferred to Kentucky Conference, Danville, Ky., 1913-1914; Ashland, Ky., 1914-18; Covington, Ky., 1918-22; was Presiding Elder of the Lexington Ky. District, 1922-1924; Presiding Elder of Danville (Illinois) District, 1924-1926; transferred to Chicago Conference under Bishop A. L. Gaines, pastored Turner Memorial, 1926-1927; transferred to Nebraska Conference under Bishop A. J. Carey, D.D.; pastored Atchison, Kans., 1927-1928; South Omaha, Neb., 1928-1929; transferred to Missouri Conference under Bishop J. A. Gregg; pastored St. Peters, St. Louis, 1929-31; transferred to Chicago Conference, under Bishop A. J. Carey; pastored Palestine, Chicago, 1931-1932; Joliet, Ill., 1932-1936; Racine, Wis., 1936-1939; Maywood, Ill., 1939-1944; at the Chicago Conference of 1944, he was made presiding elder over the West Chicago District. He is also serving as State Chaplain at the Stateville Penitentiary being the only Negro on the staff.

BRIGHT, Rev. John Douglas, Pastor of Bethel AME Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.; born at Americus, Georgia, October 11, 1917, son of Turner Bright and Estella Williams; attended the following schools: McKay Hill public school, Americus, Georgia; Harlem Evening and Wilberforce High School; Wilberforce University and Payne Seminary received BTH. from Wilberforce University Payne Seminary, June 1942; served in local church as: Sunday School teacher, class leader, steward, licensed preacher at Bethel AME Church, New York City, by Rev. A. L. Wilson, August, 1935; admitted to New York annual conference at Albany, May, 1937; ordained deacon at St. Paul AME Church, Columbus, Ohio, in 1939 by Bishop R. C. Ransom; elder at Bethel, Middletown, Ohio in 1940 by Bishop Ransom. Pastored: South Charleston, Ohio Church, 1937-38; Wayman, Hillsboro, Ohio, 1938-1940; Wayman, Bainbridge, Ohio, 1938-1940; Shorter Chapel, Greenfield, Ohio, 1940; Lee Chapel, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1940-42; St. Paul, Lima, Ohio, 1942-1943; Bethel, Pittsburgh, 1943. Received 500 members into the church, had 200 conversions. Delegate to General Conference, 1944. Published articles in the following: Christian Recorder, Southern Christian Recorder, Pittsburgh Courier. Member of the following: Samuel W. Clark Lodge, No. 67, F. & A. M. Prince Hall Affiliation, Lima, Ohio; Holy R. A. M. Serox Chapter, No. 35, Lima, Ohio; Allen County Branch of the NAACP. Trustee of Wilberforce University, and member of executive committeee and survey committee of the same.



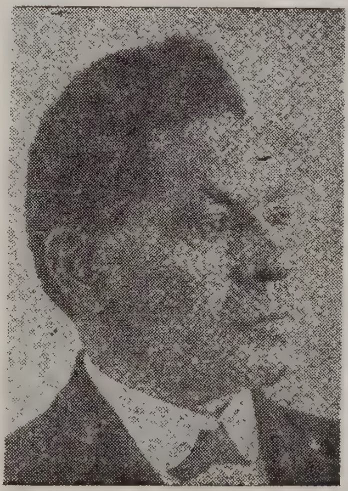
BROGDON, Miss Annie Elizabeth, teacher in Lincoln High School; born in Clarendon County, South Carolina, daughter of Rev. C. F. and Julia Brogdon; attended Monaghan Public School, Allen High School, Allen University and State College; received L.I. degree from Allen University, 1910; B.S. degree from State A. & M. College, 1924. Served the local church as president of missionary society, president of stewardess board, teacher in the Sunday school. A delegate to the General Conference in 1936, 1944; published articles in the Christian Recorder, Palmetto Leader, Sumter Leader, Sumter Daily Item. Served as treasurer of State Juvenile G. U. Court of Calanthe, secretary of State Grand Household of Ruth, national representative G.U.O. of Odd Fellows and Household of Ruth, State of South Carolina, and a national officer. She was a delegate to the W. H. and F., Quadrennial four times and served on important committees.

BROGDON, Rev. R. E., pastor of Emanuel AME Church, Charleston, S. C., the mother church of African Methodism of the South. Dr. Brogdon's work here has been highly constructive. The entire indebtedness on the parsonage and church has been paid, and both buildings have been repaired and beautified. A modern heating plant and a new pipe organ have been installed and paid for. Over 700 conversions and accessions have been added to this charge under the present pastor. He previously pastored Belton Mission; Trinity Station, Manning; Shiloh, Prosperity; Bethel, Columbia; William's Chapel, Orangeburg; Bethel, Columbia; Bethel, Georgetown; Presiding Elder of Mt. Pleasant District. He is an educator, civic leader, as well as one of the outstanding ministers of the AME Church. Also served with credit as principal of the Manning High School, and as a professor at Allen University and State College, Orangeburg, South Carolina. On February 24, 1915 Dr. Brogdon was joined in matrimony to Miss Sarah Louise Christie of Fort Motte, S. C., from which union there are three lovely daughters: Julia Mae, Sadie Ruth and Christine. Each has received her A.B. degree from Allen University and each has done work in Atlanta University, leading to the degree of A.M.



BROOKENS, Reverend J. S., editor, The AME Church Review, son of Dr. and Mrs. P. H. M. Brookens, born August 18, 1890, Quitman, Georgia; married Florence Olivia Cloud of Cairo, Ga., December 28, 1914; 7 children, Joseph S. Jr., born January 17, 1917; Victor E., born September 11, 1918; Emma Amelia, born October 13, 1920; Paul Dunbar, born March 23, 1923; William Decker, born October 29, 1927; Alma Stein, born August 16, 1930; Florence Olivia, born Sept. 10, 1931. Educated at Payne High School, Cuthbert, Ga; Morris Brown College, A.B., 1911; Garrett Biblical Institute, B.D., 1923; Northwestern University, M.A., 1925; D.D., honorary, Paul Quinn College, 1927. Converted at an early age; held offices class leader, steward, Sunday school teacher, member of choir. Licensed to preach by Dr. C. P. Hobbs, 1918, at Sylvester, Georgia; received local preacher's license under Dr. I. G. Glass, 1918; admitted to the Chicago Annual Conference, September, 1920; ordained a deacon by Bishop L. J. Coppin, September, 1922, at Keokuk, Iowa; elder by Bishop L. J. Coppin, September, 1922, at Chicago, Illinois; pastored Elgin, Illinois Circuit, 1920-22; Brown's Chapel, Joliet, 19222-3; Beloit Circuit, Beloit, Wis., and New St. James, Jacksonville, Florida, 1923-24; Edward's Chapel, Waco, Texas, 1924-1927; Grant's Chapel, Austin, Texas, 1927-1928; St. John, Mexia, Texas, 1928-1929; Grant Chapel, Palestine, Texas, 1929-1930; St. John, Athens, Texas, 1930-1931; St. Paul, Beaumont, Texas, and St. Luke, Waco, Texas, 1931-1932; St. Mark's, Thomasville, Georgia, 1932-1933; Camilla Circuit, 1933-1934; St. Paul, Mobile, Alabama, 1934-1935; St. Paul, Sylacauga, Alabama, 1935-1936; 1937, Haskell, Oklahoma, Circuit; 1938, Mt. Sinai. Lower Peachtree, Alabama; 1938-1939, Cahaba Circuit; 1939-1940, Cherry Street, Dothan, Alabama; presiding elder, North Mobile District, 1940-1944; elected editor, The AME Church Review, 1944—to date. Taught Homiletics, Lee Theological Seminary, Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida; Mathematics, Campbell College, Jackson, Mississippi; English, Mathematics, the Social Sciences, Paul Quinn's College, Waco, Texas; English, Texas College, Tyler, Texas; rebuilt Grant Chapel, Palestine, Texas, 1929; raised and left $700 in building fund, Edward's Chapel, Waco, Texas. Bitterly fought unjust discrimination by Warm Springs Foundation against Negro victims of Infantile Paralysis and caused the Foundation to build a modern clinic at Tuskegee Hospital, Tuskegee, Institute for Negroes. A prominent writer for twenty-five years in current topics of national interest. Member of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches; member of the African Methodist Press; member of the Connectional Council.

BROOKENS, Mrs. Florence Olivia, wife of Reverend J. S. Brookens, was born in Cairo, Ga., August 25, 1897; educated in high school of Cairo, Georgia; married December 28, 1914; converted during her youth; has served as choir member, missionary worker, and District President, Missionary Society, North Mobile District.



BROOKINS, Rev. Robert Burns, (deceased), born Camac, Georgia; 1859; son of Jennie (Collins) and Madison Brookins; attended Ft. Valley, Ga., public school and Jacksonville, Florida, high school; Shorter College, Little Rock, Ark.; received degree from Cookman; honorary D.D. from Turner College, June, 1904; LL.D. from Edward Waters College, 1940. Class leader and local preacher. Licensed to preach at Macedonia AME Church by Rev. J. R. Scott in 1876; admitted to East Florida Annual Conference at Palatka in 1878; ordained deacon at Palatka in 1878 by Bishop J. P. Campbell; ordained elder at Madison in 1880 by Bishop Campbell. Served as Pastor at Baldwin and McClemmy, 1878-1879; Green Cover Spring, Orange Park, 1880-1881; Fernandina Station, 1882-1883; presiding elder, 1884; Beche Palatka, 1885-1887; Mt. Olive, Jacksonville, 1889-1890; Mt. Olive, Orlando, Florida, 1891-1892; Allen Chapel, Pensecola, Fla., 1893; Bethel, Tallahassee, 1894-1897; William Chapel, Orangeburg, S. C., 1898; Marion, S. C. 1899; Muskogee, OOklahoma, 1900; Ft. Smith, Ark., 1901-1902; Memphis, Tenn., 1907-1914. Received 1100 mem-

bers into the church; had 750 conversions; delegate to the General Conference in 1884, 1924, 1928, 1932, 1936; alternate to the General Conference in 1900 and 1904. Served on the Board of Education, 1936-1940; served as trustee of Edward Waters, 1915-1940; Shorter, 1903. Published articles in church papers and AME Review. Dr. Brookins was the father of Mrs. Grant, widow of Bishop R. A. Grant. He died October 10, 1943.

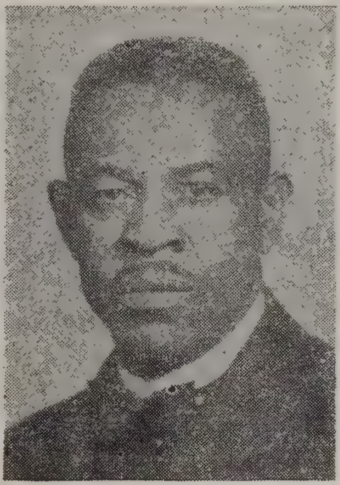
BROOKS, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Carter, widow of Bishop W. Sampson Brooks, born in New Bedford, Mass., June 10, 1867, daughter of Mrs. Martha D. Webb; occupation, public school teacher; attended New Bedford elementary and high schools and Normal and Training School for Teachers; received LL.D. degree from Wilberforce, June 14, 1934; held following local church offices: Sunday School teacher, Bethel AME Church, president of ACE League, treasurer of Martha D. Webb Woman's Missionary Society. Served as secretary Brooklyn Literary Union; president National Association of Colored Women; president Northeastern Federation of Women, president of the New Bedford Home for Aged; trustee Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association, Washington, D. C.; Executive War Worker of Phyllis Wheatley YWCA during the 1st World War, Washington, D. C.; member of Executive Board Inter-Church-Council of New Bedford, Mass.; 17 years president of the New England Conference Branch of the Women's Mite Missionary Society. Taught many years in the public school system of New Bedford, being at one time principal of a school with only white teachers. In 1931 she married Bishop W. S. Brooks and served with him in Texas until his death. Now president emeritus of the New England Conference Branch of the Missionary Society, and historian of the New England Annual Conference.

BROWN, Mrs. Hattie W., daughter of the late Mrs. Elisa and Dr. E. A. Williams of Eufaula, Ala., New Orleans, La., and Cincinnati, Ohio, past grand chancellor of the K. of P., was born in Eufaula, Ala. She finished the public schools there and spent 6 years in Tuskegee Normal & Industrial School. She has been a member of Bridge Street AME Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. for 47 years; has taught in the Bridge Street Sunday school; president of the Lady Usher Board, 10 years; member and Supt. of the Brooklyn District ACE League; delegate to the last Quadrennial Mite Missionary Society Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, October, 1943. At present she is a chairman of the Nora Taylor fund of the New York Conference Branch.

BROWN, Rev. James A., born in Darlington, S. C. son of Thomas and Lottie Brown; attended public school of Lydia, S. C., Darlington high school, Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., and Oskaloosa, Iowa. He received an A.B. from Oskaloosa, June, 1920; D.D. from Edward Waters College, 1927; served as class leader, steward, trustee, Sunday school superintendent and teacher; licensed to preach at Darlington, S. C., by Rev. J. S. Davis, 1894; admitted to the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, Raleign, N. C., 1897; ordained a deacon at Hickory, N. C., 1898 under missionary rule, by Bishop J. A. Handy; ordained elder at Lenoir, N. C., 1901, by Bishop B. F. Lee. Served as pastor of Pearson Chapel, Nancyville, N. C.; St. John, Raleigh, N. C.; St. Stephens, Leesburg, Fla.; St. Paul, Leesburg, Fla.; Tallahasse, Fla.; Allen Chapel, Pensacola, Fla.; St. Mark, Orlando, Fla.; St. Paul, Tampa, Fla.; St. Paul, Chattanooga, Tenn.; St. James, Danville, Kentucky; presiding elder of the following districts: St. Petersburg, Central Conference, Florida, 1925-1926; Tampa, Central Conference, Fla., 1927-1928; Bartown, Central Conference, Fla., 1935-36-37. He ford, Orlando Conference, Fla.. 1935-36-37. He ororganized the Mt. Pisgah Church, Lydia, S. C.; St. James Church, West Durham, N. C.; paid the mortgage on parsonage at Bethel, Tallahassee; built the parsonage at St. Mark, Orlando and St. Paul, Tampa; raised $17,000 in one year. Rev. Brown received 850 members into the church, had 574 conversions; was a delegate to the General Conference, 1916, 1926, 1924, 1928, 1936, and alternate in 1904, 1908, 1932; trustee of Edward Waters College 28 years. After paying the debt on St. James Church, Danville, Ky., he transferred to Florida and retired temporarily on account of ill health.

BROWN, Rev. Anderson Dumas, pastor Saint Peters, Clarksville, Tennessee, was born at Tillman, Mississippi, May 25, 1897; son of Prof. A. C. and

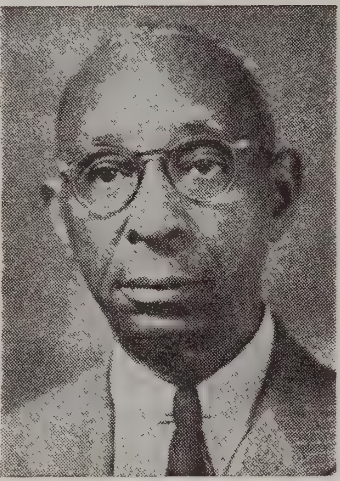
Margarett M. Brown. There were eleven other children. He attended school at Tillman Institute, Edman, Miss., at Forest Hill grammar school, the Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi, and is a graduate of Union Bible Seminary, Westfield, Indiana. He became interested early in chemistry, and when he was 26 years old he studied chemistry at Allied Chemical Institute, Indianapolis, Ind., and finished with honors; making now fifty-one tested government products at Dyersburg, Tennessee; also president of the Elder Brown's Chemical Mfg. Co., Dyersburg, Tenn. Joined the Providence Christian Church at an early age. Entered the ministry in 1920; ordained elder in 1924. Pastored at Shaw, Mississippi; Bristol, Virginia, Tennessee. Desiring a larger field of work he joined the AME Church at Providence under Rev. A. F. Davis, D.D. Has pastored at London, Tennessee; Mayville, Tenn.; Mt. Sinai AME Church, Arlington, Tenn.; Salter's Chapel, Dyersburg, Tenn., where he broke a sixty year record, building the church and the parsonage, paying for the same. In 1945 Bisohp Wright appointed him to St. Peters. Was alternate delegate to the General Conference 1944. On May 25, 1944 he was made the only Negro assistant to the City Board of Aldermen. Owns and operates the only Negro pure food and cosmetic manufacturing company in the State of Tennessee.



BROWN, Rev. Eugene D., pastor, joined Murphy AME Church, Chester, Pa., May 15, 1891, 56 years ago; served as class leader from 1891 for 18 years. Worked in every department of church; Sunday school superintendent for 7 years. In 1909 joined the Philadelphia Annual Conference and was assigned to Disney AME Church, paid its indebtedness of $100; and added to the membership. Pastored: Harrington, Del., three years, paid the church out of debt; York, Pa., June, 1919, removed heavy mortgage debt, baptizing seven; Zion Church, Atglen, Pa., built a new parsonage and bought new well and pump; Marietta and Wrightsville Circuit, May, 1922-24, built new parsonage; Crestmont, Pa., four years, collected money to build a new church and paid off a mortgage on the old church; St. Peters Mission Church, North Glencoe, Pa,. took in 46 members and helped raise money to pay for the organ; Phoenixville, Pa., one year; Pottsville, May, 1930, paid off other debts; South Coatesville; Waynesboro, May, 1933-35, paid off the indebtedness; Parkesburg, May, 1935-38, paid off indebtedness; Columbia, Pa. 1928-1940, paid off its mortgage; Middletown, Pa., 1940-43; Oxford, Pa.; Waynesboro and Green Castle Ct., 2nd term, October, 1942, paid back debts; was sent back by request and here he remains to date. He was married June 24, 1920 by Rev. Charles W. Stewart at Ardmore, Pa., to Miss Charlotte S. T. Bartin of York, Pa.

BROWN, Rev. J. Russell, Chaplain in United States Navy, born Guthrie, Okla., October 28, 1909; son of John Ellis, and Nannie A. Brown; attended Wichita, Kansas public school and High School East and Friends University, Wichita, Kans. Received A.B. degree from Friends Univ., 1932; B.D. degree from Howard University, 1935; held offices in local church as Sunday school teacher, League president. Licensed to preach at St. Paul AME Church, by Rev. R. S. Everett in Wichita, 1929; admitted to Kansas Annual Conference at Lawrence in 1930; ordained deacon at St. John, Baltimore, in 1933 by Bishop M.H. Davis; ordained elder at same place in 1935 by same bishop. Served as teacher of Bishop Williams School of Religion, 1937-1940; also the Dean 1940 to date; pastor of St. Luke AME Church, Kansas City, Kans. 1938-1944. Built St. Luke Church, 1940; paid mortgage in 1943. Served as trustee of Western University, 1938 to date; Douglass Hospital, 1938 to date. Published articles in Afro-American, Pittsburgh Courier, Chicago Defender, Kansas City Call, the AME Recorders, Howard University "News", Open Door of the Chicago Theological Seminary. Member of the Delta Theta Chi, University of Chicago. Appointed first Negro Chaplain in U. S. Navy, June 28, 1944. Married Miss Helba Long, former school teacher of Wichita, Kansas. Graduate work in Chicago Tehological Seminary. Member Inter-racial Interdenominational Alliance, Kansas City, Kans.

BROWN, Rev. Jacob L., pastor at Bryn Mawr, Pa., born in Columbia, S. C., July 4, 1890; son of Jacob L. and Claudia (Bryant) Brown; attended



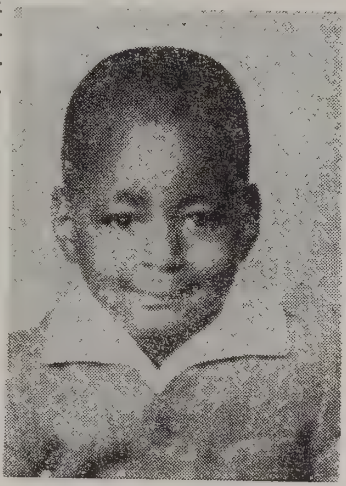
the public schools in Columbia, S. C., and the Charleston high school, and State College, Orangeburg; received B.A. from Claflin, 1911; B.D. from Park Bible School, 1914; was licensed to preach at Bethel, Pittsburgh by Rev. Wm. Truss in 1918; admitted to Pittsburgh annual conference at Pitts burgh in October, 1922; ordained deacon at McKeesport, Pa., 1925 by the same bishop; pastored at Mt. Zion, Pittsburgh, 1921-1925; Bethel, Johnstown, Pa., 1925-1927; Tyree, Philadelphia, Pa., 1930-1932; Ward, Philadelphia, Pa., 1933-1937; Bethel, Bryn Mawr, since 1938; paid the mortgage of Bethel, Bryn Mawr, Pa., $3000.00; put in a $3500.00 pipe organ and paid for same in three years. He has received 105 members into the church and had 68 conversions by his preaching. A delegate to the General Conference, 1944. Member of Odd Fellow, Knights of Pythias, (Most Worshipful Grand Chancellor Commander); Fraternal Council Negro Churches. Married Miss Mary E. Morris, Philadelphia, Pa., a graduate of the Girls High School of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

REV. AND MRS. J. ST. JULIAN BROWN

BROWN, Rev. Jenifer St. Julian, pastor Macedonia AME Church, Camden, N. J., son of Allen J. and Nancy Chaplin Brown; born October 10, 1901, Berkley County, Cherry Hill, S. C.; married Alexzina C. Washington of Philadelphia, Pa., September 9, 1939; to this union a son was born, namely: Jenifer St. Julian Brown, Jr. June 14, 1940. Educated in the public schools of South Carolina; International Correspondence School, Scranton, Pa., B.D. Payne Theological Seminary June, 1930. Pursuing special courses at Princeton University Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J.; Superintendent of Sunday school, class leader and steward; licened to preach at Grace AME Church, Crosswicks, New Jersey, by Rev. R. B. Smith; admitted to the New Jersey Annual Conference May, 1926; ordained deacon June 1928, at Wilberforce University by Bishop Joshua H. Jones; ordained elder May, 1930 in Trenton, New Jersey by Bishop Joshua H. Jones; Pastored St. Paul AME Church, Cedarville, and Wayman AME Church, South Charleston, Ohio, September, 1928 to June, 1930; Bethel AME Church, Passaic, N. J., July, 1930 to July, 1932, Bethel AME Church, Asbury Park, N. J., July, 1932 to May 1939, Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Salem, N. J. May, 1939 to July 1945. At Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Salem freed the church of $5000 indebtedness, improved, repaired and equipped church and parsonage to the amount of $2000; organized and directed Eastside Community and Recreational Center, received annual allottment from city council for its support; Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Princeton, New Jersey July 1945 to May, 1947; furnished parsonage at cost of $1200, paid for same in five months; pastor Macedonia, Camden, since May 1947. Member of Free Accepted Masons and Elks; Asstant Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Slks; mebber of Salem Chapter of United Frontiers of America.

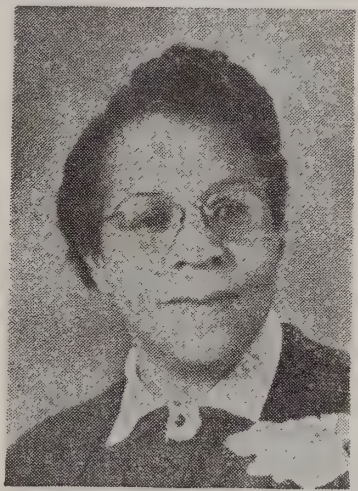
BROWN, Mrs. Alexzina Celia Washington, wife of Rev. J. St. Julian Brown, born Baltimore, Maryland, July 22, 1911, daughter of James Benjamin and Rose Anna Washington; occupation: public school teacher; attended William Pierce and J. R. Reynolds Public School, Philadelphia High School for Girls, Wilberforce University; B.D. Payne Theological Seminary, June, 1935; B.S. Wilberforce University, June, 1937; Temple University Graduate School, Summer, 1937-38; brought to Philadelphia at the age of 10 years; converted at Mother Bethel AME Church at the age of 13 years; married to Rev. J. St. Julian Brown, September 9, 1939; held church offices of Sunday school teacher, class leader, member of junior choir, ACE, president of Allen Stars, Mary E. Lee Circle and Young Woman's Auxiliary of the Missionary Society and Supervisor of the YPD at Mother Bethel; member of the Philadelphia Conference Branch of WMMS; won an oratorical prize of $50.00 on the History of Wilberforce; received partial scholarship from President R. R. Wright, Jr. to resume studies in college; was a delegate from the YPD of the Philadelphia Conference Branch to the Quadrennial of the Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society; given another scholarship to attend Wilberforce University and finish n the Liberal Arts Dept. While there, was inducted into three honor fraternities and Zeta Phi Beta; chosen valedictorian in high school; head of the English Department at Shorter College, Little Rock, Ark., 1937-1939; member of the Board of Directors of Phyllis Wheatley YWCA of Little Rock; Speakers' Bureau of Little Rick, Ark.; assistant professor of Theology at Shorter College, Little Rock; selected delegate to World's Sunday School Convention, Durban, South Africa. At present, teacher in the public schools of New Jersey, teacher of Week Day Religious Education, superintendent of the Young People's Department of the New Jersey Conference Branch, WMS, and member of the executive board of same, lecturer, public speaker, orator, superintendent ACE; delegate Quadrennial Convention of Parent Mite Missionary Society, October, 1943, and WMS, 1947.

BROWN, Jenifer St. Julian, Jr., son of Rev. Jenifer St. Julian and Alexzina Washington Brown, born at Frederick Douglass Memorial Hospital, Philadelphia, June 14, 1940; baptized Sunday, April 10, 1942 at Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Salem, N. J., by the Rev. J. St. J. Brown. Member of the Sunday school and Allen Christian Endeavor League, Young People's Missionary Society and New Jersel Conference Branch Missionary Society. Plans to be a minister "like his Daddy."



BROWN, Mrs. Josephine Pauline Jenkins, born at Barnesville, Ga., 1883, daughter of Rev. Elijah Joseph and Ella Jenkins; was educated in the public schools of Barnesville, president of class; president Loyal Temperance Union; in 1898 organized a WCTU union in state; graduated with honor of valedictorian; given a course in elocution and theology; attended Spelman Seminary, 1901-02; graduated from Whosely College, 1905; taught school eight years; secretary of New Macedonia Baptist Association and Convention for eleven years; 6 years a missionary in the field of church extension; in 1909 elected secretary of the Sunday School Union of Churches; married and became a widow in 11 months; took up dressmaking and ladies' tailoring at Catholic school in Nashville, Tenn., and Jewish School of Tailoring; joined St. James AME Church, St. Louis, 1919 under Dr. Wm. Peck; was Sunday school teacher, missionary worker; organized Women's Auxiliary (Vice President) June, 1943, St. Louis, Mo.; civic worker, Woman's Republican Party; WCTU lecturer in Missouri until 1920. Graduated from course in Teacher Training; graduated, 1917, from three year course in domestic science in Summer High Evening School; graduated, 1920, from the commercial department under Prof. H. B. Evans; completed courses in sociology and commercial law, commercial arithmetic and vocational English, citizenship and art; from 1922 to 1933 was first to graduate from upholstering and manual training, in Missouri evening schools; was contractor and builder for an apartment in 1908; does painting and designing of furniture and other art pieces in the beautiful home she owns in St. Louis, Mo. Member of the Missouri Conference Branch Woman's Missionary Society, Young Republican National Association; election judge and Deputy Commissioner for 1944 registration.

BROWN, Mrs. Josie L. Remsen, Evangelist, began public life at the of 16 years as a teacher in the public school in the rural district of McCormick County, South Carolina. Married Mr. James Edward Brown February 12, 1912; five children were born; namely: Vacil E. Brown, Ulysses S. Brown, Demosthenes L. Brown, Elzora C. Brown Davis, and Fannie Lillian Brown. On moving to Detroit in 1922, attended the Northwestern High School. Religious Educational Training School in 1940, where she received her diploma. Called to the ministry in 1931; passed all requirements for entering the Annual Conference of the Fourth Episcopal District; completed the four year course with honors, averaging 95 per cent. Pastored the Junior Church of St. Stephen AME Church in Detroit for six and a half years. In 1942 was appointed by Bishop Young in Baltimore, Md., as Supervisor of Evangelist Council of the Fourth Episcopal District. This appointment was approved and counter-signed by Rt. Rev. John A. Gregg, Presiding Bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District. Evangelist Brown is a member of the Civic Rights



Federation Club, The Detroit Council of Churches, al The Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America.

BROWN, Mrs. Lydia Clyde, was born in Stewart County, Georgia, July 21, 1879; daughter of E. L. and Annette Humphries Brown. Attended Mt. Zion elementary school and high school at Lumpkin, Georgia H. & I. In the local church she served as: president of the WH & FS; president emeritus of the Cuthbert District; 2nd vice president of the WH & FMS, of the Southwest Georgia Conference Branch and missionary secretary of local church. She is the Grand Deputy organizer of the I.O. of S., secretary of the Georgia State Singing Convention 23 years, and secretary of local singing convention now. Was married June 22, 1896; mother of nine children, (seven living); Chester Field, Elisha Claude, Eliza, Nettie Jessie, Arthur Willa, John Wesley, Lydia Calvin, Isom Clynton, Eula Juliet.

BROWN, Rev. Norman Wesley, was born in Maryland, educated in the public schools of Maryland; Morgan College, Baltimore; Howard University, University of Chicago; a minister in the AME Church. At present pastor of St. James. Louisville, Ky. "A masterful exegete, eloquent orator, forceful and interesting writer, a great financier, resourceful and dynamic debater, fearless and militant."

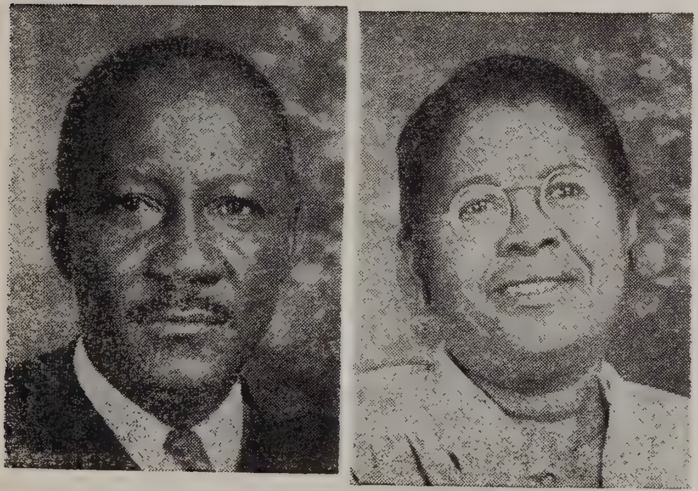
BROWN, Mrs. Daisy C. Jefferson, wife of Rev. Norman W. Brown was born in McKeesport, Pa., the oldest of nine children. She received her education in the public schools of that city, the Extension Dept. of Wilberforce University, and Allen University, Columbia, S. C. She was converted and joined St. Paul AME Church, McKeesport, Pa., at the age of fourteen years, and worked there as a choir member, Sunday school teacher and in the ACE League until her marriage to Rev. Brown, January 14, 1920. She is the mother of Altha C. Brown, a graduate of Wilberforce University.

BROWN, Miss Altha Chrystyne, was born in Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Norman W. Brown. She attended public school in Dayton, Ohio, and Columbia, S. C.; was graduated from Junior High School, Baltimore, Md., and from Newtown High School, Elmhurst, N. Y., June, 1938. She, then, entered Wilberforce University and took a pre-medical course, receiving her B.S. degree, June, 1942. She did resident work at New York University in Chemistry the summer of 1941. She was a member of the Wilberforce University Girls' Glee Club, and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Joined Wayman AME Church, Dayton, Ohio when she was 10 years old. Was the organizer and directress of St. James AME Church Young Women's Chorus, Xenia, Ohio.

BROWN, Rev. Russell S., pastor of St. Paul AME Church, St. Louis, Mo.; born in London, Ky.; son of Bartlett and Alice Brown; eleventh child in a family of 13 and one of three ministers among them. His father died while he was a lad. He and his mother moved to Topeka, Kansas, where he was reared and educated in the public schools. He operated a grocery store for a while; graduated from Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio; Wilberforce University, Ohio; Dougherty's Business School. Pastored: Shorter AME Church, paid off $50,000 debt; St. Paul AME Church, Saint Louis, paid off $10,000 mortgage. Member of: Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, Anniversary Club of St. Louis, Mason. First minister ever to be a member of City Council of Cleveland, Ohio; was member of Cleveland City Club and Metropolitan Club, Fraternal Council of Negro Churches, Mayor's Committee on Race Relations, St. Louis, Missouri, A.F. & A.M., O.E.S.; General Conference, 1944, candidate for general secretary. He is listed in "Who's Who in Colored America" and Who's Who in Government.' Only Negro ever to have picture in Denver Daily Posts Hall of Fame (citizens who have done the most for the city in a given week); was elected chief secretary of the extra session of the General Conference, November 20-22, 1946. He married Miss Floy Smith, only daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Charles S. Smith, teacher at Wilberforce University for 40 years. They have three children: Alice Elaine Jenkins, M.A. from Ohio State University and teacher in Denver public school; Russell, Jr., employed in Ford Plant, Detroit; Charles Shelton, a graduate of Lincoln University, Mo.

REV. S. B. BROWN AND WIFE

BROWN, Rev. S. B., pastor of Bethlehem AME Church, Langhorne, Pa., second oldest Church in the Connection. Has pastored there now over four years.

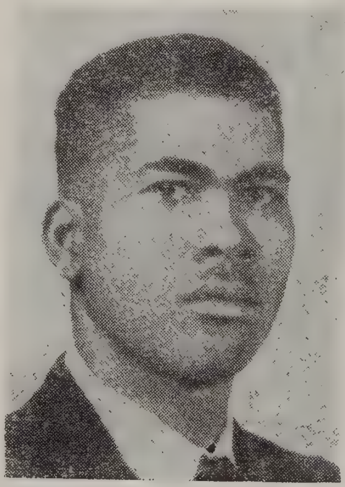


REV. AND MRS. Z. A. BROWN

BROWN, Rev. Zaccheus Azariah, pastor St. Paul, Columbia, Tennessee; was a student of Alabama State Normal School, now State College; worked his way up from a small mission; chairman of the finance committee of the Tennessee Conference and twice elected on the first ballot as a delegate to the General Conference; chairman of Columbia Board of the R. R. Wright, Jr., School of Religion.

Mrs. Z. A. Brown, his very pleasant wife, shares with him in the work of the church.

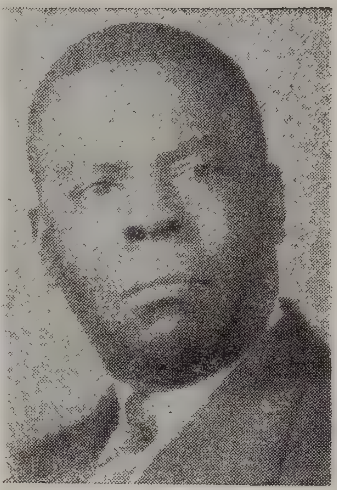
BROWN, Mrs. Floy M., wife of Rev. Russell S. Brown, pastor of St. Paul AME Church, St. Louis, Missouri. She is the only daughter of Prof. Charles S. Smith, teacher at Wilberforce University for 40 years and builder of the Comercial department there. She graduated from Oberlin Conservatory. She is the mother of three children: Alice Elaine Jenkins, Russell, Jr., Charles Shelton, U.S.A.



BROWNING, Rev. Louis Calvin, pastor, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was born in Chapel Hill, Washington County, Texas, February 10, 1906, the son of Rev. S. J. Browning, grandson of Rev. R. R. Browning, great grandson of Rev. Stephen Browning. He entered the ministry in 1924 at Waco, Texas; graduated from Paul Quinn College; was ordained elder by Bishop W. S. Brooks in 1929. His first charge at Italy, Texas, was for four years; then Goath Chapel, Dallas, Texas, Denton, Texas; Saint Paul, Dallas; Brooks Chapel, Corpus Christi, four years. The only pastor in Texas to build and pay for a parsonage without the membership. White friends helped him to put over this job The youngest minister ever to be elected delegate from Texas to the General Conference which met in New York in 1936; was a member in 1940 and 1944 From Christi to Abilene, Texas, where he spent one of the most glorious years of his ministry, and from there to El Paso at Visitors' Chapel, the mother church of the North West conference, built by the Rev. (afterwards Bishop) E. J. Howard. In 1940, a new church and parsonage were built here by Rev. Browning, said by Major R. R. Wright and others to be one of the best designed and most attractive churches in the connection. An organ, hardwood floors, air conditioning, public speaking system and a beautiful lawn, with a sprinkling system are some of its features. In 1944 he resigned his pastorate to enter Payne Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1946, donating to the building fund of the Seminary $1000 on the day of his graduation. In October, 1946 he was appointed pastor of St. Paul, Nashville, Tennessee, but had to give it up for an emergency appointment at his present charge. He was married in 1939 to Miss Anna Blair of Brownwood, Texas. Mrs. Browning is an ardent church worker and librarian of the city. She studied at Wayne University in the field of medicine, and studied at Wilberforce University.

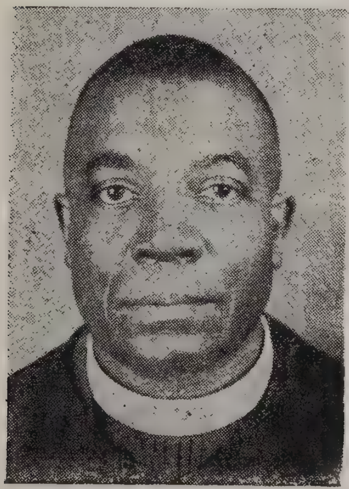
BRYAN, Rev. John Sterling, Pastor St. John AME Church, Columbus, Georgia, son of Rev. and Mrs. James H. Bryan, was born February 28, 1898 in Lumpkin, Georgia. He graduated from Georgia State College in 1927, A.B.; Turner Theological Seminary, 1930, B.D.; Morris Brown College, D.D., 1937. Joined Bluff Spring Church at Lumpkin, Ga., at age of 10. Licensed to preach at Bluff Spring by Rev. S. D. Roseboro, August 27, 1916; admitted to Georgia Conference, Nov. 1919; ordained deacon 1921, by Bishop J. S. Flipper at Statesboro, Ga.; elder by Bishop Flipper at Savannah, Ga., 1923. Pastored at Sand Fly 1920-22; Allen Chapel (Savannah) 1923-25; Rockyford Circuit, 1925-27; Wesley Chapel, Milledgeville, Ga., 1927-30; St. Paul, Macon, Ga., 1930-32; Cosmopolitan, Atlanta, Ga., 1932-34; St. John AME, Columbus, Ga., November 1934 and is now serving his 13th year. He paid a $2,000 dollar debt at Wesley Chapel, 1928; $2,500 on debt at St. Paul, Macon, Georgia; $1,900 on debt at Cosmopolitan, Atlanta; $14,000 debt on St. John, Columbus, Ga., (raising $5,410 at one time). Taught at the Spencer High School, Columbus, Ga.; delegate to General Conference, 1932-1936, 1940 and 1944. Chief secretary of Macon, Ga. conference, 1930-32; chief secretary of the Southwest Georgia conference 1937 to date. Trustee of Morris Brown College since 1931. Member of the inter-racial commission, Columbus, Ga. President of the Connectional Council of the AME Church since 1945; preached baccalaureate sermon at Turner Theological Seminary, May 1937; preached baccalaureate sermon at Fort Valley State College 1942. Delivered Emancipation Day address at Columbus, Ga., January 1935-42. Delivered Emancipation Day address, Dawson, Ga., 1938. Served in World War, 1918. Member of the Masons, Elks and International Benevolent Society.

BRYANT, Rev. Harrison J., pastor St. John, Baltimore, Maryland; received A.B. from Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina; B.D. from Payne Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio; Dean of Jackson Theological Seminary, North Little Rock, Arkansas, 1935-1936; was a member of the General Conference, 1936; served as pastor of St. Paul, Lexington, Kentucky; was trustee of Wilberforce University for the Thirteenth Episcopal District, 1941 to 1944; was appointed to the pastorate of St. John AME Church, Baltimore, Maryland, July, 1942. Rebuilt church after fire, and paid it out of debt. Married to Miss Edith Holland, graduate of Wilberforce University. They have three children.

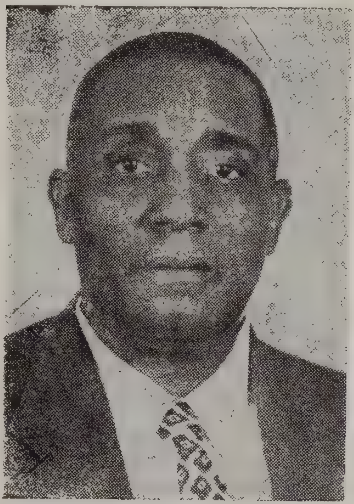


BRYANT, Miss Hattie Ernestine, director of Religious Education, 9th Episcopal District AME Church, daughter of Henry and Ernestine (Webb) Bryant; born December 14, 1914, Birmingham, Alabama; Educated in public schools, Birmingham; Miles College, 1938, A.B.; baptized at Payne Chapel AME Church at birth; joined St. Paul AME Church, Birmingham, Alabama, March 12, 1929; held offices of Sunday school teacher, president ACE League, church clerk, superintendent cradle roll dept. superintendent junior choir, 1937 to present; district president ACE League, Birmingham District 1937-1941; conference president ACE League, North Alabama Conference, 1942-44; state director of Christian education; Capt. Nurse's Aide Corp. Member executive board city Federation Colored Women's Clubs, 1944; presented first accredited class in Religious Education at the Bishops' Council in Birmingham, for the 9th Episcopal District; delegate to Quadrennial Missionary meeting, 1943; taught in public school, Birmingham 1938-44; contributed to Journal Religious Education, Southern Christian Recorder, also secular periodicals; speaker on the ACE League program at the 32nd session of General Conference at Philadelphia, 1944.

BRYANT, Mrs. Mary E., Dyersburg, Tennessee, member of the Salter Chapel AME Church, Dyersburg; daughter of James and Josephine Warren; born February 25, 1890, at Arcola, Mississippi, converted September 3, 1908; joined Williams Chapel AME Church, April 15, 1922; attended grammar school at Estell, Mississippi, 1910. Class leader from 1929 until 1944; president of board of Salter Chapel, Rev. A. D. Brown, pastor: married July 22, 1912 to W. O. Bryant; children: W. O. Jr., and Annie L. Bryant Sims; 3 grandchildren, E. L., L. M., and C. L. Sims; delegate to the 1943 Quadrennial, Little Rock, Arkansas.

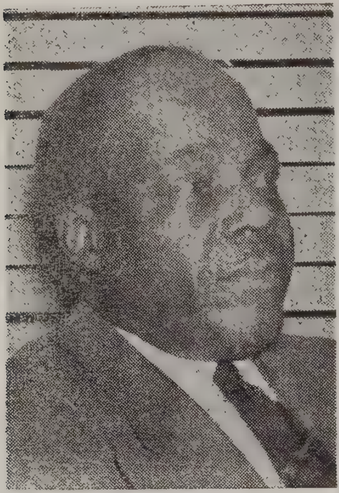


BURKE, Rev. Ollie Allen, was born in Montgomery, Mississippi, September 3, 1883, the son of Silas Burke and Mary Ann Burke. He attended public school at New Hope; high school and college at Campbell College, Jackson, Mississippi; graduated from Payne Theological Seminary English course in 1925, from Bible Institute in 1942. In the local church, he was Sunday school superintendent, teacher of Bible class, district Sunday school superintendent for five years, Brookhaven district, Mississippi conference. Licensed to preach at Emanuel Church by Rev. J. P. Peppers in 1906; admitted to Mississippi Annual Conference at Port Gibson in Dec., 1907; ordained deacon at Brookhaven in 1910 by Bishop Turner, and elder at Laurel, Mississippi, in 1912, by Bishop Conner. Pastor at Bethel and Quitman Circuit, 1908-09 and 1910-12; Estabuche and Mehan Circuit, 1913-14; Williamsville and Charleston Circuit, 1915-1916; Mt. Ebney and Grace Circuit, 1917-1920; Morgan City-Glen Allen Circuit, 1921-22; Edon, Ohio and Choncho, West Virginia, 1923; Raleigh and Beckley, West Virginia, 1924-25; Bethel, Parkersburg, 1926; Bethel, Bluefield, West Virginia, 1927; Union Chapel, Wheeling, West Virginia, 1936-37; Shaffer and Gardner Chapels, 1938-43. Served as Presiding Elder of the Charleston, W. Va., District from 1928-30, and the Wheeling District in 1931. Organized Burke Chapel in Shubuta, Mississippi, in 1910 and St. Matthews n Beckley, W. Va., in 1924. He also built Burke Chapel in Shubuta in 1911; Mt. Ebney in Tchula, Miss., in 1918; Daniel Chapel in Glenn Allen, Miss., in 1922; St. Matthews in Beckley, W. Va., in 1925, and a parsonage at Weirton, W. Va., in 1936. He repaired three churches and finished one; remodeled two and put pews in two. Over 3553 members have come into the church under him and 2552 conversions. He was a delegate to the General Conference in 1932, and 1944 and an alternate in 1936 and 1940. Rev. Burke publishes articles in the Christian Recorder and the Southern Christian Recorder. He is president of the Democratic club, Banabus, West Virginia, Mason, Knight of Pythias, Omar, West Virginia branch and an executive board member and president of the educational committee of NAACP of the Logan, West Virginia section. Married April 9, 1909 by the late Rev. C. F. Billings; wife, Madora Harris Burke, daughter, Marjorie Mae Burke Henderson.



BURLEIGH, Mr. William R., son of Susie and Adolphus Burleigh, members of Allen Temple AME Church, Atlanta, Ga., was born April 16, 1888; began as member of Allen Temple Sunday school at age of one year; member usher board at the age of 18; joined Allen Temple May, 1912, the late, Dr. H. D. Canady, pastor; member stewards' board, Allen Temple for three years; moved to Americus, Ga., and joined Campbell AME Church August, 1914, and has served as steward there for 30 years; has served as class leader, Sunday school teacher, president of the Allen Endeavor League, and in many capacities of the local church. Although never a trustee, he has been very instrumental under all pastors in aiding in rebuilding, repairing and liquidating the church's obligations. Honored by the Americus Georgia conference (organized 1921) as a lay delegate to the General Conference since 1928. 33 years district manager Pilgrim Life and Health Insurance Company, and has served as Religious, Civic and Fraternal leader in the community. An outstanding Mason (A.F. of L.)

Married Miss Ethel Gary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gary of Valdosta, Ga., November 25, 1914. Mrs. Burleigh immediately joined Campbell Chapel AME Church, Americus, Ga., in December, 1914 playing a major role in church, community and civic enterprises. She has served her church as stewardess, Sunday school teacher, choir member, president of the junior church. She has also served as district president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society; now a teacher in the public school system of Sumter County, Georgia.



BURNETTE, Mr. Robert Lee, architect and builder, born Warren County, Georgia, August 24, 1887; son of William Thomas and Charlotte Elizabeth Burnette; attended Warrenton public school; Knox Institute, Athens, Georgia; Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; received a degree in Mechanical Arts, 1910; attended each General Conference since 1916; was lay delegate at 56th 57th and 58th session of Michigan Annual Conference; organized Boy Scouts' Troop 343 at Ebenezer AME Church, Detroit, Michigan; is Merit Badge Counselor and Neighborhood Commissioner of District 5 of the Detroit Area Council Boy Scouts of America; secretary trustee board Ebenezer AME Church, elected in 1934; superintendent of Boys' Dept., at the church; member of the Youth Committee of the Laymen's Organization of the 4th Episcopal District; and a member of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches. Married Corine Williams March 10, 1906; two children were born to this union, a son, Robert Williams Burnette, March 1, 1915 and a daughter, Virginia Bell Burnette, March 18, 1917.

BURNETTE, Rev. Wm. H. Burnette, Sr., studied theology in Payne University, Selma, Alabama, and at Western University, Quindaro, Kansas. The latter conferred the D.D. degree upon him in 1926. He also studied and finished a post graduate course in law at La Salle University, Chicago, Illinois; he served forty-seven years as an itinerant minister in the AME Church, during which time he pastored twenty-seven years; presiding elder twenty consecutive years, and chief secretary of the Missouri Conference twenty-three years. Now pastor of Mount Olive AME Church, Emporia, Kansas, of the Kansas Conference; having unprecedented success.

BURNSIDE, Prof. C. M., born Bryantville, Ky., May 2, 1898; son of Lee and Mahalia Burnside; occupation, teacher and farmer; attended Wayman Institute in Harrodsburg, Kentucky; Lincoln Institute, Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky; K. S. College in Franklin, Kentucky; and Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee; received B.S. degree from Kentucky State in 1933; held local church offices of Sunday school superintendent, church clerk, steward, trustee; was a delegate to the General Conference of 1940, 1944; is a member of the United Brothers of Friendship, Mason (Senior Warden), United Brothers and Sisters of Benevolence, (15 years as president); has taught school 21 years, serving as high school principal at Lancaster and Monticello, Ky.; established standard four-year high school and erected new buildings.

BURRELL, Rev. W. H., was born in Hampton, Virginia; received his early training in the public schools and the Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va.; taught public schools in Virginia; came to New Jersey in the early 90's; joined the New Jersey Annual conference; served Swedesboro, N. J., and Bethel, Camden, N. J.; was transferred to the New England Conference as Pastor of St. Paul, Cambridge, Mass. where he remained for six years and rebuilt the St. Paul Church. Also pastored the following churches: New Haven, Conn.; Providence, R. I.; Chelsea, Mass.; Newport, R. I.; Greenwich, Conn.; 7 years Presiding Elder in the New England Conference. While pastoring in New Haven, he studied in Yale University. Transferred back to the New England Conference. He pastored Bethel, Jersey City; St. Paul, Orange; Asbury Park, Cape May; Atlantic Highlands; Macedonia, Camden, N. J., and Vineland, N. J. Served as Presiding Elder in the New Jersey Conference. He received D.D. degree from Morris Brown, Atlanta, Ga.

DR. AND MRS. B. L. BURROWS

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BURROWS, Dr. Byron Lancelot, born February 6, 1888, Somerset, Bermuda, B. W. I.; son of Daniel R. and Melissa Ann (Fubler) Burrows; married Dayton O. McGavock. September 27, 1914, Nashville, Tennessee; educated public school, Somerset, Bermuda, Government School, H. M. S. Berkley Institute, Hamilton, Bermuda; apprenticed shipwright, H. M. S. dock yard, 1902-1907; shipwright (mechanic) 1908-1911; received M.D. from Meharry Medical college 1915, confirmed Church of England (Episcopal) 1902; entered Jones Chapel Church, Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee, 1925; held office of steward, secretary; delegate annual conference 10 consecutive years; delegate General Conference 1940 and 1944; practiced medicine Lawrenceburg, Tenn. 1915-1923; and Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee to present date; president Civic Improvement Co.; member National Medical Association; member of Volunteer State Medical Association.

BURROWS, Mrs. Dayton Ohio McGavock, deceased, daughter of Conyne and Hardy McGavock, born June 11, 1888, Nashville, Tennessee; graduated Meig Elementary School; A. and I. Normal, Nashville, Tenn. Successful teacher for 27 years; principal and grade school teacher in Lawrence and Maury Co., Tennessee; married Dr. B. L. Burrows December 27, 1915. No children were born. A staunch and devout member of Jones Tabernacle AME Church, Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee; teacher and superintendent of Sunday school; secretary of Tennessee Conference Branch Missionary Society; accomplished musician, member of State Teachers Association. Died 1944.

BURT, Dr. Robert T., physician, graduate of Walden University, and Meharry Medical College; founder and sole owner of the Home Infirmary, Clarksville, Tenn.; chairman Tennessee State Interracial League; a member of the AME Church; a member of State and National Medical Association. Did post graduate work at Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York; Harvard post graduate department, Boston; E. A. Printy, the Laboratory of Surgical Technique,Chicago; Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.; member of Clarksville, Tennessee Chamber of Commerce; stockholder Northern Bank oldest Bank in Tennessee. "Burt High School" of Clarksville was named for him. Medical Examiner in World War No. 1; trustee of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee, since 1941; has a wife and one child.

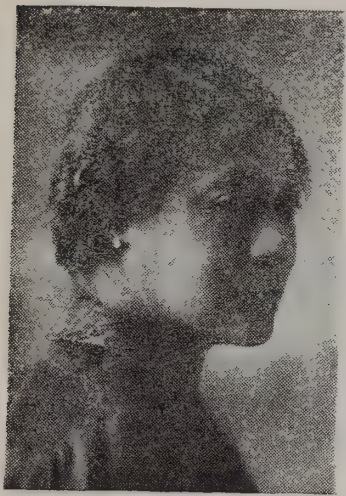
BURT, Mrs. Robert T., wife of Dr. R. T. Burt, Clarksville, Tenn., a very strong factor in sharing the various activities of her husband. She is a product of Fisk University as an undergraduate. Completed her nurse training course in her husband's hospital soon after they were married, over thirty years ago, becoming the Hospital Anesthetist, doing X-Ray work and serving as superintendent of Nurses. From these activities she takes sufficient time out for civic and club activites. For several years she has served as vice chairman of the State Better Homes Movement; a member of the local State and National Auxiliary to the Medical Societies, president of the Crocus Art and Study Club; a member of the AME Church and executive chairman of the USO Club of the colored soldiers at Clarksville; a member of National Council for Colored Women; a member of Clarksville USO Council; a member State Interracial League.

Dr. and Mrs. Burt have one child, a daughter, Mrs. E. M. Burt Thompson who is a product of Fisk University and the University of Michigan and now lives with her husband Dr. Herman E. Thompson at Lynchburg, Virginia. The Burts have traveled extensively from coast to coast and Canada to Mexico and Cuba.

BURWELL, Rev. Thomas Jefferson, pastor of Allen Chapel AME Church, Kansas City, Mo., son of Green and Eliza Burwell, born April 23, 19...., Boone Mill, Va.; educated in the public schools of Virginia, (Franklin County, A.B. Kittrell College, 1921; B.D. Iliff School of Theology, 1921; S.T.M. 1922; converted October 6, 1909; joined the Mt. Lebanon AME Church, Cave Spring Circuit, 1909. Held office as superintendent of Sunday school, 1910-13; licensed to preach September 2, 1912 at Cave Spring, AME Church, under Presiding Elder I. Ewer and Pastor Arch Ivory Williams. Admitted to the Colorado Conference, Sept. 1918. Ordained deacon 1920; elder in 1922 under Bishop H. B. Parks. Pastored Ward Mission, Denver, Colorado, 1919; Scottbluff, Nebraska, 1920-21; Deerfield, Colorado, 1922-1923; Casper, Wyoming, 192'-26; Emporia, Kansas, 1927-29; Lincoln, Nebraska, 1928-31; Parsons, Kansas, 1932-34; St. John, Topeka, Kans., 1934-38; Allen Chapel, Kansas City, Mo., 1938-44; vice-president of Douglass Hospital Board, 1939-44; member of board of R. E., 1940-44; Prof. O. T. Theology, Western University, 1943-44; degree of D.D., Western University, 1939; member of the General Conference, 1936, 40, 44. Paid the mortgage of thirty years standing on Allen Chapel, 1944. Received a complimentary vote for the Bishopric 1940. Endorsed for the Bishopric in 1944. Married Jean R. Scotten of Fort Wayne, Indiana, July 6, 1922. Three children: Thomas Eugene, born Aug. 12, 1923; Joe Ellen Kathleen, born Feb. 1, 1925; Howard Dewitt, born January 8, 1927.

BUTCHER, Rev. Charles S., Pastor, born in Elizabeth, Pa., March 12, 1900; son of John W. and Lida M. Butcher; attended Franklin grade school, Wilberforce Academy, and Howard University, 1930; B.D. same; 1937 licensed to preach at Allen AME Church by Rev. G. F. Williams, 1921; admitted to Pittsburgh annual conference at Scranton in 1921; ordained deacon at Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, D. C., by Bishop John Albert Johnson; ordained elder at Bethel, Baltimore, in 1929, by Bishop A. L. Gaines. Served as pastor at Bentleyville, and Pricedale, November, 1921 to 1922; Embry AME Church, Lakeland, Md., 1928-1931; Pilgrim AME Church, Washington, 1931-1937; Bladensburg, Md. Dent Church, 1937-1938; Metropolitan Church, Cumberland, Md., 1939-1940; St. Mark, Wilkinsburg, Pa., 1941-1944. Paid mortgage in full on Pilgrim AME Church, 1937. Received 150 members into the church; had 50 conversions under preaching. Enthusiastic collector historical data on the AME Church for many years.

BUTLER, Rev. Joel L., Presiding Elder, Georgia Conference, born Eufaula, Ala., December 22, 1882, son of Rev. Hector R. and Martha A. (Crier) Butler; attended the public schools of Girard, Ala., and Columbus, Ga.; Morris Brown High School and College in Atlanta, Ga.; received B.D. from Morris Brown, May 1903; D.D. from Morris Brown, June, 1907. Served local church as sexton, class leader, teacher, steward, trustee, superintendent of Sunday school, secretary of church, recording secretary of conference, 1924; licensed to preach at St. John Church, Russell Co., Ala., Rev. H. C. Calhoun, August, 1899; admitted to Atlanta Annual Conference at Covington, 1901; ordained deacon at Monticello in 1902 by Bishop H. M. Turner; elder at Big Bethel, 1903 by Bishop Turner. Pastored Mt. Zion Mission 1902; Lovejoy Circuit, 1903; Bluff Springs Circuit, 1904-08; 1st Church, Marietta, Ga., 1909-1911; 1st Church, Athens, Ga., 1912; 1st Church, Rome, Ga., 1913-1915; 1st Church, Columbus, Ga., 1915-1920; 1st Church, Macon, Ga., 1921-1923; 1st Church, Atlanta, Ga., 1924-1929; 1st Church, Savannah, Ga., 1931-1936; Savannah District, Ga., since 1940; organized Mt. Zion, Clayton Co., 1902; Oak Grove, Stewart Co., 1905; Seaside, Chatham Co., 1941; built Mt. Zion, Clayton Co., 1902; Oak Grove, Stewart Co., 1905; St. Paul, Stewart Co., 1906; paid the mortgage of 1st Church, Marietta, Ga., 1st Church, Rome, Ga., 1st Church of Columbus, Ga., 1st Church of Macon, Ga., bought and paid for lot in Georgia. Delegate to the General Conference from 1912-1944 inclusive; served on the Church Extension Board, 1928-1932; Church Extension, 1937-1944. Trustee of Morris Brown College since 1926. Published articles in the Christian Recorders, Chicago Defender, Pittsburgh Courier, Savannah Morning News, Atlanta Constitution, Columbus Enquirer Sun, etc. Received large vote for bishop in 1932, 1936, and 1940. Candidate for the bishopric 1948.



BYERS, Mrs. Susie V., born Richmond, Ky.; daughter of Squire Cobb and Malinda McClanahan; attended the Richmond elementary schools and high school. Has been church organist, Sunday school teacher, missionary, president of stewardesses, district inspiration leader of missionary society, assistant recording secretary of Michigan Conference Branch of the Michigan Annual Conference, 1943; delegate to the quadrennial convention, Chicago, 1939; one son in ministry who is assistant pastor of Second Baptist Church, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

BRYANT, Rev. Mansfield Edward, first editor of "The Southern Christian Recorder", was born in Seales, Lee County, Alabama, in December, 1853. After attending Atlanta University he was converted, joined the AME Church; he was licensed to preach and joined the Alabama annual conference at Opelika, Alabama, December, 1875 and was elected chief secretary of the conference. Rev. Bryant died in Mobile, Alabama, and was buried in Selma, Ala. He was the father of Ira T. Bryant, secretary of the Sunday School Union, 1908-1936.

CADDELL, Rev. Garwood Lincoln, pastor of St. Luke AME Church, Alliance, Ohio, was born January 10, 1906, at Woodbrook, Trinidad, B.W.I., the second youngest son of Benjamin A. and Margaret Ashby Caddell; educated at Culbard Primary Institute, Moulton Hall Wesleyan School, Tranquillity Technical Evening School, on the 1925 honor roll of the Correspondence School of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Calif.; graduate of the Colonial Examination Center of Bennett College, Sheffield, England, receiving the B.C.D. June 10, 1927 as a hall-mark of proficiency. From 1926 student of Rev. Dr. J. MacCartney Wilson, M.A., pastor of Greyfriars Presbyterian Church (white), able preacher, scholar and guest lecturer in one of the universities of Canada. He arrived in New York, U.S.A. September 26, 1930. Licensed to preach at Bethel AME Church January 28, 1931, Rev. A. L. Wilson, presiding elder, Dr. E. A. Clarke, pastor. Attended Harlem Evening High School for Men 1931. Admitted to New York Annual Conference May, 1931, and received scholarship to Payne Theological Seminary on motion of Drs. A. L. Wilson and D. Ward Nichols, (now Bishop). Bishop Joshua H. Jones, presiding; ordained deacon June 19, 1932 by Bishop W. H. Heard, in New York; graduated from Payne Seminary, June 14, 1934 with B.D. degree; ordained elder October 14, 1934 by Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, at Dayton, Ohio. Appointed to St. Paul AME Church, Cedarville, Ohio, October 14, 1934, serving to September 12, 1936. Graduated from the College of Liberal Arts, Wilberforce University, June 11, 1936 with A.B. degree (cum laude). Matriculated, September 15, 1936 at Oberlin School of Theology. Pastored Bethel, Franklin, Pa.; Huntingdom, Pa., 1937. Dean of Theology, Campbell College, Jackson, Miss. December 12, 1937 to June 3, 1938. Appointed to pastorate of Asbury Chapel AME Church, Waynesburg, Ohio, October 2, 1938. Quinn Chapel AME Church, Cleveland, Ohio, October 8, 1938. Attended John Carroll University, Cleveland, Ohio, 1939 to 1940. Received D.D. degree from Campbell College, May 15, 1941 and Shorter College, North Little Rock, Arkansas, May 29, 1941, and LL.D. from Campbell in 1943, D.D. Payne Theological Seminary, 1946. Pastored St. Paul AME Church, Cleveland, Ohio from October 22, 1939 to October 2, 1941. Asbury Chapel, Waynesburg, Ohio, October 5, 1941. Lee's Chapel, Wellsville, Ohio, October 4, 1942. Married on June 19, 1943 to the former Virginia Jane Jackson, a graduate (B.S. degree) of Western Reserve University and a Cleveland public school teacher. Appointed pastor of St. Luke AME Church, Alliance, Ohio, October 3, 1943. Paid off a $2500 mortgage debt August 12, 1945. Repaired some parts of church and parsonage proper and installed pews in October, 1946.

Became a citizen of the United States, Nov. 10, 1943, at Canton, Ohio. One of three incorporators of the Ohio Progressive Association, Inc. Feb, 1944, Alliance, Ohio; the first of his color to preach in the Sanctuary of Israel Temple Synagogue, Alliance, July 8, 1944. Was offered the chair in Theology at Shorter College November 25, 1945, but declined; a member of the Payne Century Club, June 12, 1946. From the following institutions he received Certificates: The Trinidad Government Railway; International Council of Religious Education; Methodist School of Religion and Epworth League Institute; National Academy of Adult Jewish Studies. He is a former member of the Press Reporting Syndicate (white) of Missouri; Vice-president of the Student (white) Volunteer movement of Ohio. Member of the Mississippi Teachers Association; active contributing editor of the AME Review, Southern Recorder and Christian Recorder, Columnist "At the Observation Post." Former president of John G. Mitchell Literary Society of Payne Seminary, 1933 to 1934. Appointed by Bishop R. C. Ransom a member of the Commission on Evangelism and by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., to be a member of the Advisory Editorial Board of the New Encyclopaedia of African Methodism, 1942. As a traveler he has been to Venezuela, Curacao, Barbados, St. Lucia, Virgin Islands and Canada. Since September 28, 1943 he has been Chief Secretary of the North Ohio Annual Conference.

CAMP, Miss Ritha E. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Camp of Bakersfield, California lay delegate to the General Conference, 1944; graduate of Livingstone University and former teacher; president of the Young Woman's Auxiliary for the past 10 years; class leader, member of the choir and secretary of the church; owns and operates Progressive Beauty Parlor.

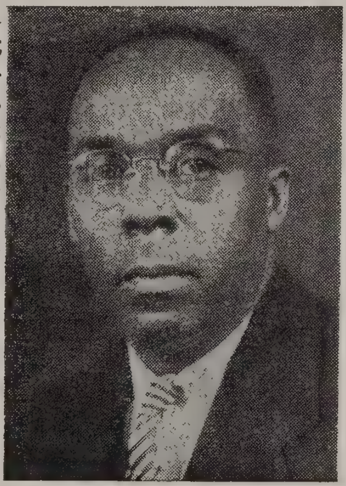
CAMPBELL, Mr. N. B., housing project manager, born at Lee, Florida; educated in the public schools of Madison County, Fla.; graduate of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, Tallahassee, Florida; studied at the University of Chicago and Columbia University. One of Florida's first graduates of the International Sunday School Union's Teacher - Training Courses; taught for many years in the public schools of Fla. and Ga., as a high school principal; now manager of the Hillside Park Housing Project at Panama City, Florida.

CAMPBELL, Mr. J. E., chemical plant employer, born in West Lake, La., August 9, 1897, son of John C. and Catherine Reeves Campbell; attended Calcasier Parish public and high schools in Louisiana. He held the church offices of steward, trustee, class leader, secretary, Sunday school teacher, chorister. He was a delegate to the General Conferences in 1936, and 1944. Registered in 1st and 2nd World War in class A in No. 1 and 3A in No. 2. He had a son and son-in-law in World War II. Served as district superintendent of Sunday schools of the Alexandria District of the Central Louisiana conference 5 years. Served as president of ACE League for three years.

CAREY, Rev. Archibald J., Jr., pastor, Woodlawn AME Church, Chicago, and attorney-at-law; born in Chicago, February 29, 1908, son of Bishop Archibald J. Carey and Elizabeth (Davis) Carey; attended the James R. Doolittle public school, Wendell Phillips High School, University of Chicago, B.S. degree Lewis Institute, 1928; B.D. Northwestern University, 1932; LL.B., Chicago Kent College of Law, 1935; D.D. Wilberforce University, 1943; minister of Woodlawn AME Church, 1930 to present. He was licensed to preach at Institutional Church by his father, Bishop Carey, Sr., in 1927; admitted to Chicago Annual Conference in 1928; ordained deacon at Chicago in 1929 by Bishop Carey; elder at Chicago in 1931 by Bishop H. B. Parks. Received 1800 members into the church; 400 conversions under his preaching; delegate to General Conference 1944; alternate, 1940; published articles in the Christian Recorder, Negro Journal of Religion; special attorney for Illinois Dept. of Revenue; chairman of Midwest Conference on the Negro and the War, 1942; appointed by Governor Green, vice-chairman on Commission to Study Urban Negro in Illinois; vice-president of Illinois Federal Savings and Loan Association; member board of directors, Chicago Civil Liberties Committee, Chicago Urban League, Pan American Good Neighbor Forum. Former President Theta Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity; Elk. At 16 he won first prize among 18,000 contestants, of $1000 cash offered by Chicago Daily News for best oration on "The Constitution." In law school he won the Edmund Burk Prize for scholarship and radio debating. The FPA project in Chicago after a study of churches of the city and vicinity declared Woodlawn AME Church had greater growth and development than any other church in the Chicago area during the depression period. Woodlawn has grown from 49 members to 1500, owns beautiful edifice and three lots and has a staff of seven employed seven days a week. Dr. Carey was chairman of the After-the-War Committee of the General Conference of 1944.

CARMEN, Mrs. Eva B., teacher in Graves County, Kentucky; born in Mayfield, Kentucky, January 28, 1900; daughter of Richard and Ida Bush; attended the Graves County public school, Central High School in Mayfield, Ky., West Kentucky Industrial College. Received the degree from Simmons University, 1931; received the B.S. honorary degree. Was superintendent of Pryor Chapel Sunday school, 10 years; delegate to the General Conference in 1944; president of the Graves County Homemaker Club; member of Civic League of Mayfield, Ky., and the Welfare League, and member of the executive board of the West Kentucky Conference Board of the WMS and delegation to the 1947 Quadrennial.

CARPER, Rev. Louis M., pastor in the New York Conference, son of the late Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Carper of Chathan, Virginia; was motherless at five years old. Attended the grammar school at Chatham, Va.; high school at Danville; National Bible Institute at N. Y. C. Was licensed to preach at Flushing, N. Y., 1933, under Rev. W.M. Dawkins; assisted Rev. Dawkins in Macedonia AME Church 4 years; assisted Dr. S. H. V. Gumbs of Bethel Tabernacle, Brooklyn, N.Y. Assisted Dr. B. A. Galloway at Macedonia, Flushing until May, 1941; received appointment in Buffalo, N. Y., May 28, 1941 to Enavel Chapel New York City, which name was changed to Mt. Zion AME Church, December, 1942. Rev. Carper married Miss Viola Parmer of Roanoke, Virginia on July 19, 1918. They celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary, August 19, 1943 at Mt. Zion AME Church, where Rev. Carper had purchased a new valuable building, worth $100,000.



CARROLL, Mr. Lloyd N., member of Bethel AME Church, Springfield, Mass.; has given twenty-five years of service. He is a leader of class No. 11, chorister of the male chorus and junior choirs, No. 1 and 2. He was lay delegate representing New England Conference to every General Conference since 1932 at Cleveland, Ohio. One of his favorite quotations representing his attitude toward his church: "I would rather be a door keeper in the house of the Lord, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

CARTER, Reverend Julius Caesar, Chaplain U. S. Army, born Lathan, November 4, 1907; son of Samuel and Cora Carter; attended the public school and Northeast Junior High, Kansas City, Kans.; Payne University, Payne Seminary, Birmingham; and Harvard University School for Chaplains; A.B. from Payne University, 1934; B.D. Payne Seminary, 1931; was licensed to preach at Latham Church by Rev. E. J. Kendred in 1925; admitted to Central Alabama annual conference at Fulton, November, 1925; ordained deacon at Mobile in 1927 by Bishop Wm. A. Fountain; elder at Selma in 1929 by Bishop R. A. Grant; pastor Magnolia Station, 1926-1928; Burnsville Circuit, 1928-1932; St. Paul, Montgomery, Alabama, 1932-1937; St. John, Pueblo, 1939; Prince Memorial, Tucson, 1940; paid the mortgages of Magnolia Station and Burnsville. He received 500 members into the church; had 200 conversions under his preaching. Served as trustee of Payne, 1936-37; Western University, 1939-1943; published articles in the Chicago Defender, Pittsburgh Courier, Christian Recorder. He is stationed with the 2nd Airforce, Colorado Springs, Colo., member of the NAACP; Tucson Interracial Committee, USO Club, Ferina Lodge No. 10 Masons; received the honors from radio speaker on various occasions in Pueblo, Tucson, etc. June, 1944, he married Miss Coreania Hayman, Wilberforce graduate, teacher of music in Tucson high school and daughter of Rev. Hayman of Baltimore Conference. Since the close of the war the

Carters have lived in their own home in Jamaica, Long Island, and Rev. Carter has joined the New York annual conference.

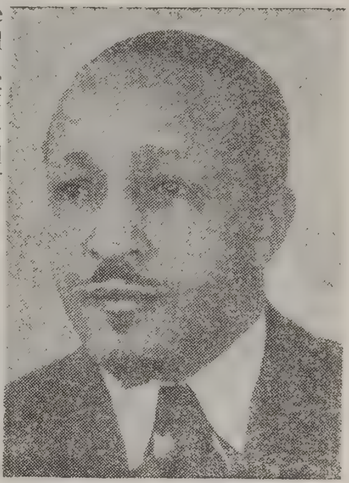
CHAPMAN, Mrs. Carrie, member of Warren Chapel AME Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, born in Barnesville, Ga.; attended Pittsburg grammar school, Atlanta, Ga., Cass High School, Detroit, Mich., Women's Institute of Fine Art, Scranton, Penna.; converted at age of 7 and joined St. Paul AME Church, Atlanta, Georgia. Later in Detroit, joined Big Bethel AME Church; served as social service worker and missionary worker and Sunday school teacher. Was YWCA social secretary, Detroit, Mich.: Red Cross Chapter, Detroit First Aid. At present she is a member of Warren Chapel AME Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.; appointed directress of Crusaders of E.T.C. by Bishop Howard, 1936; was reappointed by Bishop Wright, 1940-44. Changed the name to Sons and Daughters of Allen of E.T.C.; appointed membership chairman of YWCA, Phyllis Wheatley; served 10 years chairman of Red Cross Colored Volunteer Production of Chattanooga Red Cross Chapter; secretary of stewardess board No. 2—Warren Chapel; member of senior choir; chairman of Lookout precinct, Republican, 15 years; Nurse Service Club; Bessie Rideout Garden Club; Federation of Women, Chattanooga, Tenn.

CHARLESTON, Rev. James Arminius, Pastor St. Paul AME Church, Detroit, Michigan; son of Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Henry Charleston of Columbus, Ga. Rev. Samuel Charleston was 42 years in the ministry and died in March of 1939 while presiding elder of the East Macon district of the Macon Georgia conference. Mrs. Sarah A. Charleston, mother of James A. resides in her home in Columbus, Ga. Rev. J. A. Charleston was educated in the public schools of Georgia, Morris Brown College, Wilberforce University, Payne Theological Seminary and the University of Michigan; A.B. Wilberforce 1912; B.D. Payne Theological Seminary, 1915; D.D. and LL.D. Wilberforce University. He married Miss Nora Dean Branch, a graduate of Morris Brown College, the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. R. V. Branch of Atlanta, Georgia. They have two daughters: Gwendolyn Juanita, and Alethea Ruth (deceased, 1925). Miss Gwendolyn Juanita is a teacher of languages in the Detroit public school system. Ordained deacon in 1913; elder in 1916, in the Ohio Annual Conference by Rt. Rev. C. T. Shaffer. Has given 31 years of service in the Church; served at the following points: three years at South Charleston, Ohio; one year at Circleville, Ohio; three years each at Ann Arbor and Pontiac, Michigan; four years at Flint, Michigan; five years at Fort Wayne, Indiana; and at present is serving his twelfth year at St. Paul, Detroit. Through the untiring efforts of Dr. Charleston many souls have been added to the Kingdom; thousands of dollars have been raised for the operation of the church. Assuming the pastorate of St. Paul with a membership of 400 and an indebtedness of $23,000, the membership has more than doubled, the indebtedness is cancelled, and $15,000 is deposited in the National Bank of Detroit with which to build a new edifice. Served as a trustee of Wilberforce since 1918 (member of the "legal board" of this institution since its incipiency); member of local draft board No. 5, of Detroit Selective Service, since the beginning of World War II; and has received a certificate from President Roosevelt as an acknowledgement of two years efficient service.

CHENAULT, Rev. Walter, born, Lexington, Ky., May 6, 1883; son of parents whom he never knew; attended Russell Grade School of Lexington, Ky., and also high school; Butler University of Indianapolis, Ind., 1905-07; received B.S. degree from Normal College, 1911; was converted at the age of 9. Enlisted in the 10th U. S. Cavalry for the service in the Spanish-American War in 1898; re-enlisted in 1899 and served in same regiment, doing garrison duty Cuba from 1899 till 1902. Held the local church offices of a steward, local preacher, Bethel AME Church, Marion, Indiana; licensed to preach at Bethel Church by Rev. J. P. Q. Wallace, June, 1919; admitted to Indiana Conference at Indianapolis in 1919 by Bishop Levi J. Coppin. Ordained Deacon at Indianapolis in 1919 by Bishop Levi J. Coppin; taught in the grade schools in several Indiana counties. Ordained Elder at Kokomo, Indiana in 1922 by Bishop Levi J. Coppin. Also taught in the Correctional School at Plainfield, Indiana, 1912-1913; clerk in the Indianapolis Post Office from 1914-1917; pastored Hill's Chapel AME Church, 1919-1920; Lost Creek Circuit, 1920-22; Princeton, Indiana, 1922-24; New Albany 1924-25; Vincennes, 1925-26; Franklin, 1926-27; Saint Paul, Indianapolis, 1927-29; Frankfort-Lebanon Circuit, 1928-30; Bethel AME Church, Bloomington, Indiana, 1930-32; Princeton, Indiana (2nd time) 1936-37; Bethel AME Church, French Lick, Indiana, 1937-41; New Castle, Ind., 1941-43. Completed Bethel AME Church, Princeton, Indiana, in 1923; made extensive repairs on churches at St. Paul, Indianapolis; Franklin, Ind.; published articles in Indianapolis dailies, Indianapolis Recorder, Christian Recorder, Southern Christian Recorder. An independent in politics; Asst. Secretary of Indiana Annual Conferece 1937-1943; Chief secretary of same conference, 1943. Married to Estella Harris, Marion, Indiana in 1911. Children: Wilbur, Wade, Charles, Melvin (boys), Harriet, Juanita, Evelyn (girls). Member of NAACP; pastor of Shaffer Chapel AME Church, Muncie, Indiana since October, 1943.

CHILDERS, Rev. Oliver W. H., pastor Charles Street AME Church, Boston, Mass., was born at Kenton, Ohio; son of John Wesley and Emma Childers; attended Kenton public school, Northwestern University, Central Theological Seminary, Crane Theological Seminary in Tufts College. Admitted to the North Ohio Conference of the AME Church Sept. 22, 1907; served as Pastor of churches in Eaton and Long, Ohio; Akron, Ohio and purchased present location; Cadiz, Ohio, built parsonage and church; St. James, Cleveland, Ohio; Wayman in Dayton, built church edifice at cost of $100,000; Collinwood Church in East Cleveland, Ohio, which he organized; St. James, Pittsburgh, Pa.; St. Charles Church at Boston, Mass., since 1930, removed the debt, sold old property and purchased new; delegate to General Conference in 1920, 1924, 1928, 1932, 1936, 1944 and 1948. He married Fauncetta M. Walters, September 11, 1912. He is president of the AME Ministers' Union of Greater Boston; trustee of Rest Haven Home for Aged; trustee of Harriet Tubman House; vice-president of Roxbury Ministers' Alliance (inter-racial); member of a committee on Race Relations etc. In 1946 he was elected secretary-treasurer of the New England Conference.

CHURCHILL, Rev. Frank E., Sr., pastor of St. John AME Church, Montgomery, Alabama; born Marysville, California, November 24, 1903; son of William and Elvira Churchill, and a descendant of the pioneer "Churchill Party" from Louisville, Ky., that blazed one of the new trails to California in 1849; educated in public schools of California, University of California and Union College of British Columbia. Quit his profession of pharmacy and avocation of insurance to become the first California native son to enter AME itinerancy; served in British Columbia; California, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Alabama, including such outstanding churches as: St. John, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Quinn Chapel, Fort Smith, Arkansas; St. James, Camden, Ark.; where he completed its beautiful edifice in a one-year pay-as-you-go program in 1937; and St. John, Montgomery. In 1934, he married Grace Hackett of Alabama, California, to which union have been born 2 sons, Frank Edward Jr., and William Hackett. He was a member of the General Conference of 1944.



CLARK, Rev. Arthur Chester, Pastor St. James AME Church, Atlantic City, N. J.; son of Joseph and Fannie Clark; born May 29, 1889, Cuthbert, Ga.; married Azalee Richie of Jacksonville, Florida, June, 1922. 1 child, Azalee Doris, born January 23, 1925. Educated public school, Paine High School, Cuthbert, Georgia, attended Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.; Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla.; Nothwestern; D.D. Paine College; converted at Cuthbert, Georgia, at age of 12; admitted in South Florida Conference 1916; ordained deacon 1918 by Bishop John Hurst; ordained elder 1920. Pastored at Jacksonville, Lake City, and Gainesville, Florida; John Brown Memorial, Norfolk, Virginia; Allen Memorial, Franktown, Virginia; Bethel, Baltimore, Md.; Bethel, Wilmington, Delaware; Mt. Zion, Trenton, N. J.; Allen, Jamaica, N. Y.; Emanuel, New York, and St. James, Atlantic City, New Jersey, to which he was appointed by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., May, 1947. He served one year, 1946-47 as presiding elder of the Buffalo District of the New York Annual Conference. Remodeled and completed Bethel, Gainesville, Florida; remodeled Allen Memorial, Franktown, Virginia; rebuilt Bethel, Wilmington, Delaware, at cost of $70,000; remodeled Church at

Trenton, New Jersey. Established special broadcast service direct from Church; served as president local branches of NAACP, at Baltimore, Maryland, and Jamaica, New York. Has taken in more than 10,000 members.

CLARK, Mrs. Azalea (Richie), daughter of the late Rev. Andrew N. and Malinda Richie of Jacksonville, Florida; graduate of Edward Waters College; member of executive board of New York Branch Missionary Society.

CLARK, Rev. Edwin Conrad, pastor in the New York Conference, is a graduate of the St. Thomas High School, Port of Spain, Trinidad, British West Indies; also, a graduate student of Holy Trinity Bible School, Port of Spain. He came to the United States in the year 1916 for the purpose of completing his education for the ministry and was admitted to the New York Conference in 1918. He then went to New York College in 1919; ordained deacon the same year; won the oratorical contest in 1921; ordained elder the same year. Attended Endich Theological Seminary and College in New York, obtained the meritorious degree of D.D. Rev. Clarke has pastored many churches successfully, building a parsonage at Thompkinsville, Staten Island; and remodeling the parsonage at Huntington, Long Island. Served at Babylon, Long Island one year; Tompkinsville, Staten Island, five years; Huntington, Long Island, three years; St. Paul, Brooklyn, three years; Simon Cyrene, New York City, one year; Rosville, Staten Island, two years; Port Jefferson, Long Island, one year; Mt. Zion, New York City, one year; St. Paul, New York, three years. He was then made assistant presiding elder in the Spring of 1942, and accepted the offer to Bermuda in the fall of the same year. Transferred back to New York in 1944. Was married June 23, 1914 to Miss Martha Odessa Elizabeth Clark. Their son, Henry, died; their daughter is a practicing physician. He was a member of the Bermuda Ministerial Association.

BISHOP AND MRS. JOHN H. CLAYBORN

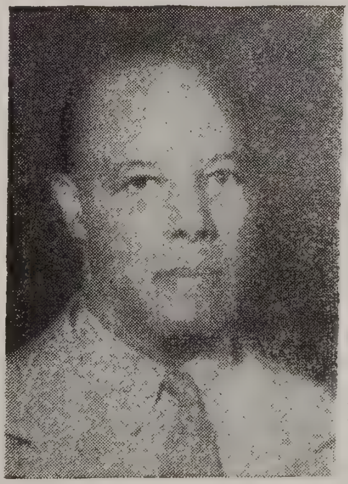
CLAYBORN, Bishop John Henry of the AME Church, born Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Dec. 2, 1882, son of David T. and Martha Clayborn; attended Arkadelphia public schools, Philander Smith high school and college, Shorter College, Draughan Business College and Jackson Theological Seminary; B.A. 1918, Shorter College; B.D. from Jackson Theological Seminary, 1918; D.D. Wilberforce University, 1934; LL.D. Campbell College, 1936. Served as superintendent Sunday school, trustee, steward, class leader, Spring Hill AME Church. He has been pastor, presiding elder, editor of the Southern Christian Recorder 8 years, 1932-1940; college president, 1940. Licensed to preach at Bradshaw Church by Rev. W. H. Jones, 1903; admitted to West Arkansas Annual Conference at Bradshaw in 1904; ordained deacon at Prescott, Arkansas in 1906 by Bishop B. F. Lee; elder at Camden, Arkansas, in 1908 by Bishop Lee; served as Pastor of Bragg Circuit, 1905; Onlaska Circuit, 1905-06; Glenville Circuit, 1906; Young Ct., 1907; New Edinburg Circuit, 1908-09; Manchester Circuit, 1910; Stamps Station, 1911-12; Texarkana Station, 1913. Served as presiding elder of the following Districts: Dumas, in South Arkansas, 1914-19; Fordyce, Central Arkansas, 1916-19; Magnolia, West Arkansas, 1926-29; Helena, East Arkansas, 1930-31; Sherrill, Central Arkansas; paid mortgages of St. James, Texarkana, Arkansas; St. Phillips, Magnolia, Arkansas; organized Clayborn Chapel, Pickens, Arkansas; built Walnut Lake, Arkansas; received many into the church; delegate to the General Conference in 1916, 1924, 1928, 1932, 1940, 1944; served as trustee of Shorter College for more than 30 years; Wilberforce University, 12 years; Payne Theological Seminary, 12 years; published articles in the Christian Recorders, Voice of Missions, AME Church Review, Tampa Bulletin, Chicago Defender, Pittsburgh Courier, Atlanta World, Gazette, Democrat, Waco News, St. Louis Argus, Oklahoma Eagle, Black Dispatch; author of the following books: "Ten Reasons Why I am an African Methodist" 1933; "Fourteen Reasons Why Children Should Be Baptized," 1939; "The Power of Prayer and the Source From Which It Comes", 1924. Member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity since 1939; Urban League, NAACP, Free & Accepted Masons, American Woodman, 30 years; Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America (executive board); Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star. Purchased in 1932 $18,000 printing plant on which the Southern Christian Recorder was printed; gave it to the AME Church in 1940, free of debt: it is being operated today by the Arkansas State Press Newspaper Association, which leased it from the present editor, Dr. E. C. Hatcher, at fifty dollars per month, a revenue for the church which nets $600 per annum for the Southern Christian Recorder. He gave the AME connection for superannuates, widows and orphans $1,140.50; and in New York, 1936 he gave $101.50 net proceeds from the Southern Christian Recorder, to the church dependents. He taught 25 years in the public schools of Arkansas; was made president of Shorter College in 1940. Was elected Bishop on the 5th ballot at General Conference in Philadelphia, May 9, 1944, having received the largest number of votes ever given any candidate for the bishopric, 962 votes. He was assigned to West Africa, the 14th Episcopal District. He flew to Africa, being the first AME bishop to take an airplane to go to his district overseas. He organized the "W. Sampson Brooks Industrial College" at Monrovia, Liberia; "Shaffer-Smith Day High School" at Arthington, Liberia; "Clayborn College" at Sekondi, British West Africa. After the extra session of the General Conference, November, 1946, he was assigned by the Bishops' Council to Oklahoma, and North Carolina, Western North Carolina and Virginia Conferences. In 1946 he was elected president of the National Fraternal Council of Negro Churches. He married Miss Lula Bertha Mitchell of Spring Hill, Ark., over 40 years ago.

CLAYBORN, Mrs. Lula Bertha (Mitchell), wife of Bishop J. H. Clayborn, was born in Clark County, Arkansas, in the year 1882, December 3rd, daughter of Thomas and Amazon Mitchell, members and officers of the Spring Hill AME Church. She grew to young womanhood in this community; attending the public schools of her home community until she finished. She was a brilliant and dependable member of the Sunday school, church, and all community activities of her county. She married John Henry Clayborn, who afterward became Rev. J. H. Clayborn, and Bishop. There were six children born to their union. She has been satisfied with her domestic life rearing her children, bringing them up in Sunday school, and educating them. She is modest, and is regarded as being a fine mother and splendid wife. She served as teacher in her local Sunday school many years.

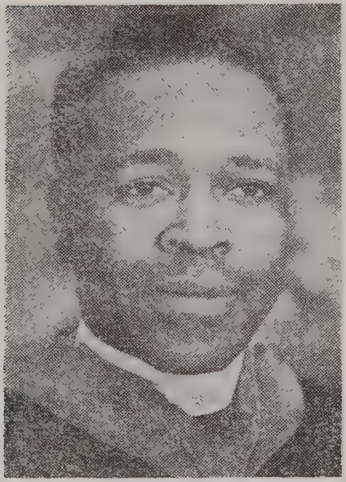
She was a member of Spring Hill AME Church, from childhood until she married and moved into the ministry with her husband. She is a faithful Missionary. At present she is Episcopal supervisor of the 14th Episcopal District, assisting her husband, in directing the work in West Africa. She has stood nobly by her husband, and is due a lion's share of the honors given.

CLEMENT, Rev. Thomas Jefferson, pastor of Wesley Chapel AME Church, Houston, Texas; a native of Texas, the only child of a minister and school teacher, natives of Virginia who having graduated from Hampton Institute came to Texas to make their careers. Thomas Jefferson Clement was a coal miner, hotel and railroad man, soldier (Sgt. Troop K. 10th Cavalry), musician etc., before he felt a definite call to the ministry. He was converted (he calls it received his B.A., "Born Again") at the age of fourteen in Mount Lebanon AME Church, in Franklin County, Virginia. All except the first two years of his ministry have been spent in his native state of Texas. His success as a preacher and a pastor is well known in the African Methodist connection. He is serving in his 9th year as minister to the largest congregation of Negro Methodists in Texas—Wesley Chapel AME Church, Houston, Texas.

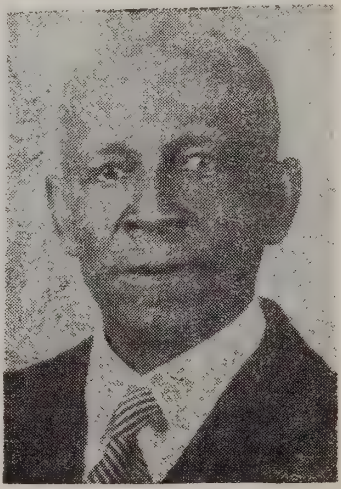
COASEY, Dr. John R., physician, was born in Laurens, S. C., on October 5, 1889; son of Nathaniel Coasey and Laura (Hunter) Smith. He attended Laurens grades school in Laurens, S. C., Allen University—the Normal Department, Allen University—College Department and Meharry Medical College. He received his L.I. in 1906, Allen University; A.B. in 1914, Allen University and M.D. in 1918, Meharry College. He held the following church offices in the local church: trustee, treasurer, St. John AME Church. He was a delegate to the General Conference in 1928, 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944.



He served on the Financial Board of the Church. He was a member of Draft Board No. 22 and was one of the examining physicians since October 1940. He is a member of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi; Mason—32 degree (honorary 33 degree); Odd Fellows, Elks; member of The Monumental City Medical Association; Maryland Medical Association; Medical Staff, Provident Hospital.



COAN, Rev. Josephus Roosevelt, superintendent of the AME Church in South Africa, the oldest living son of Andrew Johnson and Mary Ann Coan, was born in Spartanburg County, South Carolina on Nov. 26, 1902; reared on a farm in Orangeburg County; attended rural schools. Claflin College (1 year) S. C. State College, A. & M. College, completing the academy course, being valedictorian; received B.A. from Howard University, 1930; B.D. and M.A. from Yale, 1933-1934; D.D. Morris Brown College. In 1927 he was licensed to preach at St. James AME Church, Newark, New Jersey; joined the Baltimore Annual Conference in 1930; ordained deacon in 1932 at the New England Conference at Springfield, Massachuetts; ordained elder in 1934, same annual conference in Boston, Massachusetts. Pastor of Narragansett Pier in New England Conference, 1933 and 1934; in the North Georgia Annual Conference, Adairsville, 1935; Dallas, 1936. Professor of Old Testament theology in Turner Theological Seminary and of psychology; philosophy and religious education, Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia, 1934-1938. Upon the invitation of Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., he accepted appointment as Dean of the Wright School of Religion for the training of ministers at Wilberforce Institute, Transvaal Province, Union of S. A. In 1940, Bishop Wright had him appointed Superintendent of the Wilberforce Institute, and, on his departure from South Africa, Bishop Wright appointed Dr. Coan as General Superintendent of the work of the AME Church in all South Africa. Bishop Frank Madison Reid, who did not reach Africa, re-affirmed Bishop Wright's appointment and for four years Dr. Coan represented Bishop Reid. In 1941 he was appointed Superintendent of the Transvaal. As General Superintendent he has traveled widely throughout the Union of South Africa, Basutoland, Swaziland, and Northern and Southern Rhodesias. He strengthened the organizational side of the church by introducing into the conferences the offices of Secretary-Treasurer, Board of Education, Church Extension, Conference Bursaries for deserving South African students to attend Fort Hare College. As Superintendent of Wilberforce Institute he assembled the largest and best qualified staff in the history of the Institute.



COLE, Rev. Cain P., presiding elder of the New England District, New England Conference; son of John and Nancy (Bryer) Cole; born in Aiken, S. C.; married Brittemore A. Tobias of New York City Oct. 29, 1901; 1 child, Canfield Butler Cole, born October 27, 1902; educated Schofield Normal and Industrial School, Aiken, S. C.; A.B. Lincoln Universtiy 1895, A.M. Lincoln University 1898; S.T.D. Lincoln University, 1895; honorary D.D. Wilberforce University, 1906; honorary D.D. Lincoln University, 1914; licensed to preach Allen AME Church, Oxford, Pa. Presiding Elder Jno. C. Brock; admitted N. E. Conference 1896 by Bishop Abram Grant at New Haven, Conn., under missionary rule; ordained elder by Bishop William B. Derrick, New Bedford, Mass, 1897. Pastored the following churches: Jamestown, R. I.; Lynn, Mass.; Springfield, Mass.; Norwalk, Conn.; Greenwich, Conn.; Providence, R. I.; New Bedford, Mass.; Bridge St., Brooklyn; Jamaica, L. I.; Metropolitan, N. Y. City; Albany, N. Y.; Newport, R. I.; Stamford, Conn.; at present Bridgeport, Conn.; 4 years presiding elder of Brooklyn District, New York Conference; 4 years presiding elder of Long Island District, New York Conference; paid mortgage parsonage Bridge St. Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; built Bethel Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. When pastor at Greenwich, Conn., 1904, organized Bethel Church, Stamford, Conn.; 1940 remodeled same; now repairing Bethel, Bridgeport, Conn., which was destroyed by fire, January 16, 1944, having just paid off 2nd mortgage on parsonage; member of Church Extension Board 1916-1924; delegate or alternate to General Conference 1908-1944; only living member of Board of Incorporators Missionary Dept. AME Church, under Bishop Evans Tyree and Secretary Rankin. At present member of board of education, Stamford, Conn., elected 1942-1945 by plurality of 8822 votes; former president of Ministers' League, member of War Relief Commission, member of Interfaith Commission, Stamford, Conn., 25 years trustee Wilberforce University; for a long period member of executive committee of Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; aspired for the bishopric; member NAACP; B. K. Bruce Republican Club, Stamford, Conn.; vice president FEPC, Southwestern Connecticut.

COLE, Mrs. Brittemore A. (Tobias), wife of Rev. C. P. Cole; daughter of George Edward and Martha (Clark) Tobias; born in New New York City; educated public schools of York City; A.B. from Hunter (Normal) College 1898; taught public school system New York City until marriage; Sunday school teacher; president local missionary society; member Ashland Place YWCA, Brooklyn, N. Y.; president Brooklyn Home for Aged Colored People 1934-1940; at present, member of house committee; member of NAACP; B. K. Bruce Republican Club.

REV. AND MRS. E. COLEMAN, JR.

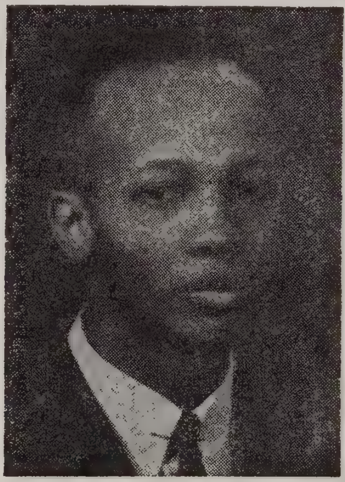
COLEMAN, Rev. E. Jr., presiding elder, West Tennessee Conference; born in Woodford Co., Kentucky; son of Rev. E. and Mrs. Susan (Braxton) Coleman; educated in public schools of Kentucky, graduated from Kentucky State College; attended Walden University, Nashville, Tennessee; Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, and Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee; taught twenty years in public schools of Tennessee and Kentucky. Married Bertha D. Johnson, daughter of Rev. E. and Mrs. Mary E. Johnson in 1901; to this union were born, Gerald E., Toussaint D., and Enoch L. Coleman. He was admitted to Kentucky Annual Conference at Midway, Kentucky, 1913; ordained deacon in 1915 by Bishop B. F. Lee; elder in 1916, by Bishop L. J. Coppin. Pastored in Kentucky, Richmond, Harrodsburg, Somerset, Owensboro and Trinity, Louisville; was chief secretary of Kentucky Annual Conference for twelve consecutive years. At Richmond, Kentucky, he purchased an additional lot to the church property, and left about $1000 in treasury toward building a new church; renovated church at Somerset at cost of $600. At Pulaski, Tennessee paid long standing mortgage and renovated the church; at Paris, Tennessee paid mortgage, covered the roofs of the church and parsonage; left the church in fine shape. He served as pastor of Ward Church, Memphis; presiding elder of the North Memphis District, and is now presiding elder of the East Memphis District of West Tennessee Conference; has been president of AME Alliance of Memphis and vicinity, secretary of the Interdenominational Ministers Council of Memphis, representing 60,000 members; dean of "R. R. Wright, Jr., School of Religion", Memphis, established under the leadership of Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.; was member of the General Conference in 1944.

COLEMAN, Mrs. B. D. J., wife of Rev. E. Coleman, Jr., was born in Scott County, Kentucky; her parents were Rev. E. and Mrs. Mary E. Johnson. Rev. E. Johnson was AME minister serving in the church for 52 years in Tennessee and Kentucky. Educated in public schools of Kentucky and Wayman Institute, Harrodsburg, Kentucky; taught in public schools of Kentucky for 25 years; teacher and principal at Nicholasville, Kentucky for 11 years; holds life certicificate to teach in schools of Kentucky. She has taught successfully in Bransford high school, Springfield, Tennessee, and in public schools of Giles County, Tennessee; was president of the Kentucky Conference Branch of Woman's Mite Missionary Society, raising it to a high standard; has worked with her husband, during his entire ministry, helping to bring success to his work. Her education and other qualities make her a fine minister's wife. Mrs. B. D. Coleman is an accredited Teacher of International Council of Religious Education, and is now president of the West Tennessee Conference Branch of the WMS, and president of the Ministers' Wives of Memphis, Tennessee.

REV. AND MRS. F. D. COLEMAN, SR.

COLEMAN, Sr., Rev. Frederick Douglass, pastor St. Andrews AME Church, Memphis, Tenn., son of William Henry and Fannie (Richardson) Coleman; born October 30, 1891, Harrodsville, Ky.; married Jamye Harris of Mayfield, Kentucky, April 1, 1914; two children, Jamye H., born December 15, 1918, Frederick D., Jr., born January 25, 1921; educated public school, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, Kentucky State College, Fisk University, American Theological Seminary, and the A. E. F. University, Beaune, Cote D'Or, France. Converted 1906; joined St. Peter AME Church, Harrodsburg, Kentucky; licensed to preach at Quinn Chapel, Louisville by Rev. J. Russell Harvey 1919; admitted to West Kentucky Annual Conference October, 1920; ordained deacon by Bishop A. J. Carey, October, 1922 at Mayfield, Kentucky; elder by Bishop R. C. Ransom, Oct. 1925 at Murfreesboro, Tenn.; pastored Ekron, Ky. 1921; St. James, Nashville, Tennessee, 1922-25; St. Matthew, Midway, Kentucky, 1925-27; St. James, Covington, Kentucky, 1927-32; St. Paul, Lexington, Kentucky, 1932-35; St. John, Nashville, Tennessee, 1935-1946, where he liquidated a mortgage of approximately 20 years standing, and where he entertained the mid-year session of the Bishops' and Connectional Council of 1943; since 1946 pastor St. Andrew, Memphis; delegate to General Conference of 1936, 1940, and 1944; alternate in 1928; served on missionary board, 1939-to date; trustee Wilberforce University, 1943. Served in World War No. 1, in England and France, 1918-1919 with the 814th Pioneer Infantry, Company E; promoted to Sergeant and Company Clerk, 1919, and given a scholarship at the close of the War to the A. E. F. University, Beaune, Cote D'Or, France; received a large vote for Editor of the Southern Christian Recorder at the General Conference of 1944. Daughter married to Prof. McDonald Williams, English Dept. Wilberforce University, son F. D., Jr., graduate of Medical Department, Meharry College, and presiding elder in Tennessee.

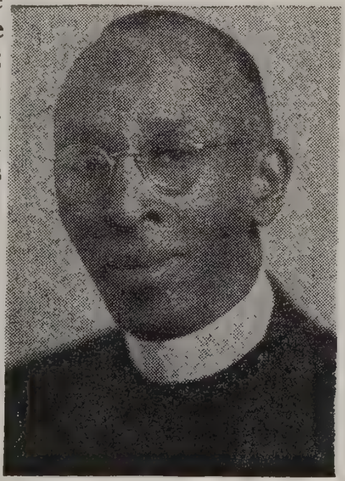
COLEMAN, Mrs. Jamye (Harris) wife of Rev. Fredrick D. Coleman, Sr., (see biography) daughter of James and Tennie (Beaddle) Harris, was born in Mayfield, Ky., Sept. 20, 1893; educated in public schools of Mayfield, Kentucky and Central high school, Louisville, Kentucky, and Fisk Community School, Nashville, Tennessee; married April 1, 1914; president Kentucky Conference Branch Mite Missionary Society, 1929-35; delegate to the Quadrennial Session of the WH & F Society, Jacksonville, Florida, and the Quadrennial Session of the Woman's Mite Missionary in Baltimore and St. Louis; and of the WMS in 1947; author of "Poems by Jamye Harris Coleman", "The Call to Service", "The Vision of the Cross", "Seventy-Five Years of Freedom", "The Sons of Men," and other plays. Recently appointed chairman of Social Relations Committee of the Connectional WMS.



COLEMAN, Jr., Rev. Frederick Douglass, presiding elder, Clarksville District, West Tennessee Conference; son of Frederick Douglass and Jayme (Harris) Coleman; born January 25, 1921; educated public schools, Covington and Lexington, Kentucky, and Pearl High and Fisk University; Nashville, Tennessee; M.D. Meharry Medical College, 1944. Licensed to preach at St. John, Nashville, Rev. F. Douglass Coleman, Sr., pastor, by Rev. A. L. Pinkston, 1939; admitted to Tennessee Conference Nov. 1939; ordained deacon by Bishop R.R. Wright, Jr. October, 1940 at Payne Chapel, Nashville; ordained elder by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., at Pulaski, 1942; assistant pastor, St. John, Nashville, 1939-1940; pastored Hartsville Circuit 1940-42; Trinity, Nashville, 1942-44; St. Phillips, Nashville, Nov., 1945; presiding elder Clarksville District 1945-to date. During pastorates of Hartsville and Trinity, churches were completely renovated. He is chairman of the Young People's Congress of Tennessee.

COLEMAN, Rev. Thomas Walter, son of Manson and Maggie Coleman of Columbia, S. C.; born November 20, 1903, Columbia, S. C.; educated at the George Washington Public School in Columbia; converted August 25, 1920; joined Hopewell AME Church, White Rock, S. C.; was Sunday school teacher, choir leader in said church; going to New York, 1923, he joined Mount Carmel AME Church; held offices of steward, superintendent, Sunday school, secretary of the stewards board; licensed to preach in 1931 by Rev. A. L. Wilson, presiding elder; admitted to the New York Annual Conference in New York City; ordained deacon in 1934; elder in 1936; for itinerancy in 1938; started a mission in New Rochelle, N. Y., and carried it to the New York annual conference with 47 members; was appointed to Emanuel AME Church, Tuckahoe, New York in 1941. From three members, he increased the membership to 91 and has signed a contract for $8,000 for property to build a church. He has received into the church 387 members, married 36, baptized 17, buried 9, had 3 conversions.

Married Lula M. Brooks, Columbia, S. C., June 3, 1931. Three children were born of this union: James William, November 27, 1932; Robert Alonzo, August 19, 1933; Roberta, January 3, 1937.



COLEMAN, Rev. William Thomas, was born on May 1, 1889, in Milltown, Alabama; son of William Matthew and Kate Emma Coleman; was reared on the farm under adverse circumstances, at the age of 22, he felt the call to the ministry; entered Tuskegee Institute as a special student, going to school at night for six years and working during the day on the school farm. During the last two years of his school career, he was assistant pastor of the Greenwood Baptist Church; attended day school and was able to do so by guarding Booker T. Washington's house at night until he was graduated from both the academic and theological departments in 1919. He was offered a place on the faculty at Tuskegee but declined. Went to Beloit, Wisconsin, where he worked in the Fairbank Morse Plant. In 1920, he married Miss Addie Rebecca Bowman in Courtland, Alabama. Two years later he went to East Moline, Illinois, where he pastored his first AME Church. He was sent to Wayman Chapel, Racine, Wisconsin in 1923, which had a $400 debt, no water in the parsonage and no heating equipment in the church. He paid the debt, and installed new heating equipment in the church and water equipment in the parsonage in 1926. The same year he was sent to Wayman Chapel, Rock Island, Illinois. Here was a $6,000 indebtedness and no parsonage to live in. During 3 years, the debt was reduced to $2,000 and a parsonage was moved on the church lot. In 1929, he was sent to Gary, Indiana, "the Second Church, St. James"; took in 50 new members and raised over $1,000 on the debt and increased the membership. Back to Racine, Wisconsin in 1931, the people were very glad to have him the second time. While at this church he organized a mission at Kenosha in 1932, Wisconsin, which he pastored approximately three years. The members wanted to name this mission "Coleman's Chapel", but Rev. Coleman refused to have this honor. He raised $200 to purchase a building, but because of the depression the money was left in the treasury. In 1934, he was sent to Moline, Illinois, where he now serves. In 1937 the people of Kenosha, Wisconsin agreed with their pastor, Rev. L. Butler, to name their church "Coleman's Chapel." In his ten years in Moline, Rev. Coleman installed 2 heating plants, redecorated church and parsonage; paid church debts, etc.

COLLIER, Sr., Rev. John William Porter, (retired), the third of four children of W. H. and Louisa (Thompson) Collier, was born in Marion, South Carolina, June 12, 1883. His first teaching was received from his parents; later he attended the Flegler High School until 1900 and began teaching, in order to sustain his sister in college. He worked as a sawmiller, hod-carrier and gardener; studied at night and taught others without charge. April 6, 1901, he was converted in a revival conducted by Rev. F. R. McCoy, the pastor. Easter Sunday, April 7, 1901 he joined the church and was soon made a class leader. Rev. G. J. Hamilton, D.D., March 6, 1903, licensed him to preach. Mr. Collier entered Allen University, Columbia, S. C., October, 1904, with $1.57 and in June, 1906, he received LI degree, and 1911, the B.D. degree. In 1947 he received D.D. from Allen. In 1906 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Coppin at Lancaster, and elder in 1907, in Manning, S. C. He married Miss Ella N. Laboo

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of Bishopville, S. C., June 12, 1907. One son, William H. Collier, was born. The son studied at Morris Brown College, Allen University and South Carolina State. At present he is an undertaker in Bamberg, S. C. Rev. Collier served as pastor of Camden Mission, 1906-07; St. Phillip Station, Eastover, S. C., 1907-09. Health failing, he was appointed to Wheeler Hill Station, Columbia, S. C., 1909 by Bishop Lee. Here his wife died; Brown Chapel Circuit, 1910, and transferred, January, 1912, to the New Jersey Conference, and was sent to Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. On June 5, 1912, he married Miss Annie M. Poole of Greenwood, S. C., a graduate of Brewer Normal School, Greenwood; a teacher in the public school and dressmaker. Five children to Rev. and Mrs. Collier; Benjamin Andrew Collier, Sr., B.S. of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., is employed by the Man Power Commission at Durham, North Carolina. The younger son, J. W. P. Collier, Jr., is an honor graduate of Wilberforce University with B.S. and Payne Theological Seminary with B.D. He is now on the Wilberforce faculty.

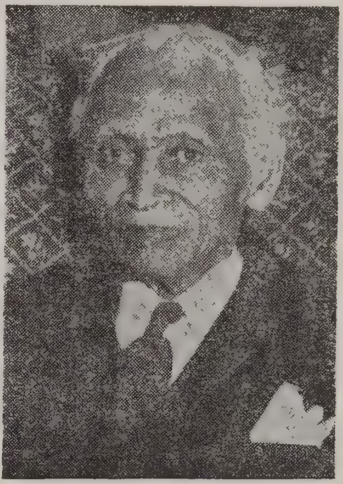
The elder daughter, Eloise, is an honor graduate of the New Jersey State Teachers College at Newark, where the degree of B.S. in Education was granted her. She has studied at the A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C., and received degree of Master of Nursing from Yale University, being one of the first two Negroes to take this degree from Yale University. Virginia Omega, the second daughter, received B.S. from the Agricultural and Technical College at Greensboro, N. C. and spent 14 months with the Red Cross in Manila, Okinawa and Ie Shime. Annie Aleph, the youngest child, also received B.S. in Social Science from A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C. All five children are graduates of the Rahway High School. From Atlantic Highlands, Rev. Collier, went to Plainfield, New Jersey, where he pastored 7 years. While there he was graduated from the Theological Seminary of New Brunswick. From Plainfield, he was sent to Rahway where he is now in the 26th year of his pastorate. Six months after his graduation from the Seminary, Rev. Collier's reading vision failed; for several years, he has been using Braille for reading and writing. In 1938 he was graduated from the Seeing-Eye School at Morristown, N. J., with his dog, Smoky, who now guides him. Rev. Collier has twice been lecturer at the Educational Chautauqua of the First Episcopal District and has preached the annual sermon to that body; twice the annual sermon to the New Jersey Conference, and in June 1942, preached the baccalaureate sermon to the Rahway High School class (graduating). He addressed the Parent Teacher Association of most of the public schools of Rahway, has delivered the Christmas message to the high school and addressed the student body of the high school on various occasions. He has appeared in Common Council, championing causes on behalf of the Negroes of the city. In 1942, he was elected president of the Rahway Council of Churches, which had 3 Negroes and 8 white churches, He is an honorary member of the New Jersey State Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association of New Jersey.

In 1941, he took part in a missionary program of 400 women in a neighboring city where the chief speaker was the Secretary of Missions of the Presbyterian Church; President of the New Brunswick Ministers' Association of the New Jersey Annual Conference. Mrs. Collier, wife of Rev. Collier, has been delegate to the Quadrennial Missionary Conference of the AME Church, several times. She has served as secretary of the World's Day of Prayer Alliance of Rahway. For many years she was corresponding secretary of the New Jersey Conference Branch WMMS, until home and local church duties caused her to resign her post. She is still a member of the executive board of that organization.

COLLINS, Rev. George Napoleon, born Quincy, Florida, June 8, 1896, son of Charles C. Collins and Fannie Armstead-Collins; attended Quincy and Daytona Beach, Fla., public schools and Edward Waters College, high school; received A.B. degree from Edward Waters College, June 3, 1926; B.D. degree from B. F. Lee Seminary June 3, 1926; received honorary degree of D.D. from Shorter-Flipper-Curry College, April, 1944; held church offices as Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, class leader, steward, president of ACE League; licensed

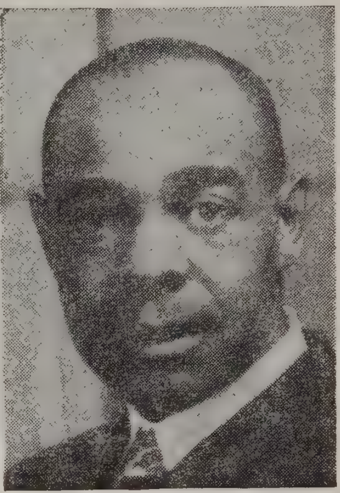
to preach at Mt. Zion, Daytona Beach, Florida, by Rev. J. S. Braswell, April, 1915; admitted to East Florida conference at St. Augustine, Fla., March, 1920; ordained deacon at Mt. Olive, Jacksonville, Fla., 1922 by Bishop John Hurst; ordained elder at Grant Memorial, Jacksonville, Fla. in 1924 by Bishop John Hurst; served as pastor of Sunbeam AME Mission, 1919; St. Paul, May Port, Florida, 1919-1924; St. James, Commers Mill, Jacksonville, Fla., 1925-1926; St. James, Miami, Fla., 1926-1928; Mt. Moriah, Cocoa, Fla., 1928-1929; St. Mark, Orlando, Fla., 1929-1931; Mt. Zion, Daytona Beach, Fla., 1931-1933; Mt. Hermon, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 1933-1940; St. Paul, Tampa, Florida, 1940-1941; Visitors Chapel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, 1941; built Mission Church at Sunbeam, Florida, 1919; St. James, Miami, Fla., 1926-1927; auditorium, St. Mark, Orlando. Fla., 1929-1931; annex, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 1933-1940; paid off mortgage debt of Visitors Chapel, Hot Springs, Ark. 1941-1944; received 1503 members into the Church; had 215 conversions; delegate to the following General Conferences: 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944; served as trustee of Edward Waters College, 1933-1941; Shorter-Flipper-Curry College 1941. He is a 32 degree Mason, Knight of Pythias, Odd Fellow, Eastern Star, American Woodman, Elk (IBPOE); member of NAACP; President of Interdenominational Council, member of the Race Relation Council of Hot Springs. First marriage was to Miss Lottie Phyllis Miller of South Carolina (deceased); three sons: Geo. N. Collins, Jr., Charles C. and William L. Collins. Married to Miss Oneida B. Mickens of West Palm Beach, Florida, 1941 in December.

COLLINS, Rev. J. W., born in New Orleans, La., October 20, 1884, son of Jacob R. and Eveline Collins; attended the public schools in New Orleans; moved with his parents to Minneapolis, Minn., at the age of 19 years; converted under the preaching of Gypsy Smith in a revival at the Swedish Tabernacle, 1909; joined St. Peter AME Church afterwards; held office of Sunday school Supt.; licensed to preach under Rev. James Higgins in 1919 and ordained traveling deacon at Ottumwa, Iowa by Bishop Levi J. Coppin; in 1922 organized Allen Chapel and was ordained traveling elder at Duluth, Minn., by Bishop A. L. Gaines in 1924. Served as pastor of Bethel, St. Paul, Minn., 1 year; in 1931 appointed to St. James, Minneapolis; 1933 was appointed to Bethel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 1935, Bethel, Davenport, Iowa; Rev. W. H. Ogleton, presiding elder; 1939 was elected an alternate delegate to the General Conference from the Northwestern Annual Conference. Served as secretary treasurer of the Davenport Ministerial Association. Pastored at Davenport, four years; Cedar Rapids, two years; Keokuk, Iowa, two years; and Sioux City, Ia., where he is still serving to date. Was an alternate delegate to General Conference in 1944 from Northwestern Conference; married Georgiana Lee Curry October 20, 1909; children: **Murlin G. Collins, deceased**; Evelyn R. Collins, now Mrs. Cecil Reed; John Wesley Collins, Jr.; Charlotte E. Collins, now Mrs. Albert Carr; Cpl. James G. Collins, Engineers, Avn. Bn.



COOPER, Rev. Allen R. (deceased) was born in Quincy, Florida, September 6, 1857, son of faithful members of the AME Church, Henry and Charity Cooper. He attended the schools of his native state for nine years; was classmate of Bishop M. M. Moore, after preparing himself to teach, he taught in the schools in which he was trained. He was converted and united with the church at the age of fourteen, served the local church as steward, Sunday school superintendent, assistant class leader and taught school in Florida 14 years. Moving to Georgia, he taught six years in the public schools of Americus, Georgia. He joined Campbell Chapel AME Church of Americus during the pastorate of Rev. William Bradwell, served as superintendent of the Sunday school; was licensed local preacher during the pastorate of William C. Banton, D.D. In 1888 he joined the Macon, Georgia Conference at Barnesville, Bishop W. J. Gaines, presiding, and was appointed to Mahala Chapel in the Americus district. He beautified the church and added many members. He served two years in Ellaville Circuit, with marked success; St. Marks Church in Columbus, Georgia, where he completed a splendid church and increased the membership from 45 to 300. Here he lost his wife, Mrs. J. Q. A. Cooper, to whom he had been married for 18 years. The members at Milledgeville petitioned for his return, but at Bishop H. M. Turner's appointment of presiding elder of the Ft. Valley District, which had 9 appointments. He remained there four years the time limit and left the district with 22 appointments. He next went to Turner's Chapel, Macon, paid off all indebtedness and increased the membership. Next to Bethel, Augusta, Georgia. During his second year here he was called to take charge of the Bridge Street railroad. He was the first pastor in the history of the church to remain five years. He received into the church 1,092 members, raised $48,784.54 in all departments, paid the church out of debt, and made thousands of dollars worth of improvements. He was next appointed to the Albany District of the New York Conference and remained five years. He was the first presiding elder to remain here five years. He was the first presiding elder to remain this length of time. In 1916 after a petition of over 700 members, Bishop Evans Tyree appointed him to Bethel Church in New York City. He remained at this charge for three years. During his pastorate, he reduced the mortgage from $41,000 to $25,000, increased dollar money from $450 to well over $1,000, improved the church property and for two consecutive years (1917 and 1918) led the connection in collections for all purposes. When he was removed by the late Bishop W. H. Heard, plans were afoot to wipe out the remaining indebtedness and install a modern pipe organ. The members had increased to 5,000, 4,000 of whom joined under his pastorate. In 1919, the City of Boston was planning to widen Charles Street upon which was situated the Charles Street AME Church. Since the City did not wish to mar the beauty of this historic edifice, $17,000 was appropriated to move the church back. It was to supervise this work that Dr. Cooper was removed from Bethel Church in 1919 and sent to the Boston parish. He remained at this charge until the church had been moved back and restored to its original appearance when built in Revolutionary days. From 1921 until 1938, he served at various times the church in, Madison, New Jersey, the St. Johns Church in New York City and as traveling evangelist for the New York Conference. In 1944, he was superannuated. In 1928, Dr. Cooper was hit by an automobile and received a skull fracture from which he never recovered. On September 6, 1945, his 88th birthday, he died. He was buried from Bethel Church, New York City. Bishop David H. Sims delivered the eulogy and Dr. L. L. Berry, Missionary Secretary, officiated. He is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, New York City. He is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Addie E. Cooper, a son, R. James, Founder and Director of the Cooper School and Assistant Principal in the public schools of New York City, and a daughter, Naomi E., a teacher in the school system of New York City.

COOPER, Rev. Allen R., pastor of Steward Chapel, Macon, Georgia, son of Rev. Dr. Allen and Maria Cooper; born at Ft. Valley, Georgia, Feb. 1, 1895; attended and graduated from Morris Brown College and Turner Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia. He has pastored with distinction at the following churches: Cosmopolitan, Atlanta, Ga.; St. James, Columbus; Bethel, Albany, Ga.; elected to bear fraternal greetings to the AME Zion General Conference of 1944. He married Miss Nettye Marie Walker of Macon, Ga., September 21, 1916; father of four children: Alva Laverne, Theodora Vivian, and Allen R., Jr., Richard W. Dr. Cooper was pastor Bethel AME Church, Augusta, Georgia, where Bishop Wright started his church life. He is now in Macon. Dr. Cooper has also attained national distinction as an eloquent orator, powerful preacher and great pastor.



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COOPER, Rev. E. D., presiding elder, born near Chapel Hill, Washington County, Texas; the first son of Edward and Lucinda Cooper; received early training at public county schools; converted in 1894; attended Paul Quinn College; married in 1901 to Ethel Ishman; six children. In 1901 was given local preacher's license by Dr. J. V. B. Goins, D.D. In 1904 he was admitted in the West Texas Conference under Bishop Evans Tyree, and later was ordained deacon and elder by same. Served as pastor of Matagordo and Pledges, Wilson, Brazoria, Kendleton, Chancies, Prairie and Rosenberg Circuits, Bay City, and Bethel San Antonio Station. In 1925

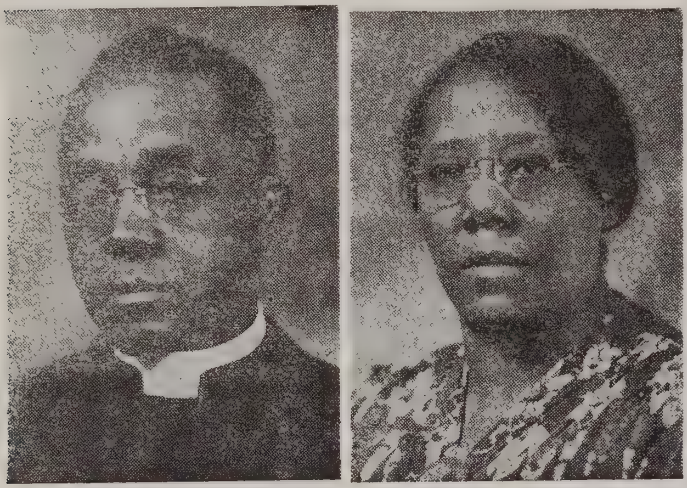
Bishop W. D. Johnson, D.D., appointed him presiding elder of San Angelo District, and he has served several stations. Thirty churches have been built under his leadership and many parsonages. More than 6,000 persons were converted and joined the AME Church under his preaching. He has married 300 couples, preached 250 funerals, baptized 400 infants, and more than 5,000 adults. Attended every General Conference from 1920 to 1944; member of financial and episcopal committees. Has educated all his children. Now resides on farm in Texas, and presiding elder of the Wiemar District, Southwest Texas annual conference, Bishop G. B. Young, presiding.

COOPER, Mrs. Pleasant Ethel, deceased wife of the Rev. E. D. Cooper, was born in Chapel Hill, Texas, 1872. Her parents moved to Brazoria in 1887, where she was converted in her early teens and joined Wilhites AME Church, Rev. P. C. Hunt, pastor. She was married to Mr. Edward D. Cooper, February 7, 1901. She was one of the best Christian mothers, wives and friends that ever lived. She passed November 5, 1931, leaving 6 fine children.

COOPER, Rev. Henry Harrison, deceased, born in Philadelphia, Pa., 1865, son of Samuel and Sarah Cooper; attended the Quaker school of Philadelphia; studied theology and the classics under Rev. Thomas H. Amos of the Presbyterian Church, Bishop L. J. Coppin and Bishop W. R. Nicholson of the Reformed Episcopal Church; taught school in Sussex and Kent counties, Delaware, for five years; studied printing at the Institute for Colored Youths and founded and established the printing firm of "Cooper, Parker and Purnell," Philadelphia. He was converted and joined the AME Church in 1886; licensed to exhort July, 1890, and to preach, in the same year, by Rev. C. T. Shaffer in Bethel AME Church, Philadelphia; admitted to the Philadelphia Annual Conference later; in 1892 pastored Holmesburg Ct.; ordained deacon by Bishop B. T. Tanner at Chambersburg, Pa., and reappointed to Holmesburg Circuit; pastored Crawl in Bermuda, 1894-1896; Conshohocken, 1896; was elected in 1897 recording secretary of the conference and appointed to Norwood Circuit; elected chief secretary of the Philadelphia Conference 10 years; other points served were Bristol, two years; Norristown, Pa., two years; LaMott, Pa., three years; Zion, Phila., three years; West Chester, two years; served as presiding elder of Philadelphia District from 1908-1912; appointed pastor of Union Church in Philadelphia, 1912-1917; Harrisburg, two years; Newport, R. I., one year; served as presiding elder from 1920-1930; pastored LaMott for two years; served as presiding elder, 1932-1938; pastored Morton until death, December, 1938. He was the first to be licensed to preach from Mother Bethel. He moved Zion Church from 7th and Dickerson Sts. Philadelphia, Pa., to the present location at 21st and Tasker, and purchased the property where the edifice now stands. Served as private secretary to Bishops J. W. Gaines, A. Grant, W. H. Heard and C. T. Shaffer; was general secretary and treasurer for the $5,000,000 drive; elected six times as delegate to the General Conference; was secretary of the Publication Board, AME Church till his death; was presiding elder for twenty-six years. A member of the Masons, Odd Fellows and Elks. Wrote two pageants which have been published. He married Miss Mary Priscilla Gibbs who died year after marriage; then in September 1890, he married Miss Mary Matilda Bolton. There were seven children, four of whom survive.

COOPER, Mrs. Mary M. (Bolton), deceased wife of Rev. H. H. Cooper, Sr., born Media, Pa. March 28, 1870. Attended public school of Media, Bee Hive School, and Institute for Colored Youth, graduating in 1889. She began teaching in Frankford, Del., but in 1896 entered an industrial school in Philadelphia and completed a course in millinery. Converted at 9 years old, she joined church under her father, as pastor. After he died, she joined Mother Bethel Church, Philadelphia, married Rev. H. H. Cooper, Sr., had 4 boys and 3 girls. In 1895, became a member of the Parent Mite Missionary Society at the convention at Bethel, Philadelphia; was the first woman of the Philadelphia Conference to be licensed to preach; delegate to the following biennial and quadrennial conventions of the parent body: Baltimore, Md.; Cleveland, Ohio; Chicago, Illinois; Atlantic City, N. J.; Detroit, Michigan. She organized Mite Missionary Societies at Norwood, Conshocken, Morristown, Bristol, LaMott, Pa.; Crawl, Bermuda; also junior choirs in several places. The cradle roll was organized and managed successfully by her; served as principal of the Daily Vocation Bible School, and other religious and charitable work; local preacher at Allen AME Church in Philadelphia; a gospel singer; chairman

of membership drive in the West Philadelphia Branch of YWCA (Belmont Center); served as national corresponding secretary of the Women's Evangelistic Missionary Conference; vice-president of the Philadelphia Conference Branch of missionary society. She composed many poems and sacred songs, author of "Quiet Hour Thoughts" for the Christian Recorder, Philadelphia Tribune and other publications. She was a member of the Grand United Order of Tent Sisters; Supervisor of the Women's Evangelistic Movement of the Philadelphia Conference. She is the mother of 4 boys and 3 girls, 4 living: Rev. H. H. Cooper, Jr., Rev. Samuel T. Cooper, Mrs. Sarah Cooper Benn, Mr. George W. T. Cooper. She died March 31, 1943 at the age of 73 years.



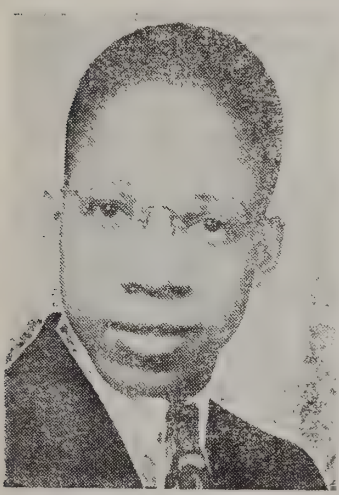
REV. AND MRS. H. H. COOPER, JR.

COOPER, Rev. Henry H. Cooper, Jr., was born in Philadelphia, Pa., son of the late Rev. Henry H. Cooper, Ph.D., and Mary Matilda B. Cooper. He attended public schols in Phila.; graduated from South Philadelphia High School for Boys in 1912; attended Teachers College in West Chester, Pa.; Neff College of Oratory in Philadelphia, Pa.; Temple University's School of Theology. Taught school in Laurel, Sussex County, Delaware. He held clerical positions in the United War Department and Treasury Department. Converted in 1910, West Chester, Pennsylvania, and licensed to preach in 1915 by Rev. W. H. Davis, D.D. Ordained deacon by Bishop William H. Heard, in 1920, at Steelton, Pennsylvania; elder, by Bishop William H. Heard in 1922, at Pleasantville, N. J. In 1917, he entered the United States Army and was with the AEF in France; while there he studied in the AEF University at Beaune; was demobilized in July 1919. He pastored Bethel, Kennett Square, Pa.; St. John AME Church, Wayne, Pa.; Tyree AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; Disney, and others. He married Miss Catherine White of Cuthbert, Georgia, 1920 and has two foster daughters: Marion Davis and Jeanne Profce. He is a member of the Masonic Order, Doric lodge 115, Philadelphia, Pa.

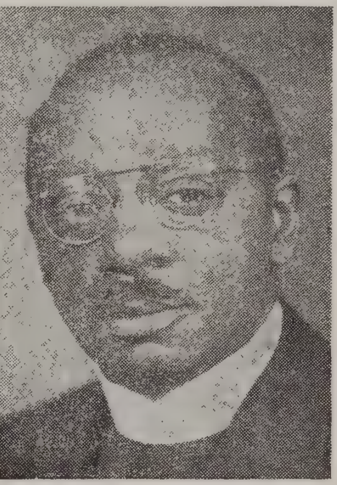
COOPER, Mrs. Catherine White, wife of Rev. Henry H. Cooper, Jr., was born in Cuthbert, Ga., July 22nd; daughter of Willis and Catherine White; attended public school in Cuthbert and Payne College; taught in the public school of Clay County, Georgia; acted as secretary to Bishop William Decker Johnson; did civic work in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1915 after the death of her parents. In 1917, she came to Philadelphia, Pa., with her sister and united with Tyree AME Church; she married Rev. Henry H. Cooper, Jr., June 3, 1920. She graduated from the Pennsylvania Sabbath School Association and entered the Philadelphia School of the Bible. Has served as delegate from the Philadelphia Conference Branch Woman's Mite Missionary Society to the quadrennial conventions, and as delegate to General Conference. She acts as assistant pastor in her husband's churches, and president of the Women's Missionary Society. She is a student of social psychology.

COOPER, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Reed, deceased wife of Thomas S. Cooper, Sr., born in Memphis, Tennessee, October 23, 1877, daughter of John R. and Louise Reed. Attended the Kortrecht Grammar and High School. Held the office of secretary to Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of West Tennessee Conference, 1910-1916; president of associated stewardess board of Bethel AME Church, Chicago, Illinois, 1920-29; class leader, 1925-1929; supervisor of Intermediate ACE League of Bethel, 1920-29, Chicago. She was the most Noble governess—Gleaner Household of Ruth, Memphis, Tennessee, 1912; Grand Lecturer Royal Circle Friends of the World, 1916-1917 for State of Tennessee; co-chairman Housing Committee for General Conference in Chicago, May, 1928; judge of Election Commissioners, 1930-36; member of Second Ward Regular Republican Organization, Chicago, Illinois, 1917-1936. Received the following honors: established the Junior Church and Junior Choir in Bethel AME Church, 1920-25; under her supervision the Int. ACE League of Bethel staged a musical operetta that netted the church $300. A Queen's Pageant written and presented by her and sponsored by the Utility Club of Bethel AME Church netted the church $800 in 1929. She married Thomas S. Cooper, Sr., June 12, 1905 and has one son, Thomas S. Cooper, Jr. She passed away December 28, 1936.

CLARK, Mrs. Sarah B. (Wainwright), born in Ocala, Fla.; was brought to Philadelphia at the age of seven and lived with her aunt, the wife of the Rev. W. P. Graham, pastor of the AME Church at Darby; attended and finished the Fannie Coppin Grade School, Philadelphia; joined Mt. Olive AME Church Sunday school, Rev. F. T. M. Webster, D.D., pastor. Later she spent three years in preparatory department at Howard University, Washington, D. C.; after leaving that institution went to Atlantic City, N. J. connecting with the Price Memorial AME Zion Church, joined senior choir and was made leading alto of the more than 25 voices, also joined chorale group of that church. After marriage to Rev. T. G. Clark, her labors have continued on a high level. The Presbyterian Church sought her service. She has labored in service with her husband, directing many programs at the church. She is a member of Chorale Community Group of Goshen, N. Y., of which more than ninety-five per cent are of the Caucasian race.



COLLIER, Rev. John William Porter, Jr., instructor in Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio; born October 3, 1914 at Plainfield, N. J., son of Rev. and Mrs. John William Porter Collier; attended elementary and secondary schools in Rahway, N. J.; graduating from high school in 1932. Received following academic degrees: B.D., Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce in 1936; B.S. Wilberforce University in 1938; M.A. Drew Theological Seminary (requirements completed June, 1947, degree to be conferred 1948); licensed to preach at Rahway, New Jersey, in Ebenezer AME Church by Rev. J. Francis Vanderhorst, June 28, 1932; admitted to New Jersey Annual Conference in 1933; ordained deacon at Payne Theological Seminary by Bishop M. H. Davis; elder at St. James AME Church, Atlantic City, N. J., by Bishop D. H. Sims; served as pastor of St. Thomas AME Church, Westfield, N. J., June 1938—September, 1942; St. Mark's AME Church, Cranford, New Jersey, September 1942—April, 1946. Renovated church and parsonage at Westfield; reduced mortgage in Cranford by $4500; received 137 members into the church; had 42 conversions. Elected delegate from New Jersey to General Conference of 1948 meeting in Los Angeles; published articles in the Christian, Southern, and Western Recorders; served as Annual Conference superintendent of Sunday schools in the New Jersey Conference for four years; assistant for two years; member of University Club, Newark, New Jersey; Mason; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Wilberforce University Alumni Asosciation; NAACP; Fraternal Council of Negro Churches; Sword and Shield Honorary Fraternity, Wilberforce; Payne Seminary Alumni Association; Payne Seminary Century Club; served as executive director of Westfield, (N. J.) Community Center Association for five years; organized Boy and Girl Scout Troops in both churches pastored; served as co-chairman of the inter-racial Cranford (N. J.) Citizen's League; served thrice as historian of Negro History Club, (Westfield, N. J.); served as district air-raid warden; blood donor—four times; won New York Times Oratorical Contest on U. S. Constitution in 1936; married Gertrude Ann Stith of Orange, New Jersey October 21, 1939; father of John W. P. Collier, III—born May 25, 1942.



COOPER, Rev. Samuel Theodore, pastor, son of the late Rev. Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Cooper, Sr.; born Philadelphia, Pa., August 16, 1894; attended Philadelphia elementary and high schools and graduated with honor, National College of Chiropractic in Philadelphia, Philadelphia Bible School, and took additional instruction in the theological seminary of Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. He served in every local office of the church; was a partner in the Cooper Printing Company. He was licensed to preach at Metropolitan AME Church by Rev. T. J. Askew in 1927; admitted to Philadelphia Conference in 1928; has pastored church in Philadelphia; Arnett Mission; Okeola; Little Bethel, Oxford; and St. Peter's AME. He is a member of the Elks, has conducted a number of musical festivals; is well known choir leader, a baritone singer having studied voice under Mme. Azelia Hackley and Louise Cloud.

COSTER, Rev. W. B. G., deceased, was born at Hempstead, Long Island. He was one of the oldest members of the New Jersey conference. He was ordained in the New York conference by Bishop Turner in 1880 and served that conference a number of years. He was later transferred to the New Jersey conference and there he remained active until his death. His widow, Mrs. M. Coster, is prominent in the New Jersey conference branch missionary work, and has been elected a delegate to the General Conference of 1948.

COSTER, Mrs. Mary Louise, widow of Rev. W. B. G. Coster, is a native of Alabama and was a member and worker of the WH & FM Society in connection with her church there. She came to New Jersey in 1918 and continued her work in the Women's Mite Missionary; joined the New Jersey conference branch in 1920, and had active part in both the local and conference branch societies, and has been elected delegate to the quadrennial convention of the WPMMS several times; also an outstanding figure in the Laymen's Association of New Jersey; ten years a member of its executive board. She has served a number of years as district supervisor of the New Brunswick P. E. District and is doing excellent work as a district leader. She was a lay delegate from the New Jersey conference to the General Conference, 1944, and has been elected for 1948. She was consecrated deaconess by the late Bishop W. H. Heard. She is interested in social service and does much welfare work.

REV. AND MRS. W. B. G. COSTER

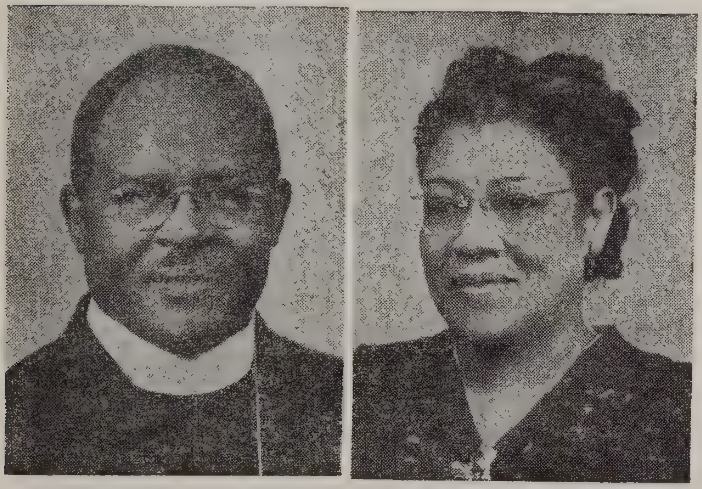
COUCH, Rev. William T., pastor of Allen AME Church, Memphis, Tennessee; born Bell Buckle, Tennessee; son of Richard and Carrie (Buchanan) Couch; attended Bell Buckle public school and Turner College, Shelbyville, Tennessee, and Parks Theological Seminary, Memphis, Tennessee; licensed to preach at Quinn Chapel, Chattanooga, Tennessee by Rev. J. M. Brown in August, 1925; admitted to East Tennessee Annual Conference at Chattanooga in October, 1927; ordained deacon at Payne Chapel in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1928 by Bishop J. A. Johnson; ordained elder at St. Luke at Nashville in 1930 by Bishop S. L. Greene. He served as Pastor of Ebenezer, Nashville, 1927-30; Mt. Zion, Memphis, Tennessee, 1930-1935; Woodfolk, Shelbyville, Tennessee, 1935-1936; Ebenezer, Clarksville, Tenn., 1936-1939; New Allen Chapel, Memphis, Tennessee, 1939-1944. He built New Allen, Memphis in 1941, and paid for the same in 1942 at the cost of $3,500.00; built new parsonage in Memphis, 1942, and paid in full $2,500. Received 586 members into the church and had 373 conversions under his preaching, delegate to the General Conferences: 1936, 1940, 1944. Member of the Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Secretary of the West Tennessee Annual Conference and officer of Grand Lodge of the Masons, in Tennessee. He married Miss Ella B. Richardson, who was reared in St. Andrew AME Church, Memphis. She is a member of the executive board of the Woman's Missionary Society of the West Tennessee Conference, secretary of the AME Ministers' Wives Alliance, member of Eastern Star, pianist of New Allen Chapel, associate chairman of the city Beautiful Commission of Ward 35.

REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM T. COUCH

COX, Rev. John Morris, born Charleston, S. C., December 14, 1948, son of John and Ida (Martin) Cox; attended the Immaculate Conception School, New York, N. Y.; South Carolina State A. & M. College; Howard University; received A.B. from State College, Orangeburg, South Carolina, 1933; B.D. from Howard University, 1936; M.A. Howard, 1938; licensed to preach at Metropolitan Church, Washington, D. C. by Rev. W. H. Thomas, 1933; admitted to Baltimore Annual Conference at Trinity, Baltimore, Md., April, 1934; ordained deacon at Metropolitan

in 1936 by Bishop M. H. Davis; ordained elder at Payne in 1938 by Bishop Davis; served as pastor at Falls Road, 1937-1944; received 35 members into the church, had 27 conversions under his preaching; published articles in The Christian Recorder, Southern Christian Recorder, AME Review; published the following theses: "Sin in the Light of Modern Science", 1936; "Adequate Program of Religious Education", 1938; member of the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, recording secretary of the Baltimore Annual Conference since 1940; married Mildred Harrison in 1940.

CRAWFORD, Rev. Melvin Grant, son of Rev. J. T. and Emma (Grant) Crawford, was born in Charleston County, South Carolina, March 25, 1884; educated public school in Charleston; was converted at the age of 16; in 1920 married Emma Welcombe; the same year came to Buffalo, New York, and joined Bethel AME Church under Rev. W. Spencer Carpenter; given preacher's license under Rev. M. E. Jackson, and ordained (local) elder by Bishop Sims; worked as assistant minister of Bethel AME Church under pastors Charles Stewart, J. A. Portlock, H. P. Anderson, J. A. Manning, W. M. Dawkins, and D. O. Walker.



REV. AND MRS. GEORGE HENRY CRAYTON

CRAYTON, Rev. George Henry, pastor Monumental AME Church, Steelton, Pennsylvania, son of Kinnie C. and Louvinia (Rufus) Crayton; born March 24, 1896, Mt. Holly, Arkansas; married Etholyn Smith, of Camden, N. J., December, 1926, who died June, 1932. Four children, Beatrice, born August 30, 1928; George, born January 20, 1931; Pauline and Paulina (twins), born January 29, 1932. Married Mrs. Pearl Mitcham Harrison of Little Rock, Ark., May 30, 1934. Educated public school, Mt. Holly, Ark.; Shorter College, 1924; B.D., Wilberforce University, 1924; D.D. honorary, Wilberforce University; post graduate, Rutgers' University, New Brunswick, N. J.; converted July, 1912; joined Union AME Church, Mt. Holly, Arkansas, steward, licensed to preach at Mt. Holly, Arkansas, by Rev. U. L. Pennix 1918; admitted to Arkansas Annual Conference, December, 1919; ordained deacon by Bishop I. N. Ross, December 21, 1921, Fort Smith, Arkansas; ordained elder by Bishop I. N. Ross, December 22, 1922, at Little Rock, Arkansas. Pastored Allen Temple AME Church, Little Rock, Ark., 1924; Lebanon, Ohio, 1924 to 1927; Salem, N. J. 1927 to 1932; New Brunswick, N. J., 1932 to 1935; Moorestown, New Jersey, 1935 to 1940; Steelton, Pa., 1940 to date. Built parsonage Salem, N.J.; built Church (Allen Temple) Little Rock, Arkansas; cleared indebtedness; paid mortgage Bethel Church, Lebanon, Ohio; paid mortgage, Mt. Pisgah AME Church, New Brunswick, (paid in full); bought lot, painted parsonage (paid in full) Moorestown, N. J., Steelton, Penna., paid 40 year old mortgage off church, 25 years mortgage off parsonage, renovated parsonage, furnished 10 rooms, renovated church, purchased carpet, installed double drain board sink (kitchen), equipped kitchen, installed $3500 Moeller pipe organ; Oct. 1943, purchased new parsonage ($3500), paid in full; served over seas, World War, 1917 to 1918, 92nd Division; member of the Masonic Lodge; past Commander, American Legion; chaplain Elks Lodge; member of the NAACP; member, Ministerial Alliance; Federation of Churches, Omega Psi Phi fraternity, delegate to General Conference, Philadelphia, 1944.

CRAYTON, Mrs. Pearl M. (Harrison) Crayton, wife of Rev. George H. Crayton, daughter of Thomas and Letitia (Woodruff) Mitcham, was born in Morriston, Arkansas, March 4, 1904; educated in public school of Little Rock, Arkansas; (Teachers College) Hampton Institute, Virginia, Glassboro State Teachers College, Glassboro, N. J.; Le Cordon Bleu Institute, Paris, France; married John H. Harrison. Jr., 1922 (deceased); children, Francine, Wayman, serving in the armed forces, Les Vegas, gunnery school, Las Vegas, November. Married Rev. Geo. H. Clayton in 1934; taught public school, Bethel AME Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1924. Sunday school teacher, St. John AME Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; president Harrisburg District Missionary Society; director Junior church, Monumental Church; president Missionary Society; member Leaders' Cabinet, Finance Committee; secretary auditing committee, of the Philadelphia Conference Branch; president American Legion Auxiliary, Steelton; secretary Negro Advisory Council Juvenile Delinquency, Harrisburg; YWCA and NAACP, to date; delegate Quadrennial Convention, Kentucky 1943. Recently graduated from the Pennsylvania State Teacher College at Shippensburg.

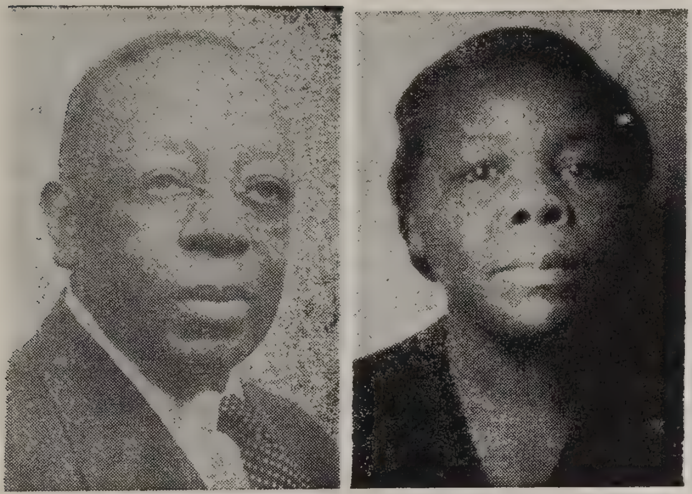
CREWS, Mr. Caswell W., political analyst and columnist for Chicago Defender, was born, Bow-

ling Green, Missouri, son of the late Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Crews. Rev. Crews was a minister in North Missouri Conference for 53 years, brother of Mrs. Ida Crews Monroe and Mrs. Nettie Crews Woods. Caswell Crews was educated in Sumner High School, St. Louis, Mo., Wilberforce University, Columbia University, University of Chicago, receiving B.S. from Wilberforce. He was baptized as a infant by the late Rev. J. C. C. Owens; united with St. Paul AME Church, St. Louis under pastorate of Rev. W. D. Cook; taught at Allen University under presidency of Dr. W. W. Beckett; St. Paul School, Lawrenceville, Virginia; Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.; Western University, Quindaro, Kansas. In 1922 was married to Miss Alice Arnold McLaughlin, teacher in public schools of Athens, Ga. by the Rev. John H. Lewis, then president of Morris Brown College. She accompanied him a few weeks later to Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa where he became organizer and first president of Monrovia College, (erected by the late Bishop W. Sampson Brooks) his wife serving as one of the teachers. Within two years he succeeded in building it into an institution of recognized merit; returned to USA in 1924 for the General Conference at Louisville; was candidate for editor of AME Church Review, a contest extending 2 days and a half; and finally decided in favor of his opponent; was the first Negro probation officer of Chicago; 5 years editor "Bronzeman" magazine, nationally circulated publication; author: "Who's Who and Why", "The Bantu Chieftain", "Ritas", "Fixed Upon Jehovah"; member of Chicago Church Federation; Board of Trustees of General Conference, 1924-1932; leader, lay delegation Chicago Conference to General Conference meeting in Philadelphia, 1944; treasurer, Laymen's Organization, Fourth Episcopal District; 1st vice-president, Chicago Conference Laymen's Organization; president, Laymen's Organization of Quinn Chapel.

CREWS, Mrs. Eunice Roseman, was born in Kansas City, Mo., December 5, 1907; was graduated from Kansas City Hgh School, 1923; Western University, Quindaro, Kansas, 1927; served as secretary to Dr. F. Jesse Peck, president Western University; taught in the public schools of Missouri; served as clerk and financial secretary of St. James AME Church, St. Louis, Missouri, 1934.

CREWS, Evangelist, Elizabeth, President of the Evangelist Bureau, Michigan Annual Conference, daughter of Alfred and Josephine (Knox) Bishop; born January 1, 1888; York, Alabama; married John E. Crews of Clayton, Ala., Dec. 18, 1907; one child, Sally Burniece Avery, born June 12, 1909. Educated in the public schools in York, Alabama, evening school, Detroit, Michigan; correspondence course from Standard Bible Insti- Cincinnati, Ohio; graduated from said Institute in 1932; attended Seminar Ebenezer AME Church, taught by Rev. W. M. Peck and others. Converted June, 1907. Joined Lillys Chapel AME Zion, York, Ala. 1907. Held office as Sunday school teacher, president of stewardess board, class leader, president ACE League, president of missionary society. Admitted to Michigan Conference 1928, under Bishop A. J. Carey, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Has conducted revivals in following states: Michigan, New York, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, Virginia, Ohio, Illinois and Canada.

CRIDER, Rev. Walter Augustus, pastor AME Church, Flint, Michigan, was born in Detroit, Mich., on March 25, 1878, the son of John Wesley and Frances (Gibbs) Crider. He attended John S. Newberry public school and Central High School there and the Methodist Protestant College. In the local church he served as steward, class leader, Sunday school teacher and class leader. Rev. Crider was licensed to preach at Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Michigan by Rev. J. W. Sanders on November 29, 1904 and admitted to the annual conference at Pontiac in September 1905; oradined deacon by Bishop C. T. Shaffer at South Bend, Indiana 1905; elder at Kalamazoo in 1910 by Bishop Shaffer. He has served at Whittaker from 1905-07; Elkhart, Ind., and St. Joe 1907-08; Niles and Michigan City 1908-09; Adrian 1909-12; Benton Harbor, 1912-16; Jackson, 1916-19; South Bend, Ind., 1919-22; Yjsilanti, 1924-27; Saginaw 1927-29; Southern Detroit District, 1922-24; St. Paul Church, 1929-31; Allen Temple Church, Detroit 1931-41; and Quinn Chapel 1941-44. Rev. Crider organized Smith Chapel at Inkster, Michigan in 1922. He led in the purchase of Bethel in Michigan City, 1928; Allen Temple, Detroit 1935, and bought parsonage at South Bend, Indiana. During his service he paid the mortgage on the parsonage at Whittaker; South Bend, Ind.; Quinn Chapel, Flint; Adrian; Benton Harbor, and Jackson. More than 2000 members have come into



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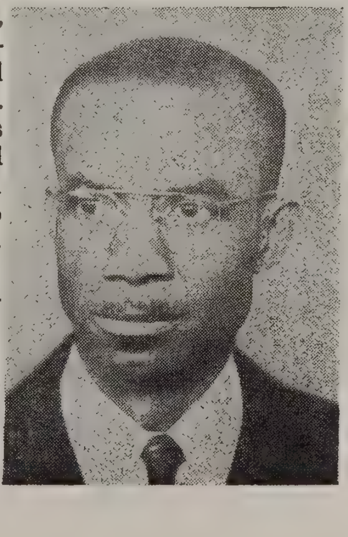
the church under Rev. Crider and over 1000 conversoins. He was an alternate to the General Conference in 1936 and 1940. Rev. Crider served as a trustee of Wilberforce University for several years. He is affiliated with the Masons, and the Odd Fellows. He was married in 1922 to Miss Mattie Murdock of Jackson, Michigan. They have 1 child, namely: Walter James Crider. In 1940 he married Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper.

CRIDER, Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Rev. W. A. Crider, was born in Macon, Georgia, September 27, 1894, daughter of Amos and Elizabeth McElmenary, graduated from Ballard Normal School, Macon, Ga., at 17 years of age, married Walter Cooper, Oct. 10, 1912. From this union one son was born; Taylor H. Cooper, in Los Angeles, California; was widowed in 1938, married Rev. W. A. Crider Sept. 30, 1940, now serving as inspirational leader of Flint area, Michigan Conference Branch Women's Missionary Society.

CRIGLAR, Rev. A. Lincoln, Sr., pastor, born Stroud, Oklahoma, September 11, son of Grant and Booker Criglar; attended the Dunbar Public School of Stroud and Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas; Howard University; Th.B., Howard University, June 1930. Served as usher, class leader, exhorter and local preacher in local church. Licensed to preach at Wesley AME Church by Rev. G. B. Young, June, 1919; admitted to Central, Texas Annual Conference at Rockdale in November 1920; ordained deacon at Rockdale, Texas, 1920 by Bishop Wm. D. Johnson; elder at Cameron, Texas in 1924 by Bishop Johnson. Served as pastor of Willhite Memorial, 1921-25; Turner Memorial, 1925-1929; Campbell, 1929-32; Bladensburg, Md., 1934-35; Ebenezer, Hagerstown, 1935-39; Mt. Moriah, Annapolis, 1939-44. He built Willhite Memorial, Waco, Texas, 1924. Received 401 members into the church; had 79 conversions under his preaching. Alternate to the General Conference in 1932. He published articles in the AME Review, Christian Recorders, Pittsburgh Courier, Afro-American. Was private first class U. S. Army, 1918-1919, active service AEF ten months; member of the NAACP, Odd Fellows; Modern American (Esteemed Director); Ancient Order of Pilgrims (Worthy Shepherd); Ancient Order of Saint Luke, Ancient Free and Accepted Mason.



CRIGLER, Rev. Patrick, pastor of Gaines Chapel AME Church, was assigned to this work in the Chicago Conference, September 1939, by Bishop J. A. Gregg, Presiding Bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District, now serving his fifth year at this charge. By the help of God, and the loyalty and cooperation of the members of Gaines he was able to make quite a few improvements these five years.

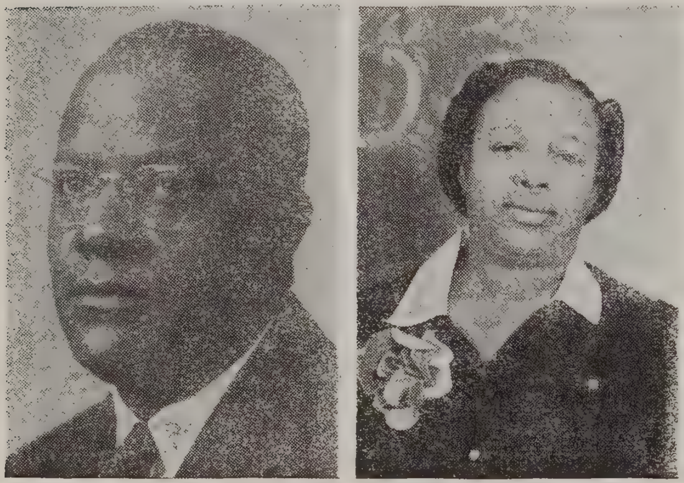
Gaines Chapel is about 21 years old, it was started by two laymen who used to meet on a vacant lot where the church stands today, and sing and pray. They attracted others; soon they had enough followers to have a successful meeting in a public school, where they later organized.

After some years they purchased a three-room house near the place where they first met in prayer. They worshipped there until able to build a church.

The following ministers have served Gaines: Revs. Bess, W. J. Coleman, W. A. Stewart, who built the church, H. G. Blackshire, G. P. Smith and Patrick Crigler. Rev. Crigler has been able to accomplish the following: 1st year built a fine five room, modern parsonage; installed new heating system in church and parsonage; decorated the church, new carpeting throughout; paid $1300 mortgage, clearing it of debt. Gaines a very small, but unusually loyal and cooperative membership where are great possibilities. Located in an industrial center.

CROSS, Mr. George, farmer and real estate dealer born in Villa Ridge, July 26, 1893; son of Andrew and Mildred (Owens) Cross;

attended the following schools: Lovejoy, Villa Ridge public schools, Douglas, Mounds High School; served as steward, trustee, Sunday school teacher. Delegate to General Conferences of 1936, 1940, and 1944. Served in World War I; has a son, Virgil A. Cross in the Navy, in World War II. Member of the American Legion, Tri-City Commercial Club, advisory committee Selective Service Board, Mounds Township High School Board of Education, secretary Pulaski County Republican Committee; member of the Masons, Elks, Eastern Star, Master in Chancery, Pulaski County.



REV. AND MRS. J. C. CROWE

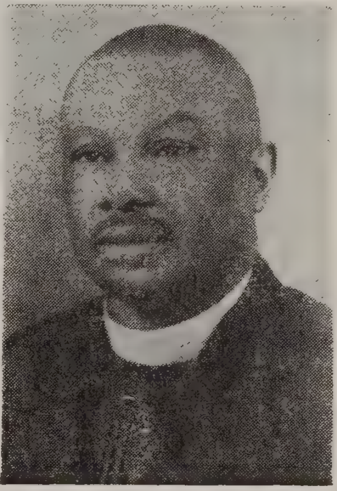
CROWE, Rev. and Mrs. John Crawford, presiding elder Alexandria District, AME Church, Alexandria, Louisiana; son of Rev. Bragg C. and Mary Ella (Johnson) Crowe; born December 13, 1897, Hermanville, Miss; married Georgia A. White of Holly Bluff, Mississippi, December 19, 1917; five children, John Ethel (Mrs. J. E.) Brown, born September 13, 1920, Osie Lee, born June 27, 1922; Bragg C., born April 16, 1924; Audra C., born March 8, 1926; Sammie Steen, born October 11, 1928; educated public schools of Mississippi, Campbell College 1918 B.D. Campbell College 1925; D.D. honorary; Campbell College 1932; converted September 15, 1909, joined Ebenezer Church, Raymond, Miss., September 19, 1909; held offices of Sunday school superintendent, secretary ACE League, steward, class leader, trustee; licensed to preach at Holly Bluff, Miss., by Rev. H. A. Stewart; 1920 admitted to Central Mississippi Annual Conference, 1923; ordained deacon by Bishop W. W. Beckett, November 1923 at Vicksburg, Mississippi, elder by Bishop W. H. Heard, 1927 at Vicksburg, Mississippi; pastored Bell-Pararie, Miss. 1924-25; Inverness, Miss., 1926-27, Mitchel Chapel, Clarksdale, Miss., 1928; Signal, Vicksburg, Miss. 1929-32; Monroe, Louisiana 1933-34; St. Matthew, Shreveport, La. 1935-37; Lake Providence, La. 1938-39; presiding elder Lake Providence District, 1940; presiding elder Alexandria District, Central Lousiana Conference 1941-to date. Built Pilgrim Rest, Bell Pararie, re-built Little Bethel, Inverness, Miss. Organized St. Stephen, Kilburne, La.; organized King Chapel, Many, La.; paid $368.00 mortgage on Mitchel Chapel; paid $800.00 mortgage on Travis Chapel; saved Allen Chapel, and St. Matthew from foreclosure; paid off debt on St. James; received 1000 people into the AME Church and had 350 conversions; delegate to General Conferences of 1932-36-40 and 44; served on Southern Christian Recorder publishing board 1940-44; trustee of Campbell College 1935 to date; member of executive board of Campbell College 1940 to date. Member of Masons, Fraternal Council of Negro Churches; member of executive board of Alexandria, Health Council.

CROWE, Mrs. Georgia A. (White), wife of Rev. John C. (See biography), daughter of Robert and Ella (Jenkins) White, was born in Holly Bluff, Miss., November 20, 1899; educated in public school of Yazoo City, Miss.; married December 19, 1917; joined Price's Chapel, 1919; has served as Sunday school teacher, district supervisor of Missionary Branch of Young People's Department; elected delegate to women's Missionary Quadrennial Convention 1943; member of Executive Board, of Women's Missionary Society, Central Louisiana Conference Branch to date.

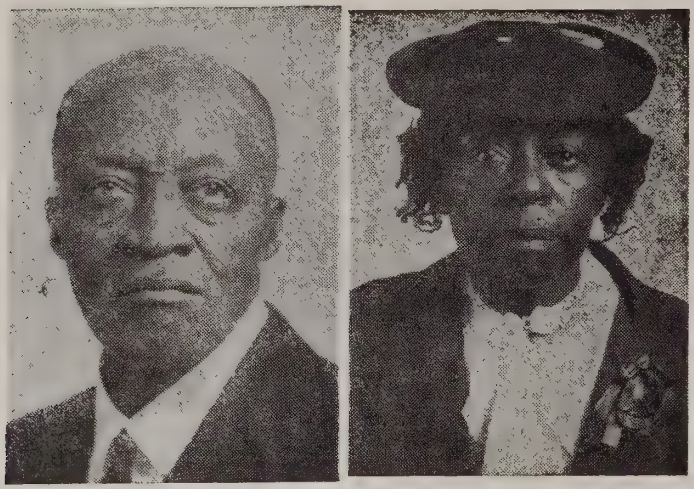
CHAPLAIN AND MRS. A. R. CROWELL, SR.

CROWELL, Rev. Arthur Rufus, Sr., born in Columbus, Georgia, June 29, 1918, son of Arthur and Rose L. Crowell; attended Clafflin public school, Spencer High School, Wilberforce University, B.S. 1941; and B.D. Payne Theological Seminary, 1942; diploma from Harvard University School of Chaplains, 1942. Served as superintendent of Sunday school in local church; licensed to preach at Trinity Church by Rev. Thomas in 1938; admitted to Ohio annual conference in 1939; ordained deacon at Wilberforce in 1938 by Bishop Ransom; elder at Wilberforce in 1939 by Bishop Ransom; served as Pastor at French Chapel, Dayton, Ohio, 1939-42; delegate to the General Conference in May, 1944. He published articles in the Pittsburgh Courier, Chicago Defender, Afro-American, Alpha Phi Alpha Sphinx, Atlanta Daily World, Cleveland Call Post. He was a U. S. Army Chaplain in China, Burma and India. He is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha (Chaplain), Delta Phi Delta, Honorary Journalistic Fraternity, (founder). Since returning from the Army he has been a missionary of the AME Church to West Africa.

CURRY, Rev. Edward D., born Harrison, Ga., July 8, 1898, son of Rev. J. J. and Alice (Lewis) Curry. He attended the Washington County Public School in Georgia, Morris Brown College, Hampton Institute, Atlanta University and Georgia State College. A.B., from Georgia State College in 1924; B.D. People's College, 1927; A.M. Indiana University, 1936; D.D., Western University, 1940; Ps.D. in Psychology in 1943. Served local church as superintendent of Sunday school, steward, trustee; licensed to preach at Springfield AME Church by Rev. C. H. Williams, 1918; admitted to Augusta Annual Conference at Tennille, 1919; ordained deacon at Wrightsville, Georgia, 1921 by Bishop J. S. Flipper; elder, at Decatur, Georgia, 1923 by Bishop Flipper; pastor at Atlanta Mine Mission, 1921-23; Stone Mt. Station, 1923-1925; Hunters Chapel Circuit, 1925-1928; Rockmart Station, 1924-1925; Tallapoosa Circuit, 1925-1927; Carrolton Station, 1927-1933; Austell Station, 1933-1934; 1st AME Church, Athens, Georgia, 1942-1944. Built Carrollton AME Church, 1928; paid mortgages of St. Paul AME Church, Carrollton, Georgia; Bethel AME Church, Fitzgerald, Ga.; Greater Allen Chapel AME Church, Macon, Georgia. Received approximately 100 members into the church and had 400 conversions; delegate to the General Conference in 1940. Served as trustee of Morris Brown College, 1928-1943. Delivered welcome addresses for Georgia Teachers Association, in April, 1927 at City Auditorium, Macon, Georgia. Published the "Philosophy of Pensions", 1940; delivered baccalaureate sermons and addressses to several colleges and high schools. First vice-president and executive director of the Aged and Orphans Industrial Home of America, Inc. Was principal of city schools, Cedartown, Georgia, 1924-1936; Dean of college department, State Teachers' College, six summers. Professor of Psychology at the same Institution. Author of the Curry Pension Bill, 1940. Dr. Curry claims to be the first one to advocate better provision for superannuated preachers, widows and orphans for the AME Church. Author of dissertation: "The Minister of the Gospel in Art, Psychology and Philosophy", a thesis—"Psychology and Philosophy in its Relation to the Divinity of Jesus Christ", and author of a revised Pension Bill, 1944.



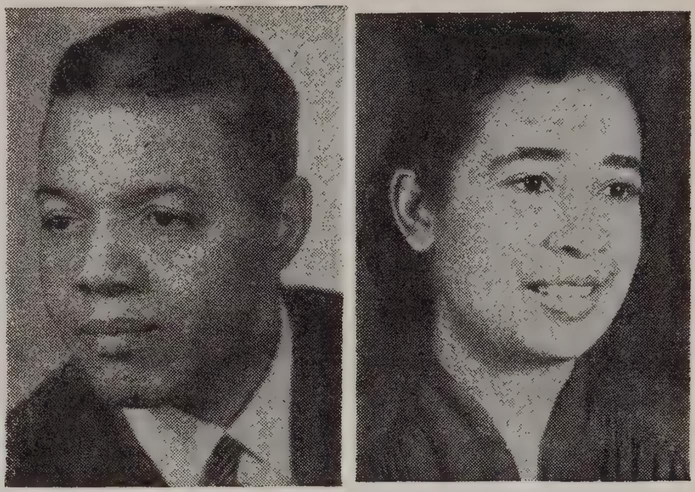
CURRY, Rev. George Edward, former bishop, born in Edgefield County, South Carolina, son of Andrew and Louise (Williams) Curry; converted in Ward's Chapel AME Church, Augusta, Ga. He attended public schools in Grovertown, Georgia; graduated from Turner Theological Seminary, Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia; Edward Waters College; B.D. from B. F. Lee Theological Seminary, 1935; correspondence course, University of Florida, at Gainsville, Florida; D.D. and LL.D. from Wilberforce University; served local church as sexton, class leader, trustee, secretary of church, superintendent of Sunday school, president of ACE League and choir director. Was the designer and builder of the B. F. Lee Theological Seminary in 1925; served as pastor, presiding elder, superintendent of buildings and grounds and treasurer of Edward Waters College. He was made manager in 1937 by the Publication Board. He purchased the mortgage for the AME Book Concern in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1939; in 1940 at the General Conference in Detroit, Michigan, was elected Bishop and assigned to West Africa. He did not go to Africa. After the death of E. J. Howard he was appointed to Arkansas and Oklahoma, the 12th District. In 1945 he was suspended after a trial at Tulsa, Oklahoma on the charge of mishandling of church funds. He was restored by the Bishops' Council in June, 1946, and expelled from the bishopric by the extra session of the General Conference in November, 1946.



REV. AND MRS. J. W. CURRY

CURRY, Rev. John Wesley, Pastor, born September 1, 1868, Monticello, Arkansas, son of Levi and Elmira Curry; attended public schools in Ark., Monticello Seminary, and Shorter College, B.D., 1909; D.D., Princeton University (Indiana) June, 1922; served as class leader, superintendent of Sunday school, district superintendent, deacon, elder. He was licensed to preach at Marianna Church by Rev. J. D. Dennis, 1908; admitted to South Arkansas Annual Conference at Pine Bluff in November, 1909; ordained deacon at Darmoth in 1910, by Bishop Flipper; elder at Fordyce in 1911 by Bishop Flipper. He served as Pastor at Clip Circuit, 1908-1909; Mt. Zion, South Pine Bluff, 1910; Fordyce, Arkansas, 1910-1911; Rentisville, Okla., 1911-1912; Muskogee, Oklahoma, 1912-1916; Langston, Oklahoma, 1916-1917; Jefferson City, Missouri, 1917-1920; Cape Girardeau, Mo., 1920-24; Bristol, Pa., 1924-26; Philadelphia, 1926-32; Wilkinsburg, Pa., 1932-1936; Meadville, Pa., 1937-1944. Paid the mortgage of Bethel AME Church 1938, Meadville, Pa.; alternate to the General Conference in 1916-1920. Published articles in the Christian Recorders, Voice of Missions, Women's Recorder, AME Review, The Crisis, New York Age, various weekly and daily papers. He is a member of the F. & A. Mason, secretary of the Order of the Eastern Star; K. P. Chancellor Commander; Court of Calanthe; Orator and Deputy, Knights of Honor; Woodman of the World.

CURRY, Mrs. Cynthia A., wife of Rev. J. W. Curry, graduated from Bennett College, A.B. degree; University of Langston, Oklahoma, M.S. degree. Served as an educator, organizer, teacher, lecturer and writer. An outstanding woman of the race; conductor of Summer Normal in Okla.; taught in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Pennsylvania. She is a great church worker.

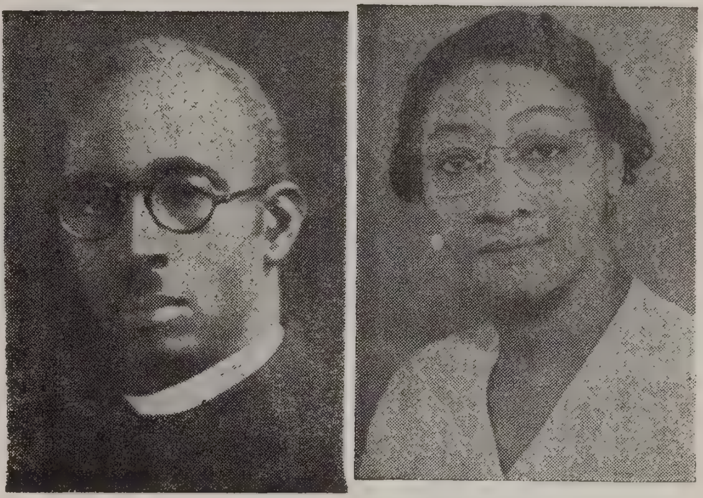


REV. AND MRS. J. A. DAMES

DAMES, Rev. Jonathan A., pastor, Bethel AME Church, Detroit, Michigan; born, Key West, Fla., February 9; son of Rev. R. and Mrs. Malvina J. Dames; attended the Monroe Grammar School, Edward Waters College, Howard University and Concordia Seminary; A.B. Howard University, 1924; B.D. same, 1924; D.D. Douglas University in 1937. Served local church as Sunday school teacher, ACE League president, class leader; licensed to preach at Bethel Church by Rev. D. M. Baxter, February, 1916; admitted to Baltimore annual conference at Washington, D. C. in April, 1920; ordained deacon at Baltimore in 1922 by Bishop J. Albert Johnson; elder at Washington, D. C. by same in 1924, assisted by Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr. Served as pastor of: Lakeland, Md. (Embry), 1922-24; Cambridge, Md. (Bethel), 1924-27; Washington, D. C. (St. Paul) 1927-28; Washington, D. C. (Campbell) 1928-29; St. Louis, Mo. (St. James) 1929-39; Pasadena, Calif. (First Church) 1939-1944. He built Embry AME Church, Lakeland, Md., 1922; purchased parsonage in St. Paul, Washington, D. C., 1927; grant of real estate for nursery for St. James AME Church from Poro College, 1930; grant of property for deaconess Home for St. James AME Church, 1934; paid the mortgages of: Embry AME Church, Lakeland, Md., August, 1923; Bethel AME Church, Cambridge, Md., 1924; First AME Church, Pasadena, California, 1941-45; Bethel, Detroit to date; has received 2,500 members into the church, had 500 conversions under his preaching. Was delegate to the General Conference in 1936, 1940; trustee of Wilberforce, 1936; Western University, 1932; Douglas University, 1937; published articles in all AME Church papers and most of the leading Race papers. Member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, NAACP, Democratic Club, Masonic Lodge, St. Louis Clerk Circle, Industrial League, Civic League, International Council of Religious Education, Director of vacation church school and week day church school, (Dept. Christian Education AME Church); served as a member of executive board of People's Hospital; Board of Religious Education, St. Louis, Mo.; was president of Ministerial Alliance, Los Angeles; Director Bado Broadcasters, principal grammar school, (Maryland), business secretary YMCA (Camp Meade, Md.); winner of Pomeroy and Dodge Scholarships, (Howard University); member of the Interdenominational Ministers' Union of Pasadena. Married Miss Minnie Lee Bennett, also a native of Florida.

DAMES, Mrs. Minnie Lee Bennett, dietitian, and wife of Rev. J. A. Dames; daughter of Rev. Amos J. Bennett and Mrs. Georgana C. (Means) Bennett; attended Live Oak (Fla.) elementary and Edward Waters high schools, Howard University, and University of Pennsylvania; B.S. degree Howard University, June 5, 1923; served as Sunday school teacher, class leader, president of WM Society, young people's counselor, director education, sponsor of young people's Missionary Auxiliary, superintendent of young people's missionary department in the local church; was a delegate to quadrennial conventions of the WMMS in St. Louis, Mo., Baltimore, Md., and Louisville, Ky. She published articles in the Missionary Recorder; member of the American Dietetic Association, Pasadena Board of Religious Education, Church Women's Council, Interdenominational Ministers' Wives' Council of California; first vice-president, Democratic organization; Business and Professional Women's Club of Pasadena; AME Ministers' Wives' Alliance; served as second vice-president of Southern California Conference Branch of WMMS; was first dietitian at Mercy Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1927-1928; chief dietitian Freedman's Hospital, Washington, D. C., 1928-30; chief dietitian, Homer G. Phillips Hospital, St. Louis, 1933-until she moved with her husband to Pasadena, California, in 1939. (Deceased August, 1947.)

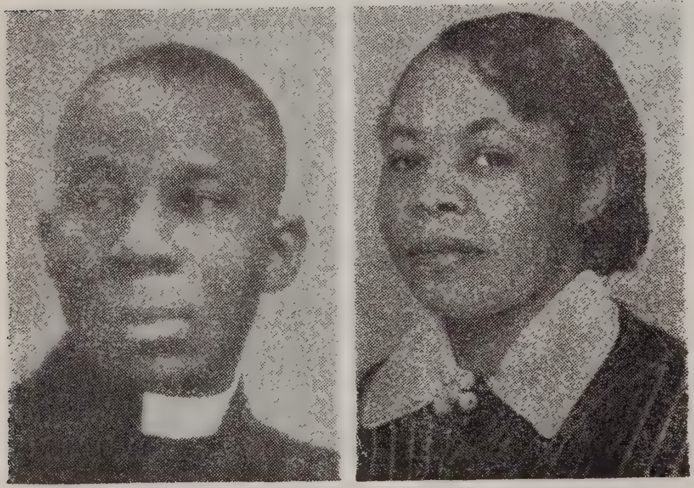
DAVIS, Rev. Alexander Franklin, Jr., pastor of Warren Chapel, Chattanooga, Tennessee; was born in Mobile, Alabama, October 17, 1895, son of Alexander Franklin and Lydia A. Reed Davis; attended the grammar and high schools of Mobile, graduating from the high school in 1913; entered Miles Memorial College and Turner College, Shelbyville, Tennessee in 1923; received B.S. 1921 from Miles Memorial College; B.D. Turner College, Shelbyville, Tennessee, 1923; served in local church: Sunday school superintendent, teacher, class leader, steward, trustee; licensed to preach at Bethel AME Church, Mobile, Alabama; admitted to the South Alabama Conference at Mobile, Alabama, November 1917; ordained deacon at Fulton, Alabama, 1919 by Bishop B. F. Lee; served as pastor at Fairford Mission, 1919; ordained elder November, 1919. Pastored: St. Paul, Maryville, Tennessee, 1920-24; St. Paul Wartrace, 1924-25; Quinn Chapel, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 1929-31; Knoxville, Bethel, 1929-32; St. Paul, Columbia, Tennessee, 1933-35; Providence, Memphis, Tennessee, 1935-44. He paid off mortgage debt of $10,192.00 in seven years; received into the church more than 5000 members, had 3000 conversions; St. Andrew, Memphis, 1944-1946; Warren Chapel 1946 to date. He was an alternate to the General Conference, 1928. He served in World War No. I. Member of: K. of P. Lodge, Masonic Lodge 289; leader of delegation to General Conference, 1944 and member of Episcopal Committee; and Financial Board; delegate to the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches, 1942; treasurer of the West Tennessee Conference of AME Church; and treasurer of the Goodwill Service Center, Memphis, 1940-1947.



REV. AND MRS. A. F. DAVIS

DAVIS, Mrs. Fannie O'Neil, wife of Rev. A. F. Davis, born Knoxville, Tennessee, 1898, daughter of Nicholas and Lucinda Pierson; attended Austin High School and Knoxville College; served as teacher and secretary of Sunday school, chorister of junior choir; president of Ministers' Wives' Alliance of West Tennessee Conference; superintendent of Young People's Department, Tennessee representative on the executive board of WM and FM Society; published articles in the Goal, Southern Christian Recorder. Represented the WH&FM Society at the Jubilee (50 anniversary) meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America in Hotel La Salle, Chicago, Ill., January 3-7, 1944; member of executive committee of the New Connectional Women's Missionary Society set up 1944, and chairman of the committee on Christian Social Relations. Married Rev. A. F. Davis, 1934, author of Handbook on Christian Social Relations.

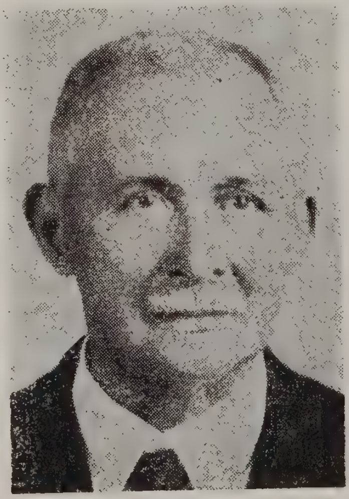
DAVIS, Miss Carline Annette, daughter of Rev. Marion E. and Cora Leigh (Flagg) Davis, was born in Friars Point, Mississippi. At an early age her father was transferred from Natchez, Miss. to Portsmouth, Virginia, where she attended the public school for one year. The following year she entered Hartshorn College in Richmond, now merged with Virginia Union University, where she remained for 4 years. She was converted in 1917, while a student at Wilberforce, and did much to assist her father in his work in Virginia. Because of her pleasing personality and upright character she made hosts of friends, all of whom she has kept. After graduating from the academy at Wilberforce, she entered the University of Pittsburgh, from which institution she received the degree of Ph.G. in pharmacy. She is a charter member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority of Pittsburgh. For a few years she practiced her profession in Richmond and Portsmouth, Va. Since 1927, she has been practicing in Atlanta, Ga., where she is connected with the Union Prescription Shop, Inc. and a substantial member of Big Bethel AME Church.



REV. AND MRS. D. D. DAVIS

DAVIS, Rev. Daniel D., pastor of Bethel AME Church, Hartford, Conn., son of Daniel and Eliza J. (McDuffie) Davis, was born near Marion, South Carolina, where he attended the public schools of his native state. Graduating from high school with first honor, he entered the State A. & M. College of South Carolina, where he received the degrees of Licentiate of Instruction (L.I.) and B.S. He studied at Boston University where he received S.T.B. and A.M. He enrolled at Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary of New York City where he received S.T.M. He received LL.D. from Edward Waters College. He is assistant director of religious education of the First Episcopal District, director of religious education of the New England Conference and conference treasurer, author of "Religious Education in the Negro Church" and served as dean, from its beginning, of the First District Christian Workers Institute, New Jersey State Normal and Industrial School, Bordentown, New Jersey; served his apprenticeship as a minister at St. Paul AME Church, Cambridge, Mass., and student charges in New England. He was ordained to the ministry at New Haven, Conn. He pastors Bethel Church, Hartford, Connecticut. His wife is the former Evelyn C. Howze, of Shubuta, Mississippi. He was a delegate to the General Conference of 1944.

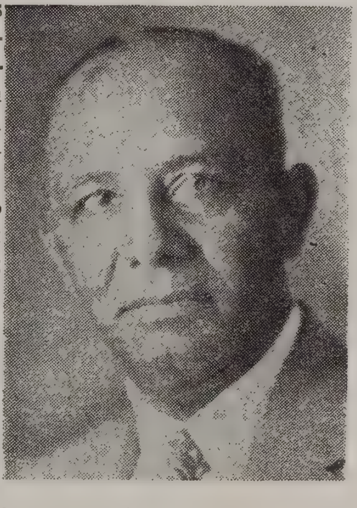
DAVIS, Mrs. Evelyn C., wife of Rev. D. D. Davis, Hartford, Conn.; daughter of Rev. Robert R. and Edith Ann Howze; was born in Enterprise, Miss. She graduated from high school at Haven Teachers' College, Meridian, Miss., and from Claflin College, Orangeburg, S. C.; cum laude receiving her A.B. degree. Mrs. Davis taught at her alma mater in Meridian, and in Birmingham, Ala., until she married the Rev. Daniel D. Davis. They have one son: Daniel D. Davis, Jr.



DAVIS, Rev. Marion E., (deceased), born in Ebenezer, Mississippi, January 19, 1862, son of Prince and Ann Davis; attended the Ebenezer public school, Richmond, Miss., high school; received his normal diploma from Walden University in 1884; college preparatory diploma at Wilberforce in 1891; B.D. Payne Theological Seminary in 1894, and D.D. from Payne in 1898. Served as steward, trustee, class leader and superintendent of Sunday school in his local church. Taught public school in Mississippi; licensed to preach at Cypress Church by Rev. M. B. Bailey in 1884; admitted to North Mississippi Annual Conference at Yazoo City in 1885; ordained deacon at Springfield, Ohio in 1891 by Bishop B. F. Lee, D.D.; elder, at Steubenville, Ohio, 1894 by Bishop B. W. Arnett, D.D.; served as pastor of the Mission, Springfield, Ohio, 1892-94; Friars

Point Mission, 1895-98; Clarksdale, Miss., 1905-10; Emanuel, Portsmouth, Va., 1910-16; Bethel, Richmond, Va., 1916-20; St. John, Norfolk, Va., 1920-22; served as presiding elder of Portsmouth District, Virginia Annual Conference, 1922-27; Roanoke District, 1927-1930; Norfolk District, 1930-32; Richmond District, 1932-35; Portsmouth District, 1935-1944. He organized Cypress church in Cypress, Mississippi, 1882; built a model parsonage at Clarksdale, Miss., 1899; paid mortgage at Friars' Point, Miss., 1896; renovated the church at Natchez, Miss.; curtailed largely the debt on church at Port Gibson, Miss.; received 2800 members into the church, had 1200 conversions under his preaching. He was a delegate to the General Conference in 1908, 1916, 1920, 1924, 1928, 1932, 1936, 1940, and 1944. He served as trustee of Campbell College, Mississippi; Wilberforce University, Ohio; Kittrell College, N.C., 1911-1944; at one time treasurer of Kittrell and business manager. He has published articles in the Emanuel Church paper; member of Mason, Odd Fellows, Elks; one of the organizers and president 8 years of the Hampton Ministers Interdenominational Conference; president for 12 years of Negro Organization Society of Virginia.

DAVIS, Mr. George Winton, of Muskogee, Okla., rancher, real estate dealer, and philanthropist, born March 1, 1878 in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma); received his education in the common schools of the territory; Langston University, Langston, Okla.; Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., and Hampton Institute, Hampton Va. He is conceded to be Oklahoma's most useful Negro citizen; a land owner; an investor in real estate properties; and a rancher. The site on which the Davis Ranch is located, where registered Aberdeen Angus cattle, Hamshire hogs, horses and mules are bred, is the same site and homestead on which George Davis was born. He is proud of his connection with the AME Church. Thousands of dollars have been contributed by him to the various AME educational institutions. His sincerity and efforts were evident when the trustees named the AME College of Oklahoma "Flipper-Key-Davis College," later "Flipper-Davis College", out of respect to his financial, moral and intellectual support. For many years, until its merger with Shorter College, he served as the college's treasurer. To him and his wife Mayme Davis, were born two children: a boy, Russell; a girl, Bayonne; both of whom are graduates of Wilberforce University, Wilberforce Ohio.



DAVIS, Rev. George Napoleon, pastor Emanuel AME Church, New York, was born April 7, 1888, in Memphis, Tennessee, the youngest of the ten children of Rev. Alston and Annie (Dunlap) Davis. He was converted in Avery Chapel AME Church, Memphis, Tenn., May 1906, class leader, steward and local preacher; admitted to the West Tennessee annual conference, November, 1917; joined Bethel AME Church, New York City, May 1918; admitted to New York Annual Conference, May 1919; served this church as class leader, Bible class teacher and steward until 1925. February 1, 1925, he received his first appointment, as pastor of the Arvern Church in the Rockaways; April 26, 1926, he organized Bethel AME Church at Far Rockaway, Long Island, and served as pastor for 20 years. Under his wise leadership the church bought five and one-half lots —110 feet on the corner of Redfern and Monroe Streets, at a cost of $5500.00, October, 1927; and built the church in 1930. To be of greater usefulness to its growing membership, and the community, a large annex was built in 1936. July 26, 1943, a final mortgage rally was held, and the sum of $2075.00 was raised; the $1200 mortgage was paid and $800.00 for further building purposes was left in treasury. Property worth $15,000 to the AME Church was clear. Rev. Davis' grandfather, the late Rev. George Dunlap, a member and local preacher in Avery Chapel AME Church, led the procession of members of this historic church to its present site, about the year 1874. His brother, Mr. Frank T. Davis, served this church as secretary of the trustee board for forty-one years; and after retiring from the post office in 1942, moved to New York, and served as secretary of the trustee board of the Far Rockaway Church. He was also a delegate to the General Conference of 1944. Rev. G. N. Davis was an alternate to the General Conferences of 1940 and 1944, and a delegate in 1948. Since 1946 he has been pastor of Emanuel Church, New York City.

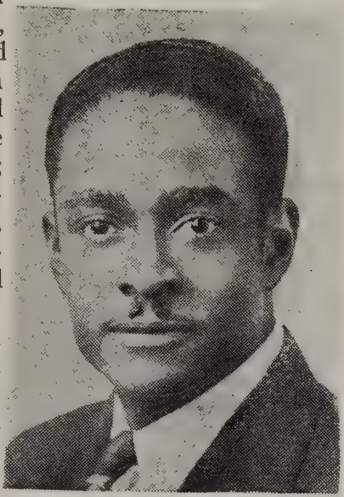
DAVIS, Rev. S. H., pastor, Phoebus, Virginia, and farmer; born Florence County, S. C., November 19, 1889, son of Rev. James and Mary Jane Davis; attended Florence County public school, School of Religion of Howard University, Washington, D. C., in residence and by correspondence; joined AME Church at 8 years of age; was a Sunday school teacher at 10 years of age, class leader at 12 and served in every office in the local church; licensed to preach by Rev. George D. Jimmerson, 1923; admitted to the Virginia Annual Conference at Norfolk in April, 1927; ordained deacon at Roanoke in 1928 by Bishop J. A. Johnson; elder at Newport News in 1932, by Bishop William H. Heard; served as pastor at Phoebus, Va., 1928-1933; South Boston, 1935-37; Harmony, 1938-1940; Phoebus, 1941-44; published articles in Newport News Star, Norfolk Journal and Guide, Christian Recorder; is a block warden and O. policeman; married Miss Georgia Hyman in 1908 and has 7 children; the youngest boy, 23, serving in the Air Corps, U.S.A.; member of and chaplain of the Citizen's Voters League, Chancellor Commander of the Damon Lodge K. of P's., P. S. for the Odd Fellows No. 4588; teacher for the Men's Star Bible Class of the city of Newport News in the First Baptist Church; founder and treasurer of Willing Workers Club which pays $1000 each year for death and sickness, and conducts Christmas savings for its members.

DAVIS, Mrs. Georgia Hyman, wife of Rev. S. H. Davis, was born in Florence County, South Carolina in 1890. She was a schoolmate of S. H. Davis in their early years. On December 26, 1908 she was married to him and from this union were born six children; three are living and doing well: Theodore, Hester, and Hampton. Mrs. Davis is now the president of the W. W. Club of Newport News, Virginia; and the president of the Missionary Department of her church over which her husband is pastoring, Ebenezer AME Church, Phoebus, Va. Both sons were called to the army, the older one having been discharged, the younger, a sergeant in Sacramento, Calif. Two grandchildren, Freddie and Henry.

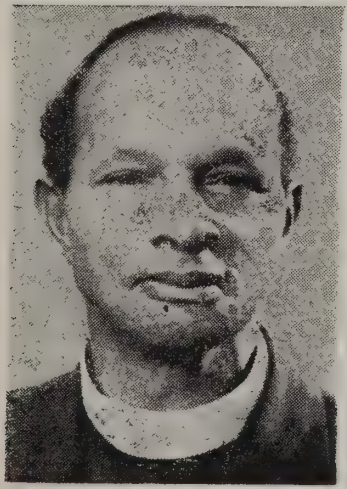
DAVIDSON, Prof. Henry Damon, school principal, was born Centreville, Alabama, December 16, 1869; son of Damon and Adaline (Woods) Davidson; attended Centreville public school and Payne University, Alabama, Fisk and Columbia, (N. Y.) Universities, Hampton and Tuskegee Institutes. He received B.S. from Tuskegee in 1934; held offices of steward, trustee, class leader, superintendent of Sunday school for 53 years. He was a delegate to the General Conferences in 1908, 1912, 1916, 1928, 1932, 1936, 1940 and 1944; alternate in 1920, 1924; trustee of Payne University, 1900-1943; Bible County Training School, 1900-1943; published articles in New York Age, Chicago Defender, Pittsburgh Courier, Christian Recorder, Southern Christian Recorder, "We The People", published books—"Inching Along", 1925-1943; chairman of war bond staff for Negroes of Bible County; chairman of Bible County Republican Executive Committee, 1892-98; Mosaic Templer, 1910-1920; president of Tri-Counties Teachers Association, 1895; president of Bible County Teachers' Asosciation, 1900-1944; member of K. of P., Masons.

PROF. AND MRS. H. D. DAVIDSON

DAVIDSON, Elizabeth McClellan, wife of Prof. H. D. Davidson, born April 11, 1874 at East Tallahassee, Alabama; daughter of Homer and Mary Ann Campbell; attended the Tallahassee public school and the Tuskegee Institute's High School, graduating in 1894. She taught school in Tallapoosa and a number of other counties of Alabama. She married Mr. James F. McClellan and had 3 sons: Comicell W., Homer C. and James F. McClellan, Jr. Mr. McClellan died in 1912, and 1913 she married Professor H. D. Davidson. She began helping her husband with his work at Centreville and is now the matron of the school. She helped to organize the Parent-Teacher Association of Alabama and was elected its first secretary. On the retirement of Mrs. M. A. Dillard, of Selma, as president, Mrs. Davidson was elected to the presidency. She served for 11 years during which she helped organize the National Colored Parent-Teachers Association, and became one of the vice-presidents. In 1914 she was elected Grand Associate Matron of the Eastern Stars of Alabama, which office she filled for 25 years. She received B.S. from Tuskegee Institute and has helped put two of her boys through college.

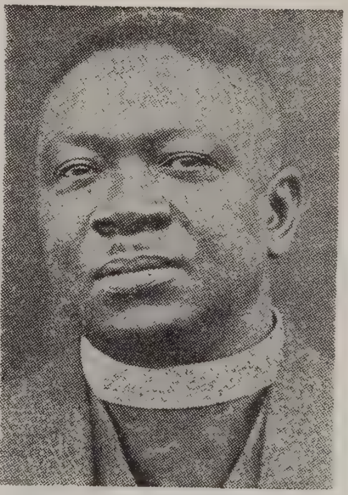


DANDRIDGE, Rev. James Lee, born in Cadiz, Ohio, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Dandridge; attended public schols of Ohio, New York, and Pennsylvania; studied at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.; and was graduated from Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University, June 1938; pastored at Bethel, McKeesport, 1938; Bethel, Monongahela, 1939-1942; Brown Chapel Church, Oil City, Pa., 1942-1944. He married Mary Octavia Wilson of Pittsburgh and has two sons, James and William; held local church offices of steward, Supt. of Sunday school and local preacher; was licensed to preach at Pittsburgh Annual Conference at Pittsburgh by Rev. W. H. Truss; admitted to Pittsburgh Annual Conference at Pittsburgh in 1934; ordained deacon at Washington, Pa., by Bishop Ransom in 1937; ordained elder at Homestead by Bishop Ransom in 1938. Published the following articles: "Lights for a Blackout World", "Civilization or Savagery", "When the Lights Go On Again All Over the World" and others. Has written articles in the Recorder, etc. He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Upsilon Chapter—Parliamentarian and Chaplain, Non-Partisan Civic League of Western Pennsylvania, Reg. Executive; member Fraternal Council of Negro Churches; Oil City Ministerial Association, serving on the religious education committee.



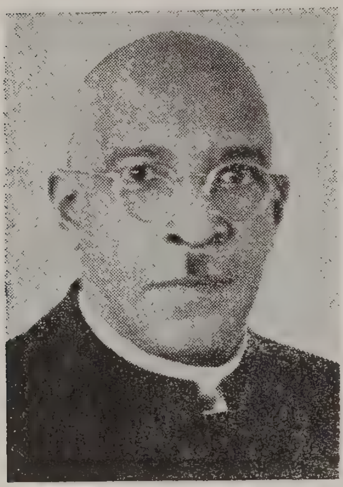
DARRELL, Rev. Charles Ainsworth, was born in Bermuda on February 14, 1895, son of Alfred George and Florence (Williams) Darrell; attended Edwin Robinson's School and Ernest Scott Tucker's School in Bermuda, also the Bible School of Pastor's College, London, England, and that of the Soldiers' Christian Association at Winchester, England. He was licensed to preach in 1924 by Rev. Charles H. Bell and ordained deacon at St. Paul's AME Church, Hamilton, on August 26, 1928, by Bishop Joshua H. Jones. He served as pastor of Warwick AME Mission; North Shore Mission; Southampton Circuit; Vernon Temple; and St. Phillip's (all in Bermuda). Rev. Darrell is a star in the Warwick Lodge of Samaritans; a member of the Royal Artillery Association of the British Empire also.

DAVIS, Rev. Abner, pastor, Falls City, Nebraska; converted in February, 1910, and joined the AME Church in Montgomery, Alabama; licensed to preach April 6, 1913 by Rev. T. W. Kidd at the Pecan Mission Church in Oklahoma. He entered Flipper-Key-Davis School in Oklahoma; ordained deacon in 1917 by Bishop J. M. Conner, Boley, Okla.; elder by the late Bishop H. B. Parks, 1923. He entered U. S. Army in 1918 and was discharged in 1919. Returned and finished the 8th grade at Flipper-Key-Davis; entered Western University in 1921 and finished high school, 1925; college in 1929; married in 1932 Miss Mildred Russ, while preaching in Wichita. Paid off mortgage debt in Troy, Kans., in 1934; cleared church of debt in Bonner Springs, Kans., 1938; in 1942 cleared Falls City, Nebraska, church of debt; pastored at Flipper-Key-Davis School in 1920; Wichita, Kans., 1931-32; Troy, Kans., 1934; Bonner Springs, Kans., 1935; Falls City, Nebraska, 1941.

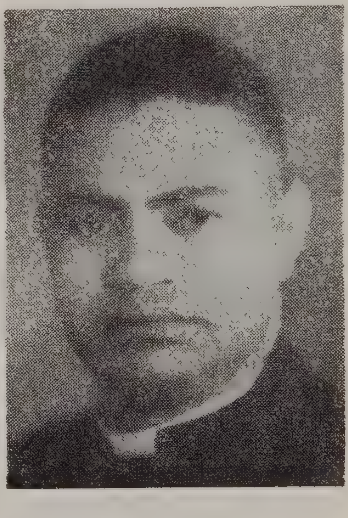


DAVIS, Rev. Walter Albert, presiding elder, Arkansas; born Feb. 24, 1897, Columbia County, Magnolia, Arkansas; son of Rev. E. F. and Elizabeth Davis. At nine years of age he was converted and joined the AME Church during a revival meeting in Stephens, Arkansas, conducted by his father and Rev. U. L. Penix. He grew and waxed strong in the Lord and entered the ministry in February 14, 1915, Hope, Arkansas; attended public schools of Arkansas, Shorter College, Western University and Langston University. After graduation taught school eight years in Oklahoma. Ordained deacon in the West Arkansas Conference by Bishop I. N.

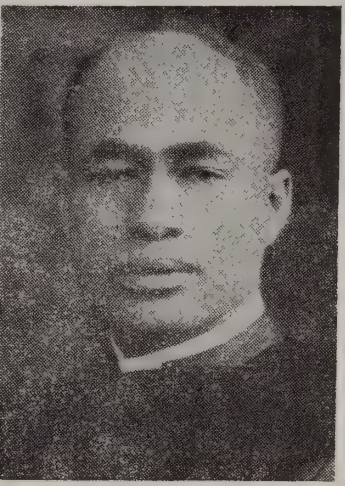
Ross, November 27, 1921 at Stamps, Arkansas; elder, by Bishop H. B. Parks in the South West Missouri Conference, 1922, at Kansas City, Mo. Received D.D. from Shorter College; is a founder and editor of "The Oklahoma Church Gazette", 1924; married Miss Edna E. Lay, a teacher in the public schools of Langston, Oklahoma, Bishop H. B. Parks performing the marriage ceremony. To this union are five sons: Walter Albert, Jr., Leon Blanton, Alfred Javan, Edward Ess, and Eugene Floyd Davis. Rev. Davis has pastored some of the leading charges in Oklahoma, and for ten years was chief secretary of the Central Oklahoma Conference. Is serving his 9th year as presiding elder of the Ardmore-Hugo District. A member of each General Conference since 1928. Built and remodeled parsonages and churches throughout his ministry. He is now the endorsed candidate for editor of the Southern Christian Recorder.



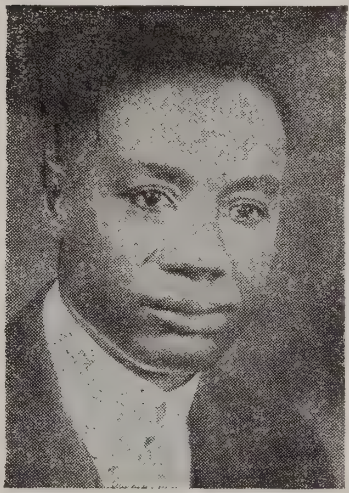
DAVIS, Rev. Thomas Jethro, presiding elder, Georgia, and physician and surgeon; son of Rev. Isaac Daniel and Mary Alice (Thompson) Davis; born in Coleman, Clay Co., Georgia, December 16, 1890; attended Pelham (Ga.) public school, Howard Normal School, Cuthbert, Ga.; and Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.; Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.; A.B. Morris Brown, 1908; B.D., Turner Theological Seminary, 1923; M.D. Meharry Medical College in 1913; served as secretary, Sunday school teacher, Townsley Chapel, Savannah, Ga., 4 years; superintendent, teacher, Antioch, (Decatur, Ga.), Sunday school teacher, 5 years; licensed to preach at Townsley Chapel Church by Rev. M. T. Robinson, February, 1924; ordained deacon in Statesboro, Ga., in 1926 by Bishop J. S. Flipper; elder, at Brunswick, Ga., 1928 by Bishop W. A. Fountain, Sr.; served as pastor of Davis Memorial, Savannah, Ga., 1925-1930; Gaines Chapel, Savannah, Ga., 1930-1932; Gaines Chapel, Waycross, Georgia, 1932-1933; St. Paul, Macon, Ga., 1933-35; presiding elder, Eatonton District, Macon Conference, 1935-38; Campbell Chapel, Americus, Ga., 1938-41; presiding elder, Griffin District, Atlanta Conference, 1941-44; organized Davis Memorial AME Church, Savannah, Ga.; received 571 members into the church, had 199 conversions under preaching; lay delegate to the General Conference in 1924, 1938, 1932; ministerial delegate 1936, 1940 and 1944; alternate 1920; trustee of Morris Brown College in 1913-44; Central Park College, 1924-1929; published articles in the Christian Recorders, Savannah Journal, Pittsburgh Courier, Georgia African Methodist; booklets: "The Man and the Church", "A Tribute to Richard Allen", "The Church and Medicine". Chairman of War Savings Thrift Drive of Coffee County, Georgia, World War I; member Knights of Pythias, Masons, secretary of the State Convention of the Elks, State of Georgia, 3 years; secretary of the State Association Medical Men of Georgia, 3 years; secretary South Atlantic Medical Society for 4 years; city physician of Savannah, Georgia, 5 years; medical examiner society of Archers, State of Georgia for 5 years; vice president, Atlanta AME Minister's Union; member Civic Committee; NAACP; member inter-racial committee; delegate from State of Georgia to the Federal Council of Churches; in great demand as speaker for religious and fraternal forums. 30 years in the practice of medicine; has son also practicing medicine.



DAWKINS, Rev. J. Morgan, Jr., pastor Metropolitan, Philadelphia, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Dawkins, Sr., of Carlisle, South Carolina; worked way through school; licensed to preach from the Mount Carmel AME Church, Owings, South Carolina under Rev. J. M. Dawkins, Sr. by Bishop Sims then presiding elder of the Lawrence District and president of Allen University, Columbia. Attended Oak Grove graded school, Carlisle, South Carolina, McBeth high school, Union; Allen University, A.B.; Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., B.D.; Boston University, S.T.M., in religious education; graduate work at Yale University. During college days was assistant pastor of the College Church, and president of the A.C.E. League; member of the debating team; a member of the football team. His father is a preacher in South Carolina, his mother a devout Christian teacher. Dawkins, Jr., has been pastor of Payne Chapel and St. John AME Churches, Birmingham, Alabama; dean of Greater Payne College and director of religious education of the Ninth District. In one year at St. John's, Birmingham, he raised above $15,000, taking the congregation upstairs in the main auditorium, (they had been in the basement over twenty years), pastor of St. John AME Church, Montgomery, Alabama; Bethel Church, New Haven, Connecticut; Emanuel, New York; Allen Church, Jamaica, New York, thence to Salem, N. J., and the present pastorate since 1946; delegate General Conferences in 1940 and 1944; member of the Journal of Religious Education editorial staff in which he wrote a series of articles on "The Necessity of Training Teachers in Effective Use of Methods."



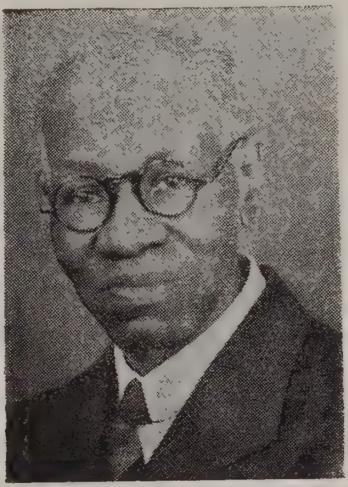
DAWKINS, Rev. William McKinley, pastor Allen AME Church, Jamaica, Long Island, New York; was born in Fairfield County, Blackstock, South Carolina; educated in the public schools of Blackstock and Rock Hill, S. C.; Central Institute, Cleveland, Ohio; Wilberforce University and Payne Theological Seminary; B.A., the Universtiy of Scranton; D.D. Wilberforce University and Daniel Payne University; converted when a child and called to preach in his early teens; licensed to preach, April 7, 1909, in St. John, Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. Ira Collins, pastor, Joshua H. Jones (later bishop), presiding elder; ordained deacon in Lima, Ohoi, September 15, 1914; elder in North Street Church, Springfield, September 20, 1917; delegate to the General Conferences: 1928, 1944. Pastor at Yellow Springs, Ohio 1912-14; built an addition on the church; put in modern improvements and doubled the membership; Bethel Church, Williamsport, Pa., 1917-20, his first church after finishing Payne Seminary; a large increase in membership, renovated the church throughout and left over $500 in the bank for modern improvements; Bethel, Scranton, Pa. 1920-1928; added to the membership, paid the mortgage, built a brick parsonage, assembly room, organ, recreation hall and installed a large two manual Jardine Pipe Organ; bought a valuable piece of ground next to the church 120 x 150 feet, succeeded in establishing a community playground and made the property a paying investment with membership increased from 157 to over 600; Bethel Church, Buffalo, New York, 1940 to October 1, 1941; a great increase of membership, bought a new parsonage, installed the finest oil burning heating plant that could be bought; 1941, St. John Church, Pittsburgh, where under his leadership the auditorium was finished with beautiful hardwood floors, new carpet, new pulpit and altar outfit; downstairs concrete floors, sub-floor and then a hardwood floor, a new heating plant with a bin-feed iron fireman stoker; the parsonage renovated with all new hardwood floors throughout; Campbell AME Church, Washington, D. C., and since May, 1947, pastor of Allen AME Church, Jamaica; married twice; in 1907 he married Miss Mattie J. Hillson of Cartersville, Georgia, in Cincinnati, Ohio; from this union were born William McKinley, Jr., Katherine Juanita, and Lucius Paul. William, Jr., and his mother have passed to the great beyond. His second marriage was to Miss Naomi Stephens of Washington, D. C.; from this union were born Esther Lorena and Ruth Loving. Dr. Dawkins has practiced a life of prayer and has been for years a tither and has had outstanding success in teaching Christian stewardship. He was a member of the General Conference of 1944.



DAWSON, Rev. Casper I., minister and railway postal clerk, born, Brenham, Texas, August 19, 1882, son of Charles and Lucinda Jackson Dawson; attended the Washington County, Texas, public and high schools, took college correspondence courses and worked under private teachers; served as superintendent Sunday school, steward, trustee, class leader, secretary of the official board and quarterly conference. Licensed to preach at Grant Chapel Church, Palestine, Texas, by Rev. F. F. Washington, 1919; admitted to the West Texas Conference at Sealy in 1921; ordained deacon at Houston in 1923 by Bishop W. D. Johnson; elder at Houston 1925 also by Bishop W. D. Johnson; served as pastor Fourth Ward Mission, 1922-1927; Lyons Avenue, 1927-1929; East Orange in 1940, where he is serving presently. He organized East Orange in Houston, Texas, November, 1928, and built same in 1930. He is a member of the National Alliance of Postal Employees and the NAACP; was secretary of the Texas (Mother) Conference for ten consecutive years. For 20 years he was the only minister in the district to serve as a regular pastor and at the same time a U. S. postal clerk between two cities covering a journey of a thousand miles a week.

DEAN, Rev. Cornelius James, (deceased), son of James and Hannah Dean, born Auguts, 1858 North Buxton, Ontaria, Canada; married Mary Ann Mahaley in 1883; three children were born, Edith P., Mabel M., and James A. Dean; educated in the public schools o Canada; moved to Ypsilanti, Mich., and then to Detroit, Mich., where he joined the Ebenezer AME Church and served as class leader. Later he was licensed to preach under Rev. J. H. Alexander, and served as pastor of Adrian, Michigan, where he built the present Newman Chapel AME Church; Jackson, Michigan, where he built the present parsonage; Benton Harbor, Michigan; two years as presiding elder; Flint, Mich. where he paid off the debt of $3200.00 in one rally by raising $3900.00; Kalamazoo, Mich.; Allen Temple, Detroit, Mich.; Michigan City, Ind. Due to illness he superannuated in 1939 and made his home with his son who was then pastor of Lewis Chapel, Albion, Mich. Here he passed in 1939. He was a pioneer of the Michigan Conference. He built the church at Pontiac, at cost of $15,000; parsonage at Jackson and Flint.

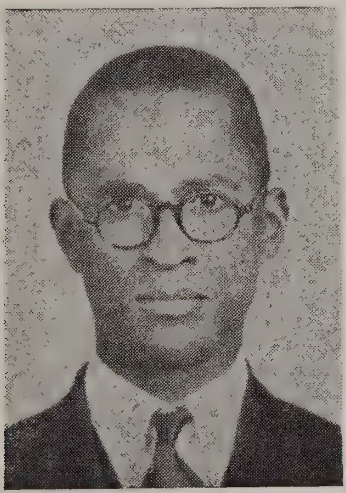
DEAN, Rev. James Arthur, pastor of Mt. Zion AME Church, Battle Creek, Mich., son of Rev. C. James and Mary A. Dean; born June 28, 1888, Detroit, Michigan; married Florence F. Wims, of Benton Harbor, Michigan, June 10, 1917; 1 child, James Arlington Dean, adopted, December 25, 1937, 11 months, three weeks old. Florence F. Dean died May 10, 1940; married Gladys McCray, November 22, 1940; 2 children: Richard, 11 years; Annie Marie, 10 years; attended public schools in Detroit, Adrian, Pontiac, Jackson; graduated Benton Harbor high school; dental student, University of Michigan, 1915, and 1916. Held office as Sunday school superintendent, choir director, class leader; licensed to preach at Flint by Dr. T. H. Wiseman; admitted conference, September, 1928, at Grand Rapids; elder by Bishop Parks, September 20, 1931 at Detroit, Michigan; pastored: Laporte, Indiana, 1927-1930; Albion, Michigan, 1930-1932; Saginaw ,Mich., 1932-1940; Kalamazoo, Mich. 1940-1943; received an appointment back to Kalamazoo but received another to Battle Creek at the end of the month. He raised $1700 to build new church in Battle Creek; paid $7,000 on contract Bethel, Saginaw, Mich.; put pipe organ in Saginaw Church; received 439 people into the AME Church and had 102 conversions. Was a member of the Mayor's Indigent Committee, Albion, Michigan; secretary-treasurer of Saginaw Ministerial Association; alternate to General Conference 1940; served in World War in France, 1918-19 with 809th Pioneer Infantry, in Head-Quarters Co. as 1st class musician; Past Master, Harbor Lodge No. 16, AF&AM. Member of Epsilon Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.



DEAS, Professor Edward Charles, deceased, gospel song writer and music publisher; born in Florence, S. C., youngest of 8 children of Arthur and Sarah Deas; attended public schools at nine years of age showing unusual talent his father purchased an organ and secured a teacher to give him music lessons; attended Edward Waters College; studied voice and piano with Miss Helen D. Handy, (daughter of Bishop James A. Handy); graduated from Edward Waters in 1891; studied music under private instructors in Brooklyn, N. Y., 1904; returned to Fla., established the first music store operated by a Negro in the state, with a full line of pianos, organs, sheet music, song books and string and wind instruments. In 1911-12, he represented the AME Book Concern in Florida, under Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr., then manager. In 1914, Mr. Deas began writing gospel songs, and in 1916 published, "Gates of Praise", (AME Sunday School Union of Nashville, Tenn.) Since then he published eight gospel song books, six anthems, and five services for Easter. Came to Chicago in 1917 where most of his time was given to writing and publishing gospel song books, which have had wide circulation from coast to coast. He conducted choruses in Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, New York, Brooklyn, Atlantic City, Louisville, Birmingham, Atlanta, Memphis, St. Louis, Kansas City, Nashville, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Springfield, Indianapolis and many other cities in the United States as well as in Canada. His favorite songs are "Holding His Hand", "On My Journey", "Walking With Jesus", "Child of His Love". At his death he was a member of the commission on combined hymnal for the AME and AME Zion churches. Mr. Deas died June, 1944, in Chicago. His funeral was attended by Bishops Gregg and Wright, and many distinguished ministers and lay members of AME and other churches.

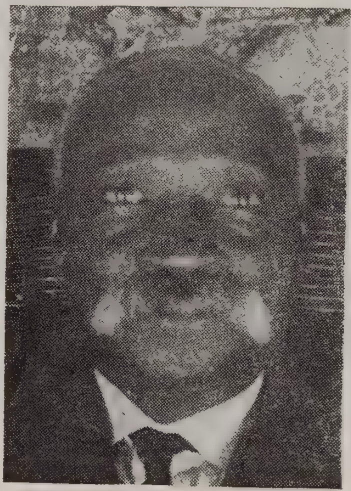
De BERRY, Rev. Thomas J., retired, born in Severn, N. C., July 8, 1857, son of Thomas and Phoebe DeBerry; attended Northampton County

public school and Shaw University; D.D., Barrett College, 1909; served as secretary of steward board in local church; licensed to preach at Allen Chapel by Rev. G. W. Hunter, 1884; admitted to North Carolina Annual Conference at New Bern, 1886; ordained deacon at Fayetteville, 1890 by Bishop Wayman; elder, at Fayetteville, 1895, by Bishop W. J. Gaines; pastor of Nashville Circuit, N. C., 1887-88; Lewiston mission, N. C., 1889; New Light, Dothan, N. C. 1890-92; Marietta, N. C., 1893; Richland Circuit, N. C., 1894-95; Rockfish Circuit, Wallace, N. C., 1896-99; Brinkleyville, Enfield, N.C. 1900-02; Nassau Station, N.C., 1903-1904; Mt. Olive Station, Wilmington, N. C., 1905; Spring Branch Circuit, Aristad, N. C., 1907-09; St. James, Kinston, N. C., 1910; St. James, Selma, N. C., 1913; Rue Chapel, New Bern, N. C., 1914-16; St. Luke, Fayetteville, N. C., 1917-20; Wilson Mills Circuit, N. C., 1921-22; Mt. Carmel, South Port, N. C., 1923; Bolton Circuit, N. C., 1924-26; St. Mark, Rocky Mount, N. C., 1933-35; retired, 1938. Paid the mortgages of St. Luke, Fayetteville, N. C., $3260.00. Repainted the Church and put in electric lights; received many members into the church, had many conversions under preaching. Was an alternate to the General Conference in 1936; served as trustee of Kittrell College, 1927-1938. He is a Mason.



DeLAINE, Rev. Joseph A., pastor and high school principal, born Mt. Pleasant, Sumter County, July 2, 1900; son of Rev. H. C. and Tisbia DeLaine; attended Liberty Hill public school, Manning high school, Allen University, and South Carolina State A. & M., College; A.B. from Allen University, 1931; held local church offices of Sunday school teacher and superintendent, class leader, trustee and steward; licensed to preach at Chappelle Church, by Rev. W. K. Lykes, February, 1923; admitted to Columbia, S. C. Annual Conference at Newberry, Dec. 1925; ordained deacon at Elloree, S. C., in 1928 by Bishop Hurst; elder at St. Matthew in 1929 by Bishop Hurst; served as pastor of Fairfax Circuit, 1926; Shiloah, Antioch, Sandy Run, 1927-30; Stover, Roernville, Denmark, 1931-1933; Spring Hill, 1934-1940; Pine Grove, 1940 to date; built Spring Hill parsonage, 1936; was a delegate to 1936 and 1944 General Conferences; alternate 1940; trustee of Allen University, 1936 to date; published articles in the Review, Christian Recorder, Religious Journal, Manning Times. Member of the Palmetto State Teachers' Association, Chaplain of Clarendon County Teachers' Association; Free and Accepted Masons, Knight of Pythias; executive secretary of Clarendon County Negro Citizen's Committee, YMCA, Burial Aid Association; statistical secretary of the Central South Carolina Annual Conference, 1938-40; recording secretary, 1940 to date. Served as principal of Jamison grade school. Married Mrs. Hattie Belton, one of the teachers. From this union there were three children, Joseph A. Jr., born August, 1933; Ophelia E., July 4, 1936; Brumitt B., October 1, 1937. Later Rev. DeLaine served as principal of the Barnwell County Training School and now is the principal of his original school, Liberty Hill, with two sisters as co-workers.

DeLIMA, Rev. Alfred M., pastor, Setauket, L. I., New York; son of Graldo and Asalla D. DeLima, was born in Keta, Gold Coast, West Africa on May 22,1875. He attended Breman Missionary School in his native town; at 12 years he went to Germany and in Berlin entered the Gentiner Street School. He was converted in the Lutheran Church and confirmed and baptized in Greiz Alter Line in Germany. He came to America and studied 4 years in Concordia College in Springfield, Ill.; joined the AME Church in Boston; was admitted to the New England Conference and appointed to Stamford, Conn.; ordained deacon in 1902 by Bishop Derrick in Bridgeport, Conn.; and elder in 1904 in Charles Street Church, Boston, Mass.; has served as pastor of churches in Stamford, Conn.; Plymouth, Mass.; Charon, Conn.; Sheffield; Lee, Allen Chapel, Providence, R. I.; and Chelsea and Pittsfield, Mass. In 1908 Bishop Heard took him to Liberia, West Africa and stationed him at Cape Palmas. He baptized 80 people, and organized an AME Church among the Africans; also labored in the Gold Coast, but returned to the Monrovia Church in Liberia before returning to America. He is now stationed at Setauket Church, Long Island, New York.



DeLYLES, Rev. P. W., presiding elder of Tulsa District, North East Oklahoma Conference; was born in Mississippi, son of Nathan and Henrietta (Stinson) DeLyles; attended Hernando and Eudora public schools in Mississippi, high school at Memphis, Tennessee, LaMoyne College, Memphis, Tennessee; D.D. in 1919 from Shorter College and LL.D., 1941 from same. Was licensed to preach in Center Point AME Church, Scotts, Arkansas, in 1936, by Rev. P. W. Wade; admitted to Arkansas Annual Conference at North Little Rock, Arkansas, November, 1897; ordained deacon of North Little Rock, Ark., November, 1897, by Bishop Derrick; elder, at Newport, Arkansas, November, 1900 by Bishop Tyree. Served as pastor of Keo Mission, Keo, Arkansas, 1897; Ward Chapel and Allen Chapel, Little Rock, 1898; Allen Chapel, Sweet Home, 1899; Black Rock Circuit, 1900; Dalark Circuit, 1901; St. James, Texarkana, 1902-1903; Bethel, Hope, 1904; Ward Chapel, Prescott, 1905-06; St. Paul, Arkadelphia, 1907; St. John, Pine Bluff, 1912-14; Allen Temple, Pine Bluff, 1915. Served in Oklahoma at Vernon Chapel, Tulsa, 1921-24; Ward Chapel, Muskogee, 1925; Ward Chapel, Boley, 1929-30; St. John, Tulsa, 1931-32; Shorter Chapel, Okmulgee, November and December of 1932. Served as presiding elder of the Hot Springs District, West Arkansas Conference, 1907-1911; Camden District, West Arkansas Conference, 1912; Dumas District, South Arkansas Conference, 1915-1920; Kansas City District, S. W. Missouri Conference, 1921; Wagoner District, N. E. Oklahoma Conference, 1926-1929; Tulsa District, N. E. Oklahoma Conference, 1933 to date. He organized the following churches: LeGrand Chapel at Scotts, and AME Church at Keo, in 1897; Turner Memorial Church, Kansas City, Mo., 1921. He paid the following mortgages: St. James, Texarkana, Ark., 1903; Bethel, Hope, Ark., 1904; St. Paul, Arkadelphia, Ark., 1907; St. John, Pine Bluff, Ark., 1913. He received 300 members into the church and had 1450 converts under his preaching. A delegate to all General Conferences since 1908 except 1924 and 1936, when he was an alternate. He served on the General Conference Commission, 1912-16; Church Fxtension Board, 1932-36; Southern Christian Recorder Board, now serving; truste of Chorter College, 1905-20; Wilberforce University 1912-16; Western University 1921-22; Flipper-Key-Davis University, 1922-41; Shorter-Flipper-Curry College, 1941, now serving. Published articles in all the church papers, Arkansas Gazette, Arkansas Democrat, Tulsa Tribune, Oklahoma Eagle, Tulsa Appeal, etc.; member of NAACP, YMCA, Masons. Parsonages were erected while pastoring at Black Rock, Ark., Vernon Chapel, Tulsa, Okla., Ward Chapel, Muskogee, Okla.; was reading clerk of the General Conference in 1920; a member of the Episcopal Committee in 1928 and 1932; vice chairman of the Credentials Committee in 1940 and secretary of the Rules of Order Committee in 1944 Dean of the Theological Department of Flipper-Key-Davis University, 1939-1941.

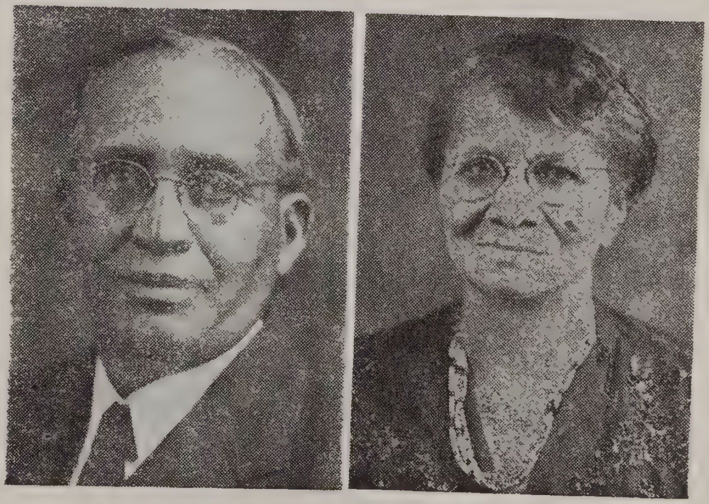
DEMAS, Rev. Charles, superannuated after 40 years of active ministry, and 25 years as presiding elder; born at Worcester, Cape, January 24, 1874; son of Isaac and Marie (Sylvester) Demas; educated to standard VI in Rhenish Mission School, Worcester; lessons in English at Kimberly; married Miss Lena Magdelina Peterson 1896; 10 children, 6 sons and 4 daughters; 8 children living: David a former teacher at Wilberforce Institute, South Africa and Alfred student Wilberforce Institute and Henry, both on active service; Chas. B.A. from Ft. Hare College, principal Wilberforce Institute Practising School, South Africa since 1937; Evelyn and Mary, both studied nursing. Evelyn, a registered nurse, both married; Beatrice and Martha, single. Beatrice completed general nursing course. Rev Demas was converted in Cape Town, 1894; joined Dutch Reformed Church. He and his wife joined Bethel AME Church, Cape Town, in 1900 after powerful sermon by Professor Attaway. Became local preacher, Sunday school superintendent, class leader, secretary official board. Moved to Worcester, 1903, assistant pastor to Rev. Andrew W. Phigeland, at Worcester; admitted to Cape Annual Conference at Kimberly 1907 under Bishop Derrick; ordained deacon, 1911; elder 1913 by Bishop Johnson; pastor at Montague, 1907; Wellington, 1908-1912; Johannesburg and entire Reef as far as Barberton, 1912-1916; presiding elder Johannesburg District 1916-1925; purchased church property, Alexander Township, worship house for colored congregation, regained lost members and restored peace and confidence at Vrededorp, Johannesburg. Increased members from 15 to 500. Left District in 1926 with 12 ordained ministers leading Transvaal in finance and membership; presiding elder Bloemfontein District 1925-26; (won Bishop Gregg's medal for raising highest amount in educational rally); presiding elder, Pretoria District 1926-1928, (settled dispute and saved church from being sold.) Paid indebtedness of 250 pounds on Marabastad Church; developed Pretoria District as far as Swaziland; delegate and attended General Conference, 1928; presiding elder Kronstad District 1928-1932. Increased the membership, finances. Developed WMM Society; presiding elder Bloemfontein District 1932-1941; won both sides of the conflicting parties. Paid off 400 pounds of indebtedness, increased members and funds. Poor health and loss of wife who died in U.S.A. were among the factors leading to request for superannuation from the Orangia conference, in Vereeniging, December, 1941. Throughout ministerial career his was a ministry of reconciliation.

DEMAS, Mrs. Lena Magdelina (Peterson) wife of Rev. Chas. Demas, the inspiration of her husband in overcoming tasks. Loving mother of all her children. Nurtured them thoroughly in Christian living. Sacrificed for their education. District president of Missionary Society in all districts Father Demas served as presiding elder; president Orangia Convention. Went to America as delegate to the General Conference. Died in New York, July 13, 1941. Funeral service held in New York in the midst of a large gathering of sorrowing friends. Remains laid to rest in the Frederick Douglas Cemetery, Staten Island, N. Y.

REV. AND MRS. E. S. DENNIS

DENNIS, Rev. Eddie Scheley, pastor Bethel Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; born in Columbus, Ga., November 12, 1887; son of Columbus and Henrietta Dennis; attended Columbus, Georgia public school and Price Normal and Industrial School, Miller College in Philadelphia, Pa.; Franklin Institute of Rochester, N. Y.; Philadelphia, Pa., School of the Bible; B.D., Miller College, Philadelphia. Served local church as steward, class leader, president of the ACE League, president Young Men's Musical Club, assistant church clerk, St. James AME Church, Columbus, Ga.; was steward, trustee, class leader, teacher of Young Men's Bible Class, assistant Sunday school superintendent of Ward AME Church, Philadelphia. Licensed to preach at Ward AME Church, Philadephia, April 19, 1922 by Rev. J. G. Robinson, pastor, Rev. W. B. Williams, presiding elder; admitted to Philadelphia Annual Conference at Philadelphia, May 20, 1923; ordained deacon at Media, Pa., in 1924 by Bishop Heard; elder at Mt. Pisgah, Philadelphia in 1926 by Bishop Heard; served as pastor of Heard AME Church in Ridley Park, Pa., 1924; Emanuel, Elmwood, Philadelphia, 1925-1926; St. Mary, Philadelphia, 1927; Unionville and West Town Circuit, 1928; Little Bethel, Philadelphia, 1929-30; Campbell, Conshohocken, Pa., 1931; St. John, Paschal, Pa., 1932-33; Spring Valley, Concordville, Pa., 1934-37; Bethel, Lancaster, Pa., 1938-44; built Heard AME Church, Ridley Park, Pa., 1924; received approximately 500 members into the church, had 200 conversions under his preaching; alternate to General Conference 1936; member of the board of directors of the Crispus Attucks Recreation and Community Center, Lancaster, Pa.; Crispus Attucks Center Auxiliary Association, Lancaster, of the Boy Scouts Committee, Troop 15; Defense Council; 44th Ward Republican executive board; AME Ministerial Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity; Lancaster Ministerial Association of Lancaster, Pa.; Excelsior Lodge K. of P. (Esto Perpetua); Quaker City Elks Lodge; Post Exalted Rulers Council; IBPOE of W., Philadelphia; married Miss Carrie Edel Hamilton in Columbus, Ga., January 20, 1910.

DENNIS, Mrs. Carrie E., wife of Rev. E. S. Dennis; born in Columbus, Ga.; attended public schools of Columbus, Ga., and Price Normal and Industrial Institute in Columbus; taught in the rural schools of Georgia, in Muskogee and Talbot counties, for a number of years; co-founder with her grandmother of St. Paul AME Church of Columbus; was elected delegate to the WH & FMS Quadrennials, 1939, 1943; member of the Missionary Workers of Philadelphia Conference Branch, Silvery Moon Chapter of Eastern Star, Abigail Tent, Queen of Sheba Temple.

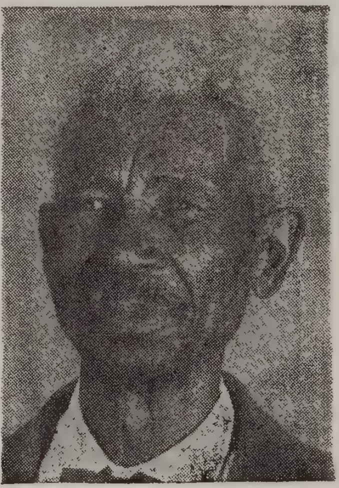


REV. AND MRS. J. W. DENNIS

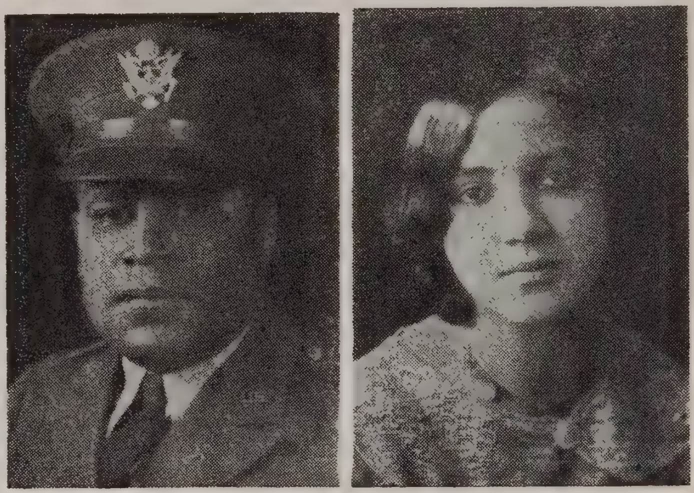
DENNIS, Rev. J. Wesley, presiding elder, Georgia; born Putman County, February 19, 1873, son of Early and Henrietta Allen Dennis; attended the Putman County public school; D.D. from Paul Quinn College, June, 1921; served local church as, superintendent of Sunday school, steward, trustee, class leader; licensed to preach at Eaton Church by Rev. P. W. Greatheart, 1900; admitted to South West Georgia Annual Conference at Thomasville, 1901; ordained deacon at Blakely, Ga., in 1902, by Bishop Turner; elder, at Bainbridge in 1906 by Bishop Turner; served as pastor of: St. Mary

Mission, 1901-03; Allen Chapel Circuit, 1904; Mt. Olive Circuit, 1905-06; Brinson, 1907; Ellaville, 1908-09; Coleman, 1910; Parot, 1911-12; Georgetown, 1913-14; Mt. Gilead, 1915-19; Arlington, 1919-22; served as presiding elder of Columbus District, South West Conference, 1928-31; East Columbus District, South West Conference, 1932-36; Blakely District, South West Georgia Conference, 1937-39; Donaldsonville, South West Georgia, 1940-1944; organized St. Mary, Cale City, 1902; Springfield, Ellaville, 1908; Live Oak, Donaldsonville, 1926; received 957 members into the church, has had 657 conversions under preaching; was a delegate to all General Conferences since 1920; trustee of Payne College, Cuthbert, Georgia., 1910-28; Morris Brown, 1907 to date; published articles in all the church papers.

DENNIS, Mrs. M. A., wife of Rev. J. W. Dennis, Cuthbert, Ga., born Putman County, Ga., January 4, 1876; daughter of Derry Folds and America Lowe; attended the Putman County public school and the Ballard High School, Macon, Ga.; was a delegate to the General Conference in 1932, 1936; served as a trustee of Morris Brown College from 1932 to date; member of the WH and FMS from 1901 till the merger; served as organizer, district president, conference branch president, conference branch treasurer, and attended most of the quadrennial conventions since 1911. A faithful wife and loyal church woman.

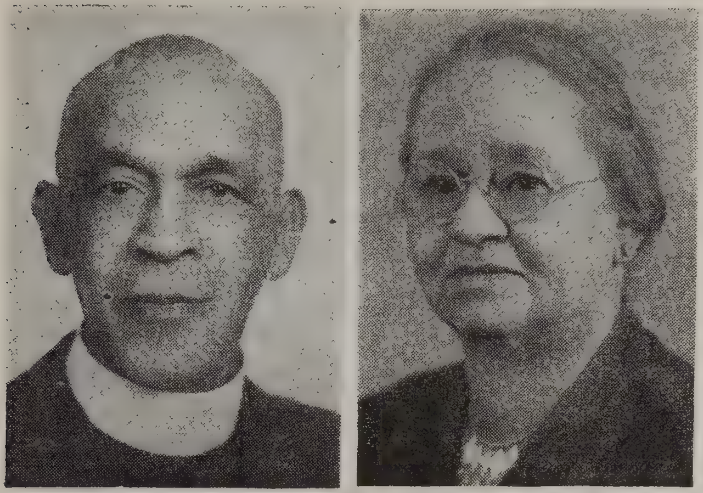


DeSHIELD, Rev. John William, born in Bermuda on December 15, 1862, the son of George Morris and Louisa Jane DeShield; attended Pembroke Lane School, Bermuda; was licensed to preach by Rev. E. D. Robinson. Ordained deacon by Bishop Vernon, Hamilton, Bermuda. Rev. DeShield is associated with the Abercorn Lodge of Masons 123, Irish Constitution. He aided in building Vernon Temple AME Church, Southampton West, Bermuda, and built Saint Luke's Church, on St. David's Island, in 1928 and is the present pastor. He was married twice; his first wife, whom he married in St. Vincent, B.W.I. 1889, passed away in 1912; he served in both the Royal Navy and in the Merchant Service. On returning home he was married in 1920 to Miss Arabelle Grace Burchall, daughter of John Henry and Catherine Rebecca Burchall; children, 3 girls: Catherine Jane, Millicent Grace, Winnifred Allene; he was sent to save the Sunday school at Leghihonese Mission, that was where Bishop Vernon found him busy helping to build the church; it was after this he was sent to St. David's Island, where St. Luke was built, 1925-26; destroyed in hurricane in 1926; rebuilt and dedicated by Bishop Jones, 1928, believing that this little mission needed his help Rev. DeShield has stood by it ever since. J. H. Burchall and family were members of Richard Allen Church at St. George, and son of B. Burchall, pioneer members and local preacher of AME Church organized by Bishop Nazery.



CHAPLAIN AND MRS. J. A. DeVEAUX

DeVEAUX, Rev. John Allen, Chaplain Regular U.S. Army, born Miami, Fla., May 26, 1909; son of John H. and Leanora S. Allen DeVeaux; attended the Davis Street Grammar School and Edward Waters College and Wilberforce University; A.B. Wilberforce, 1932; B.D. Payne Seminary, 1930; licensed to preach at St. Paul Church by Rt. Rev. Curry in May, 1926; admitted to Ohio Annual Conference at Dayton in October, 1928; ordained deacon at Allen Temple in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1930, by Bishop Heard; elder at Springfield, Ohio in 1932, by Bishop Ransom; served as pastor of Jamestown, Ohio in 1932; Clarksburg, W. Va., 1933; Wheeling, W. Va., in 1934; Williamsport, Pa., 1936; from which he entered the Regular Army as Chaplain; received 417 members into the church and had 82 conversions under his preaching. He has published articles in the Christian Recorder, Afro-American, Pittsburgh Courier; he escorted Bishop John A. Gregg to the South Pacific Area; served as regimental Chaplain, 24th Infantry, 25th Infantry, 368th Infantry, Post Chaplain, Ft. Huachuca and Chaplain 93rd Division. He received the temporary rank of Major of the U.S. Army, Sept. 14, 1942. Wife: Della Mae Philips DeVeaux, married January 1, 1933. Children: Leanora Maul, John Allen, William Philips.

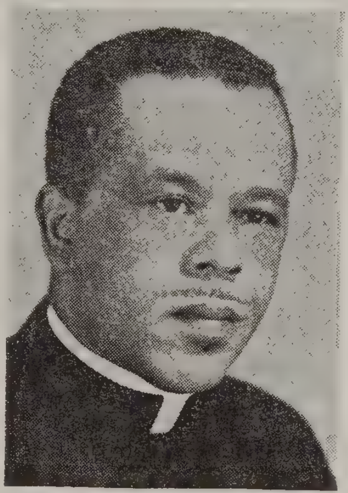


REV. AND MRS. M. R. DIXON, SR.

DIXON, Rev. Marcellus R., Sr., pastor Peoria, Ill. born Natchez, Miss., December 14, 1872, son of Benjamin and Matilda Dixon; attended Natchez city public school, Brumfield high school and Morris Brown in Atlanta, Ga.; B.D. Turner Theological Seminary, June, 1902; D.D. from Campbell College, May, 1910 and from Morris Brown in 1922. Served his local church as steward, class leader, secretary of ACE League; licensed to preach at Natchez, Miss., by Rev. J. S. Thompson, 1897; admitted to North Georgia Annual Conference at Atlanta, Ga., November, 1899; ordained deacon at Newnan, Ga., in 1901 by Bishop Turner; elder, at Columbus, Miss., in 1902, by Bishop Tyree; pastor of: Columbus, Miss., 1902; West Point, Miss., 1903-05; Port Gibson, 1905-10; Brookhaven, 1910-11; St. James, New Orleans, La., 1911-16; St. Matthew, Greenville, Miss., 1916-17; Zion Chapel, Natchez, Miss., 1918-24; St. John, Pine Bluff, Ark., 1924-28; Keokuk, Iowa, 1933-35; East St. Louis, Ill., 1935-40; Peoria, Ill., 1940-to date. Presiding elder of Greenville District, North Mississippi Conference, 1917-18; Central Arkansas Conference n 1929-32; organized Morris Brown Mission in Atlanta, Ga., 1899; Allen Chapel in East St. Louis, Ill., 1938; built St. John in West Point, Miss. 1940; paid mortgage of St. Peter in Pt. Gibson, Miss.; St. James, New Orleans, La.; Zion Chapel, Natchez, Miss.; Keokuk, Ia.; Ward Chapel, Peoria, Ill.; received 2046 mem- the church, had 482 conversions; delegate to General Conferences in 1908, 1916, 1920, 1924, 1928, 1932, 1940, and 1944; alternate in 1912 and 1936; served on Educational Board, 1924, General Conference Commission, 1932; secretary General Conference Commission, 1944-48; served as trustee of Lampton College, 1911-16; Campbell College, 1908-18-24; published articles in the Christian Recorder, Southern Christian Recorder, AME Review, Chicago Defender, Pittsburgh Courier. He has 2 sons in the ministry, Revs. M. R. Dixon, Jr., of Kansas City, Mo., and Rev. James C. Dixon of Hillsboro, Ohio; also 2 sons served in the armed service: David B. Dixon, U. S. Army, and George P. Dixon, U. S. Navy Band. He is a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Republican Party, YMCA, Men's Social and Literary Club, Ministerial Asociation.

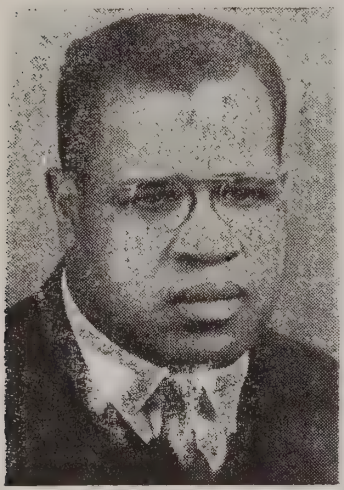
DIXON, Mrs. Katie (Stevens), wife of Rev. M. R. Dixon, Sr., daughter of David and Francene Stevens; was born July 1, 1882, in Natchez, Miss.; educated in the public schools, Ward's Academy and Natchez College; married April 20, 1904; joined the church in Natchez, 1894; was a school teacher, conference branch president of the Mississippi Conference Branch of the WH and FM Society, 1919-31. She is the mother of 4 sons: Rev. M. R. Jr., and Rev. James C. Dixon, Sgt. David B., and George P., music master in the Navy. She has been the motive power and an inspiration of her husband during over 40 years of wedlock.

DIXON, Jr., Rev. Marcellus Richardson, pastor, Shorter Chapel, Denver, Colorado; born West Point, Mississippi, February 1, 1905; son of Rev. Marcellus Richardson, Sr., and Katie (Stevens) Dixon; attended Bienville, New Orleans, La.; Greenville, Miss., public school and Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.; A.B., Wilberforce, 1929; B.D., Payne Seminary, 1931; D.D., Western University, 1941; D.D. Wilberforce, 1941; licensed to preach at St. John, Pine Bluff, Arkansas by Rev. (now Bishop) S. L. Greene, January, 1926; admitted to Central Arkansas Annual Conference at Camden, Arkansas, November, 1926; ordained deacon at Dumas, Arkansas in 1928 by Bishop Vernon; elder, at Cincinnati, Ohio in 1930, by Bishop Heard; married Miss Harryette E. Lucas of Martin's Ferry, Ohio; served as pastor of Quinn Chapel, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1932-34; Wayman, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 1934-36; Alexander, Evansville, Ind., 1936-39; Wayman, Kokomo, Ind., 1939-40; Bethel, Kansas City, Mo., 1940-45; Shorter, Denver, 1945-to date; built St. Ann Chapel, Piketon, Ohio, 1934; received 750 members into the church and had 304 conversions under his preaching; alternate to the General Conference in 1940, 1944; trustee of Bishop Williams' School of Religion, 1940-to date; treasurer of Douglass Hospital, 1940-44; member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Elks, Masons, NAACP. At Bethel, Kansas City, he cleared mortgage debt of $31,400, purchased and furnished parsonage, added 364



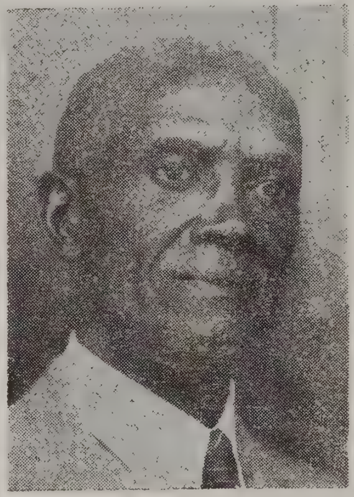
members, renovated church plant throughout, paid all current debts, increased all general funds. He has both a brother and father in the AME ministry.

DOVE, Rev. Jackson Benjamin, pastor Mt. Zion AME Church, Memphis, Tennessee; son of Jacob and Lilli M. (Long) Dove; born May 3, 1914, Fernandina, Florida; married Pearlie M. Craft of Atlanta, Ga., January 20, 1945; educated public schools of Fernandina, Florida, and New York City, Florida Normal Collegiate Institute, St. Augustine, Florida; B.S. Wilberforce; D.D. Campbell College, 1944; D.D., Edward Waters College, 1944; converted September 5, 1929; joined Macedonia Church, Fernandina, Florida; held offices of Sunday schol teacher, Sunday school superintendent, president ACE League, trustee, steward, president of junior choir and class leader. Licensed to preach in New York City by Rev. Harry P. Anderson, pastor Bethel and Rev. A. L. Wilson, presiding elder 1935; admitted to the New York Annual Conference May, 1936; by Bishop Ransom, November, 1940, at Bethel, Middletown; assistant pastor, Bethel, New York; pastor Port Jefferson, Long Island, New York, 1937; Rodgers Chapel, Washington Court House, Ohio, 1939-40; St. Paul, Cedarville, Ohio, 1940-41; Allen Chapel, Columbus, Kentucky; and Moore Chapel, Clinton, Kentucky, 1942; St. James, Mayfield, Kentucky, 1942-43; served as presiding elder Paducah District, West Kentucky Annual Conference 1944-1946; served as Chaplain United States Army 1943-1944; honorably discharged August 23, 1944. Member Coleman Post 60 American Legion 1945-to date, elected chaplain of Post 1946; member of Masons, Knights of Pythians, Fraternal Council of Negro Churches, candidate for State Representatives 5th District, Paducah, Kentucky, 1945; member and secretary of Board of Directors Payne Seminary, 1945 to date. Secretary Presiding Elders' Council 13th Episcopal District, 1944, vice president Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Paducah, 1944-45; treasurer of the Goodwill Service Center; member of the Connectional Council; served on special committee 1946.

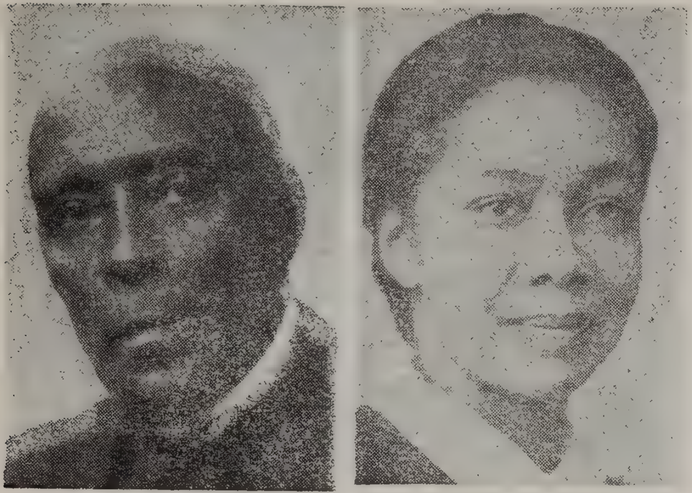


DOVE, Mrs. Pearlie M. (Craft), wife of Rev. Jackson B. (see biography), daughter of Dan Cecil and Lizzie (Dyer) Craft, was born in Atlanta, Ga., December 21; A.B. Clark College, 1941; A.M. Atlanta University, 1943; married January 20, 1945; Director of Adult Activities Phyllis Wheatley Branch YWCA, Atlanta, Georgia, 1943-45; resource leader on program planning, Southern Area Business and Professional Women's Summer Conference Camp, Highland Lake, Hendersonville, N. C. 1944; member Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; joined Big Bethel AME Church 1930, served as Sunday school teacher and member of choir No. 2; superintendent of YPD of WMS, West Tennessee Conference Branch.

DOWNS, Rev. J. Solomon, presiding elder, Monticello District, Georgia; born in Washington, Wilkes County, Ga., of humble parents; converted at the age of eleven; he chose the ministry; educated in public school of his native town and Morris Brown College, where he received A.B.; and Seminary, B.D. Has pastored missions, circuits and stations, built new churches, paid debts; presiding elder in the North Georgia Conference five years; now presiding elder of the Monticello District of Atlanta, Ga.; married Mrs. M. L. Downs and has two daughters: Mrs. Julia B. Bryson, Mrs. Hattye D. Simmons both teachers in Jackson and Floyd counties and 1 son, Chaplain J. Wesley Downs in the U. S. Army. Delegate to General Conference, 1944.



DRAKE, Rev. John Gibbs St. Clair, pastor of AME Church, Bridgeport, Conn., New England Conference; born Barbados, B.W.I., March 5, 1890; son of John Benjamin and Nancy (Cummings) Drake; attended Bridgetown public school, Lynch's high school, Bridgetown, Barbados; Virginia Theological Seminary and College; Durham University, England. He received A.B. and B.D. from Virginia Theological Seminary and College, 1916; M.A., Durham University, 1922; LL.B., LaSalle University, 1920; LL.D. Wilberforce, 1941. Served as Sunday school superintendent, steward, class leader; licensed to preach at Collymore Rock Church by Rev. Ruben A. Sealey, 1908; admitted to West Indies Annual Conference at Barbados in 1910; ordained deacon at Barbados, 1911, by Bishop W. B. Derrick; elder at Barbados, 1912, Bishop Derrick; served as pastor of Westfield, New Jersey; Cranford, N. J.; Montclair, N. J.; Vineland, N. J.; Beverly, N. J.; Allentown, Pennsylvania; Greenwich, Conn.; served as presiding elder of New England District, 1938-1947; and went to Bridgeport in 1947; he received 1162 members into the church, had 859 conversions; delegate to General Conferences of 1940, 1944 and 1948; member of Sunday School Union Connectional Board, 1940-44; he published articles in the Christian Recorder and Southern Recorder, the Co-ordinator, Voice of



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Missions, Women's Recorder, The Pittsburgh Courier, The Greenwich Times, The Hartford Times, etc. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Good Samaritans, St. Lukes, Knights of Pythias, Masons; he sponsored in the 1941 session of the Connecticut Legislature, House Bill No. 2612, entitled "An Act Concerning The African Methodist Episcopal Church," which provides for the incorporation of AME Churches in state of Connecticut; served as secretary of the trustee board of Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio.

DRAKE, Mrs. Moselle M., wife of Rev. J. G. St. Clair Drake; born in Eufaula, Alabama, July 10, 1910; daughter of Frank and Nancy Murphy. She is the district organizer of the New England Conference Branch, WMS. She attended the public schools in Newark, N. J., and the high school in Cranford, N. J.; was delegate to first Quadrennial Convention of WMS, 1947.

DRAKE, Rev. John Samuel, pastor, Allen Temple AME Church, Chicago, Illinois; born Warren Co., Georgia, September 15, 1896; son of Lewis Cass and Luranie (Narflett) Drake; attended Warrenton, Ga. schools and Morris Brown University; A.B. Morris Brown, 1923; B.D., Turner Theological Seminary, 1924; served as steward, class leader, choir director; licensed to preach at Norwood, Ga., by Rev. John Harmon in May, 1913; admitted to Atlanta Georgia Annual Conference at Thomaston, Georgia, in November, 1915; ordained deacon at Atlanta, Ga., in 1917 by Bishop Flipper; elder at Atlanta, in 1919 by Bishop Flipper; served as pastor at the following places: Mt. Carmel, Atlanta, Georgia, 1915-1917; Thomasville and Macedonia Circuit, 1917-21; Dent Chapel Circuit, Newnan, Georgia, 1921 to 1922; St. Peter's, Atlanta, Georgia, 1922-24; Stone Mountain, Ga., 1924; Turner Monumental, Atlanta, Ga., 1926-29; Campbell Chapel, Americus, Ga., 1929-32; Allen Temple, Chicago, Ill., 1932 to date; paid mortgage of Allen Temple Church, Chicago, Ill.; received 4000 members into the church, had 1000 conversions under his preaching; delegate to General Conference, 1932; alternate 1928; served as trustee of Morris Brown University, 1924-1932; member of Chicago Ministers' Association; president of Atlanta Ministers' Alliance, 1928; secretary of the Chicago Ministers' Association.

DRAKE, Mrs. Salemma Ealy Drake, wife of Rev. John Samuel Drake; born, Greensboro, Ga., August 31, 1903; daughter of Henry Ealy and Louisiana Smith; occupation, minister's wife; attended public school at Greensboro, Ga., Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Ga., and received her B.P.H. degree in 1923.

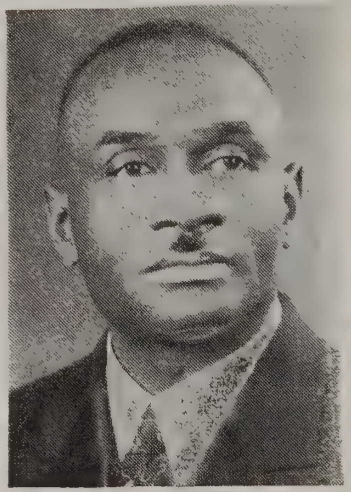
DRUMMOND, Mrs. Olive Campbell daughter of Flourney D. and Helen (Collins) Campbell; born in Bainbridge, Ga.; educated through the private tutorship of her mother, and Morris Brown College, where she graduated from the Commercial and Teacher Training Departments, and Columbia University, New York City; was student teacher of shorthand in Morris Brown, and instructor in Commercial Department for 2 years. She resigned to become stenographer in the Missionary Department, New York City, where she remained for 11 years, being promoted to head clerk, which position she held until her marriage, in 1927, to Rev. Wm. S. Drummond,

then a member of the Missionary Board, representing the First Episcopal District. She served with her husband in the pastorates of Bethel, Wilmington, Delaware, 6 years; Emanuel, Portsmouth, Virginia, 3 years. Because of her husband's ill health, they returned to Philadelphia, Pa., in April, 1936, where he pastored Morris Brown Church for 2 years, and Dover, Delaware, for 2 weeks, at which latter place he passed away on May 29, 1939. Mrs. Drummond is a member of Mt. Pisgah AME Church, is book-keeper and church secretary, also secretary of the trustee board; is active in missionary circles, having served for four years as secretary-treasurer and supervisor of the Young People's Department, Philadelphia Conference Branch, and later as president of the Philadelphia Conference Branch.

ATTORNEY AND MRS. H. L. DUDLEY

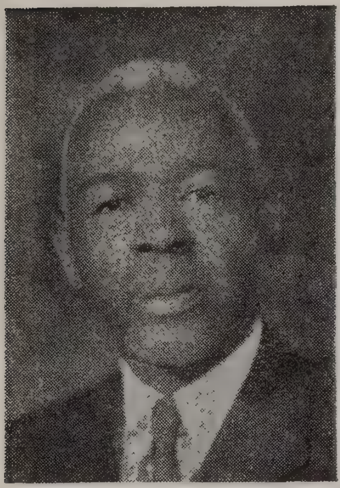
DUDLEY, Herbert L., attorney-at-law, Detroit, Michigan; born in Texas; attended public schools; A.B. Howard University, 1922; LL.B., Fordham University, 1927; admitted to New York and Michigan bars, 1928; member of Ebenezer AME Church, Detroit, Michigan; member of General Conferences, 1936, 1940, 1944; connectional president of lay college, AME Church, 1936, 1940; secretary of legal charters and titles committee of the General Conference; one of the attorneys of record case of the AME Sunday School Union vs. Ira T. Bryant; attorney for Michigan Annual Conference; made principal address and led fight on floor of General Conference for legislation giving laymen equal representation in annual conferences; practicing attorney, city of Detroit, since 1928.

DUDLEY, Mrs. Annastasia (Scott), wife of Attorney H. L. Dudley, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Leslie Scott, Roanoke, Virginia; graduate of the College of Liberal Arts, Howard University; spent 2 years in England as Assistant Club Director with the American Red Cross. On returning to America in November, 1944, she was appointed Assistant Personnel Director, Midwestern Area, American Red Cross. Mrs. Dudley was assigned to Detroit for the purpose of recruiting Red Cross workers for overseas duty. She is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Ebenezer AME Church, Detroit, Michigan.



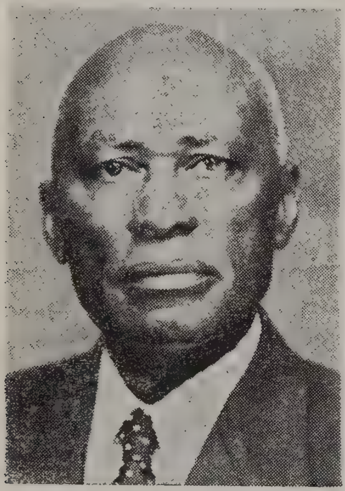
DuHART, Rev. T. P., pastor St. Paul AME Church, Raleigh, North Carolina; born Hawkinsville, Georgia, September, 1885; son of Henry Clay and Ella (Holmes) Duhart; attended Jones Chapel public school, Chauncey, Ga., high school, Edward Waters College; honorary D.D. Edward Waters College in May, 1939; served local church as: superintendent of Sunday school, class leader, steward, trustee, president ACE League; licensed to preach at Starke Church in Fla., by Rev. R. T. Gordon, July, 1913; admitted to East Florida Annual Conference at Jacksonville in December, 1914; ordained deacon at Mt. Zion in Jacksonville, 1916, by Bishop John Hurst; elder at St. Paul, Jacksonville, 1918 by Bishop Hurst. Served as pastor of: Waller Mission, 1913; Ward's Chapel, 1914-15; Union Community, 1916-18; East Palatka, 1919-20; Allen, Jacksonville, 1920-24; Plant City, Allen Chapel, 1924-26; New Bethel, Ormond, 1927-29; St. Paul, St. Augustine, 1928-30; Allen Chapel, Pensacola, 1933-38; served as presiding elder of South Jacksonville District, East Florida; East Palatka, Mt. Olive; Federal Point District, 1933-36; organized Union Community in Eveson St., 1918; built Mt. Olive in East Palatka, 1920; paid mortgages of St. Paul, St. Augustine, Florida; East Palatka, Mt. Olive; Federal Point and Union Community, Jacksonville, Florida. He received 148 members into the church and had 210 conversions; trustee of Edward Waters College, 1924-28, and Shorter College, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1941-44. He was presiding elder of the Fort Smith District, and later of the Little Rock District of the Arkansas Conference and served as accountant for the 12th Episcopal District under Bishop G. E. Curry. Now pastor of St. Paul AME Church, Raleigh, N. C., since 1946. Member of Financial Board, and Evangelistic Bureau of AME Church.

DUMAS, Mr. John L., layman and officer of St. Andrew AME Church, Memphis, Tennessee, for 40 years was a member of the General Conference in



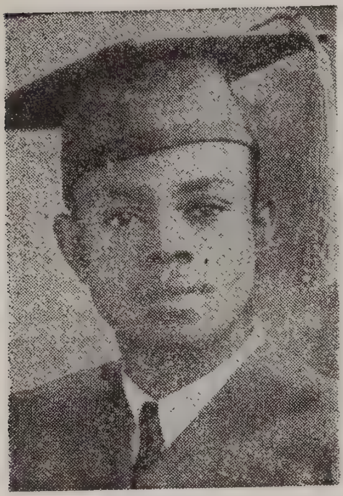
1940 and was appointed in 1944 to represent South Africa; served on the Episcopal Committee, 1944; an honorary member of the Interdenominational Alliance; a lay-member of the AME Ministers' Alliance and a member of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches; one of the trustees holding title to the Goodwill Service Centers' property, 362 Beale Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, for the West Tennessee Annual Conference.

DUNCAN, Rev. L. G., presiding elder, Alabama Conference, was born near Thomaston, Marengo County, Alabama (on Mr. T. J. Boozer's plantation) son of Rev. E. L. Duncan. He was reared by his grandparents, Luke and Lucretia Holt. Converted at the age of 16; joined Cade's Chapel during the pastorate of Rev. G. W. Watson. Received his early education in the public schools of Marengo County at the "feet" of Prof. E. W. Williams; finished his Norman school course at the Snow Hill Normay and Industrial Institute; studied at Chicago University, and the Moody Bible School, Northfield, Mass.; D.D., from Payne University, and Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga. At 19, he married Miss Lelia E. Johnson. To this union, 13 children were born. Six have passed; living are: Mrs. Leila B. Wootson, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Elizabeth Oliver, Boston, Mass.; Dr. Goodwin, Messrs. James B. and Walter Duncan, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Ella E. Antone, Jamestown, R. I.; Mrs. Lois (L.G.) Bowen, Chicago, Ill. After the death of his first wife, he married Miss Marie L. M. Taylor, Uniontown, Alabama, an accomplished musician and teacher in the Birmingham public schools. He served as pastor of Brown and Hamburg; St. John Circuit, Snow Hill Circuit, Pine Level Circuit; Black Bluff Circuit, Mt. Zion Circuit, Quinn Chapel, Unontown; Cherry Street, St. John, Birmingham; Brown Chapel, Selma; Bethel, Mobile; presiding elder of Camden, Selma and Mobile Districts; treasurer of Payne University, Selma, Alabama 7 years. He was often spoken of as good "bishop timber," but he refused to run. He helped to elect and consecrate Bishops Fountain, Ransom and A. J. Allen. Has been a member of many General Conferences.



DUNCAN, Mrs. Mary M.; Bethel AME. Church, Portland, Oregon; daughter of James H. and Florence Elizabeth King; born September 25, 1895, Muskogee, Oklahoma; married Clem Edward Duncan of Muskogee, January 28, 1911. Three children were born to this union: Clemmie (deceased), Terry E. and Maryellen; educated in public school, Muskogee, Oklahoma; graduated from Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma; studied journalism at Creighton University, Omaha, Neb.; church activity has extended over a period of years; Saint John AME Church, Omaha, Neb.; pastored 12 years at Bethel AME Church, Portland, Ore.; held offices of church clerk, supervisor ACE League; hostess chairman; secretary of club, program chairman missionary society; member of Puget Sound Annual Conference; 4 years district chairman scholarship fund for Bishop Williams' School of Religion; resolution commission; secretary-treasurer of Mary F. Handy Fund; 5 years District President ACE League; active in YWCA; delegate to National "Y" convention, Minneapolis, Minn., 1932; vice president of local branch of the NAACP, press and publishing commission, 8 years. Portland editor, Northwest Enterprise; vice president Oregon Federation Colored Women; member of Women's International League, and Portland League of Women voters; delegate to Quadrennial, Louisville, Ky., October, 1943; delegate to General Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1944; delegate three successive years to Oregon Christian Youth Conferences; served on local commission for each war bond drive.

DUNCAN, Mr. Robert Lee, Jr., navy officer, was born in Memphis, Tennessee, May 17, 1925; educated in the Memphis city schools, Porter Street



Grammar, and Booker Washington High from which he graduated in 1942, and Henderson's Business College. He entered the Navy in 1943, received training at Great Lakes, Ill.; New Orleans, La.; and California, and served in New Hebrides in the Pacific Islands, employed as clerk in the office of records; received 3 ratings in 10 months. Mr. Duncan was Sunday school superintendent, director of the choir and a member of Bethel AME Church under the pastorate of Rev. H. R. Reynolds, his god-father.

DUNN, Mrs. Huldah V., born at Canton, New Jersey; converted in the Methodist Episcopal Church, 1899; joined Mt. Pisgah AME Church, 1914; taught Sunday school 7 years; elected superintendent, 1934 and to board of trustees 1936; leader of class No. 6; secretary of the trustee board, secretary of the Mite Missionary Society, secretary and treasurer of church.

DYKES, Rev. G. A. L., born in Sherrill, Jefferson County, Arkansas; son of Mr. Jeremiah and Betsy Michell Dykes; attended Jefferson County public schools in Sherrill, Arkansas, Shorter, North Little Rock, Arkansas; high school and college; held local church offices of steward, class leader, trustee, Sunday school superintendent; licensed to preach at New Hope Church by Rev. A. A. Williams in Arkansas; admitted to East Arkansas, Annual Conference at Stuttgart, Arkansas; ordained deacon at Holly Grove, Arkansas, by Bishop Flipper; served as pastor of Poplar Grove, Arkansas; Mt. Pleasant, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Salter's Chapel, Wilburton, Oklahoma; Redfield, Arkansas; Lee Chapel, North Little Rock; Tuckerman; Walnut Ridge; Bethel, Wynne; organized Pearl's Chapel, Tomberlin, Ark.; Box Springs, Ft. Towson, Okla.; Bethel, Diaz; Wayman Chapel, Poplar Grove; paid mortgages of Redfield, Arkansas; Ft. Towson, Oklahoma; Wynne, Arkansas; received 1,248 members into the church, had 876 conversions; delegate to the General Conference in 1944; alternate to the General Conference in 1936; served on Missionary Connectional Boards; served as trustee of Shorter-Flipper-Curry; published articles in the Christian Recorders; AME Review, Arkansas Gazette; member of the Masonic International Order of Twelve, Mosaic, chief secretary of the Northeast Arkansas Conference, Little Rock 8 years; graduate of Jackson Theological Seminary, Arkansas, with honors, valedictorian of class, with the degree of B.D.

REV. AND MRS. G. A. L. DYKES

DYKES, Mrs. Tempie L., wife of Rev. G. A. L. Dykes, teacher, born in Poplar Grove, Arkansas; daughter of Albert and Maggie (Robinson) Newman; attended Poplar Grove public school, Shorter College in North Ltitle Rock, Arkansas; received AB. and B.D. degrees from Shorter College; held the offices of stewardess, class leader, missionary president at the local church; was the first alternate to the General Conference, 1944; was 3 times elected delegate to the quadrennial session of the WHFM convention; was principal of the Harrisburg, Ark., Training School; was assistant secretary of the State Missionary Society; conference branch superintendent of the Y. P. D. of the Northeast Arkansas Annual Conference; District Sunday school superintendent of the Forrest City District, and assistant pianist, Northeast Arkansas Annual Conference.

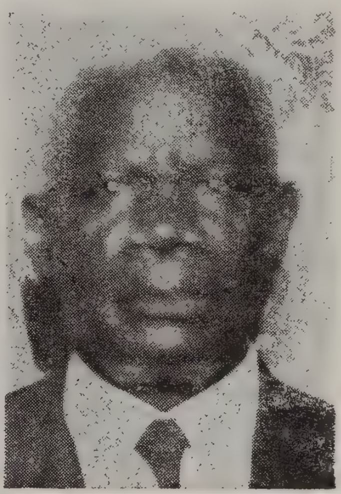
EARLS, Rev. John E., pastor St. Paul AME Church, Pleasantville, N. J.; born in Shelby, N. C., son of Thomas and Polen Earls; attended school at Shelby, Brick Junior College, and Wilberforce University; received B.D. degree from Payne Theological Seminary 1939; was converted at the age of 16; licensed to preach by Rev. J. L. Russ, presiding elder, at St. James AME Church, Atlantic City in

1935; admitted to the annual conference in 1935; ordained deacon at Wilberforce, Ohio, 1937 by Bishop Sims; elder at St. James AME Church by Bishop Sims; served local church as steward; served as pastor in Egg Harbor; proctor of Emery Hall, Wilberforce, and in charge of dining hall and male student labor; pastor of St. Paul AME Church, Pleasantville since 1943; married Mrs. Carrie Hoxter Greene in 1929.

EARLS, Mrs. Carrie H., wife of Rev. John E. Earls; born near Wilmington, Delaware; daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin B. Hoxter; attended school in Wilmington; was converted at the age of 12 and served her church as Sunday school teacher, superintendent of Missionary Department 5 years. She came to Atlantic City and united with St. James AME Church; studied beauty culture under Madam Annie M. Malone at Poro College, St. Louis, Mo., and operated a beauty shop for several years; became active in the Atlantic City Church under the pastorates of Revs. H. P. Anderson and A. C. Saunders. Represented church periodicals in the annual conferences of the First Episcopal District and the General Conferences for 12 years. In 1935 appointed house director of Shorter Hall, Wilberforce University, where she remained until she resigned in 1946; was member of the General Conferences of 1940 and 1944; was married to Rev. John E. Earls November 2, 1929; elected trustee to Wilberforce in 1947 representing the New Jersey Annual Conference.

EASLEY, Dr. Willa Virginia; pharmacist and laboratory technician; born in Uniontown, Pa., January 3, 1910; daughter of Bertha Mae (Baxter) and William Easley; public school and high school, and Howard University; Ph.G. from Howard June 6, 1930; served the local church as treasurer trustee board, steward, superintendent Sunday school, vice president building fund club, class leader; delegate to the General Conference in 1944 and alternate in 1940; is president Negro Advancement League, secretary treasurer Cape Fear Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Society, chairman of Pharmaceutical Section of the Old North State Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Society, National Medical Association; and accountant for the Second Episcopal District.

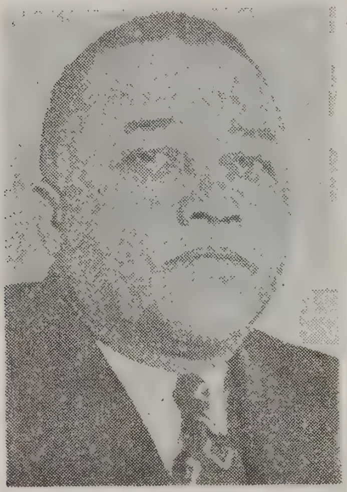
ELLIS, Rev. E. Philip, son of Andrew D. and Caroline Ellis; born at Ninety-Six, S. C., May 16, 1876; attended Branchville, S. C. public school and State A&M College, Orangeburg, and Allen University, 1923; D.D., from same in 1930; was class leader, Sunday school teacher, assistant superintendent, assistant chorister. Licensed to preach at Bethel Church by Rev. H. W. Kill, 1895; admitted to Northeast Annual Conference at Darlington in December, 1899; ordained deacon, 1902 by Bishop W. J. Gaines; elder, at Florence, 1904 by same. Pastored: St. James, 1899-1900; Raymond Circuit, S. C., 1901-03; St. Paul Circuit, S. C., 1904; Sales Agent for Sunday School Union, 1905-08; Salters Chapel, Waverly, Tenn., 1908-09; Bethel, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1910-13; St. Paul, Fayetteville, Tennessee, 1914-19; presiding elder of Lancaster District, and Spartanburg District, in (S. C.); organized Johnson Chapel near Fayetteville, Tennessee; built Bethel, Knoxville, Tennessee; St. Paul, Fayetteville, Tennessee; Springfield, McCormick, S. C.; Miller Chapel, Newberry, S. C.; Butler Chapel, Raymond, S. C.; St. James, Eastover, S. C.; Greater St. Luke, Charleston, S. C., 1941, and purchased a church home for the congregation. Paid the entire debt of church and parsonage; received many into the church; was a delegate to the General Conference in 1916 and all since 1924; alternate in 1920; trustee of Turner Normal, and of Allen University; published articles in The State, The Columbia Record, The Florence Morning News, News and Courier, The Index Journal, the Charleston Evening Post, The Christian Recorders, the Charleston Messenger and The Palmetto Leader. Rev. Ellis married Miss Viola Tedford Glassco, of Nashville, Tennessee. They have 2 children: Inez Margurite and E. Phillip, Jr. He is grand prelate of K. of P., and grand Chaplain of the F. & A. M. of South Carolina. Is official reporter for the Interdenominational Ministers Union of Charleston and vicinity, and of the AME Ministers' Alliance.



EMERY, Mrs. Adele H., born Georgia, February 17, 1911; daughter of Rev. Thomas and Louise Holmes; was supervisor of Girl Activities of the

NYA. She attended the Hendricken Grammar School, Waterbury Conn.; Crosby High School and Wilberforce University; served as president of the Senior Missionary Society, director of religious education, secretary of the senior choir, president of the D. H. Sims board, and class leader; delegate to the General Conference in 1944; president of the Laymen's League of the New England Conference; member of the NAACP; a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. International Order of the King's Daughters.

ENTZMINGER, Mr. William, born Columbia, South Carolina, July 9, 1903; son of Henry and Lula (Booker) Entzminger; attended South Carolina public schools; served local church as steward, president of several clubs, founder and president of Fourth Episcopal District Laymen's Organization; delegate to all General Conferences since 1936. His wife, Catherine Entzminger is in the War Ordnance Department. He is a member of the Boy Scouts of America, Chairman of Troop Committee; NAACP.

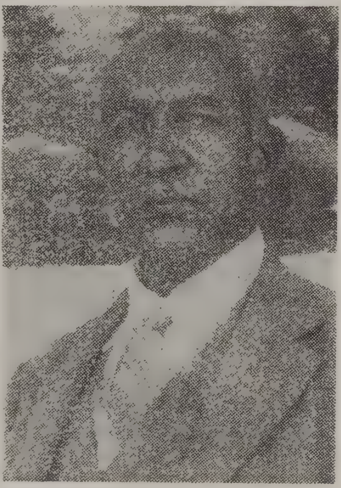


FISHER, William A., engineer; son of William A., and Alice P. Fisher; converted June, 1919 at Allen Temple AME Church, Greenville, S. C.; served as an officer from 1920 to 1929 as class leader, steward, trustee, ACE League president and Church clerk; married to Miss Matilda Lewis, also an ardent church worker, November 26, 1919; joined St. James AME Church, Atlantic City, October 1929, and was appointed a class leader and steward 1937; director of publicity in 1941; elected a trustee in 1946; elected delegate to the General Conference of 1948; was awarded a platinum plaque by the 2,000 member Atlantic City Branch NAACP for outstanding service as membership campaign chairman 1945-46; received the Atlantic City Citation for patriotic war time service as Red Cross instructor; Best Worthy Superior, Webster Tabernacle 346, Order of Moses; only Negro engineer employed by the Atlantic City Board of Education; chief engineer at New Jersey Avenue School, Atlantic City.

BISHOP AND MRS. J. S. FLIPPER

FLIPPER, Rt. Rev. Joseph Simeon, deceased 33rd bishop of AME Church, son of Isabella and Festus Flipper, was born in Atlanta, Georgia, February 22, 1856; was educated at Atlanta University. He was one of the first Negro teachers in Georgia. He was converted in 1877; licensed exhorter and local preacher in 1879; admitted to Georgia Annual Conference in 1880; ordained deacon in 1882 and elder in 1884. He pastored many churches in Georgia. Among them were: Athens, Big Bethel, Allen Temple and St. Paul in Atlanta. He also served as presiding elder; dean of Turner Theological Seminary in Morris Brown College, 1903-04; and president of Morris Brown, 1904-08. In 1908 he was chairman of the episcopal committee at the General Conference; he was elected bishop in 1908. Has been member of every General Conference from 1892 to 1944. He was known as a "Big Brother." While serving in Oklahoma and Arkansas (1908-1912), he visited places other bishops had never visited and the membership was greatly increased; in 1912 he was sent to Georgia, where he served 16 years, putting Morris Brown to the front and organizing the Morris Brown University System, comprising Central Park College in Savannah, Payne College in Cuthbert and Morris Brown in Atlanta. In 1928 he was sent to Florida where he served for eight years; Edward Waters College was greatly improved and members added. In 1936 he was appointed over Kentucky and Tennessee; but the death of Bishop W. D. Johnson caused him to go to South Carolina instead. Here he built The Joseph Simeon Flipper Library, a stone building worth $75,000.00, very beautiful and one of the crowning features in long and useful career. He was married to Miss Amanda Slater, of Thomasville, Ga., 1880. One of his sons is a minister, Rev. Carl F. Flipper. After the death of his first wife he married Mrs. Susie Rembert his surviving widow. Bishop Flipper was interested in all phases of life; a stockholder in the Standard Life Insurance Company, Atlanta State Savings Bank, etc., and once president of the Citizen's Bank of Atlanta. He was senior bishop at his death.

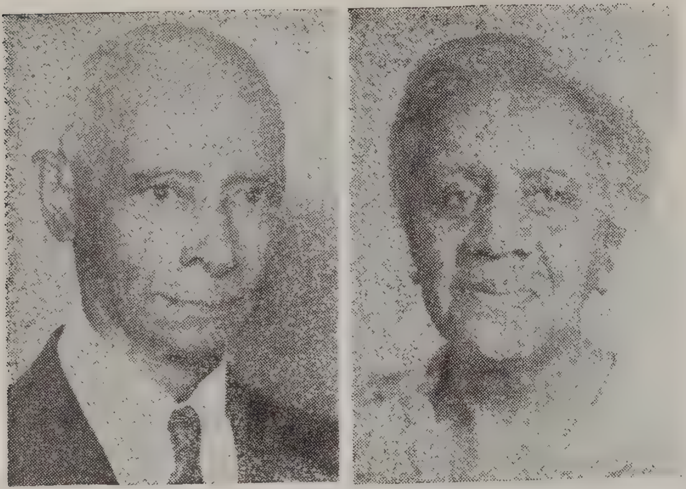
FLIPPER, Mrs. Susie Erwin, widow of Bishop J. S. Flipper, teacher, was born in Atlanta, Georgia, fourth child of Thomas and Sarah M. Erwin; educated in the Atlanta public schools and Morris Brown College; converted at an early age and joined Allen Temple AME Church, Atlanta, Georgia; first marriage was to Rev. Charles H. Rembert, who at his death was the Dean at Allen University School of Theology, Columbia, S. C. Four children were born to this union: Pvt. Charles H. Rembert, U. S. Army; Mrs. Sara Rembert Belford, teacher; graduates of Morris Brown College. Mrs. Flipper has one grand-daughter, Vernice Mae Rembert. Her second marriage was to Bishop J. S. Flipper; she taught at the State Teachers College of Forsyth, Georgia; principal of the elementary school of Morris Brown at one time. President of the State WH and FM Society of Florida. Mrs. Flipper has written many plays, dramas and poems; among them: "Flying Sparks of Methodism," "Life's Open Door", and "Youth's Worldly Ways." Recently she was placed on the staff of the Journal of Religious Education of the AME Church, and asked to prepare the program for all general days of the church.



FOOTE, Mr. Abraham Elijah, hat manufacturer, son of Elijah and Mary Montgomery Foote; born in Pleasantridge, Alabama, September 7, 1884; attended public schools at Pleasantridge, private school at Tuscaloosa, Ala.; studied hat making in Hamburg, Germany 3 years, and ten years in Danbury, Connecticut, at a hat factory. He went to St. Louis, Mo., and opened business as a renovator, maker, and teacher of hat making; opened the first Hatters' School in Mt. Vernon, Indiana, and stayed there 10 years. In December, 1939, he opened business at Clarksville, Tennessee, starting a portable hat factory to demonstrate hat making; can make your hat while you wait; member of St. Peter's AME Church, Clarksville, Tennesse; married and has 4 children.

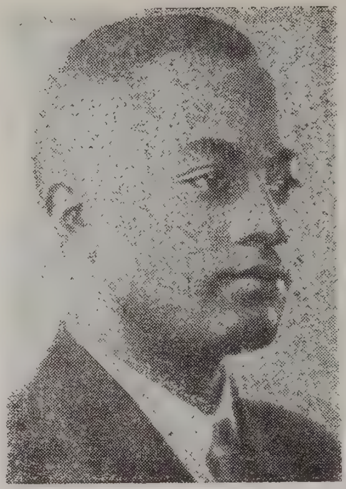
FORBES, Mrs. Kathleen Holland, organist, pianist and music teacher; began her musical career in the AME Church at Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, at 10 years of age; elected pianist of the junior mite missionary society; later, pianist of the Sunday school and ACE League, and organist of St. Paul AME Church; received her first instructions in piano and organ from Mrs. Maud Thompson, then organist of the church; later, from Miss Mamie Lightfoot; after graduation from high school, she continued her studies at the Hamilton Conservatory of Music, then affiliated with the Toronto University under Miss Nellie Hamm, M.B., and W. H. Hewlett, M.A. Mrs. Forbes' father, Thomas John Holland, basso, formerly of Cumberland County, Maryland, was choir director over 40 years and toured with the O'Banyan Jubilee Singers several years. Mrs. Forbes accompanied many artists on their Canadian tours, including Roland Hayes. In 1920, she came to Cleveland, Ohio, joined St. John AME Church and was appointed organist in 1923, serving 10 years. She married Mr. Lewis R. Forbes, steward and superintendent of the Intermediate Department of the Sunday School; continuing her studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music, majoring in organ under Edwin Arthur Kraft, F.A.G.O, famous organist of Trinity Cathedral. In 1930, she received her degree of A.A.G.O. from the American Guild of Organists, the only woman of her group in the state of Ohio. For three years was organist at Mt. Zion Congregational Church. Since 1936 she has been organist at St. James AME Church. She gave many successful organ recitals in the United States, Canada and the Caribbeans. Member of the board of directors of the National Association of Negro Musicians, director of the Lyric Choral Ensemble, organist-director of the young people's and junior choirs of St. James AME Church; member of the Ohio Music Teachers Association.

FORD, Rev. Robert E., teacher at Kittrell, was born August 13, 1869, son of Robert and Fannie Ford, in Washington, D. C.; was educated in the public schools of that city. At 12, he was converted and became a member of Vermont Avenue Baptist Church. During his youth he worked with the United States Geological Survey in Georgia; at the



REV. AND MRS. ROBERT E. FORD

age of 23 he was called to preach the gospel; graduated from Howard Theological Department, May, 1897; joined the Baltimore Annual Conference in 1897 under Bishop Handy, having become a member of Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, D. C.; ordained deacon in 1898; elder in 1901. He pastored: Ivytown, Chesapeake City, Elkton and Cecilton on the eastern shore of Maryland; was presiding elder of the Baltimore and Easton Districts. His pastorates in the Baltimore Conference include Hagerstown, Berkley, Randallstown, Falls Road, Oak Street, Baltimore, Towson, Eldridge, Carroll, and Allen, and Ebenezer, Washington, D. C.; was recording secretary of the Baltimore Conference for 30 years; has been chairman of the fourth year committee; also chairman of the third year committee; at the age of 73 at the 1942 session of the Annual Conference, because of physical disability he requested superannuated relationship with the conference. At Bishop Davis' suggestion, Dr. Ford was given an annual pension of $500, he was continued as chairman of the fourth year committee, and appointed at the School of Religion, at Kittrell College, where he now teaches hermeneutics, homiletics, and pastoral theology. In 1943 he received D.D. from Kittrell. In addition to being a minister he is an artist and a poet of merit. He exhibited at the Chicago World's Fair, several county fairs and school exhibitions. His poems have appeared in Metropolitan papers, and he is the author of "Brown Chapel," a novel in verse, published in 1905, and of several religious dramas. While presiding elder published "The District Advocate". Dr. Ford married in 1897, Miss Emma Victoria Turner, of Weverton, Maryland. Mrs. Ford is devoted to missionary work and for many years was treasurer of the Baltimore Conference Branch of the WMM Society. Dr. and Mrs. Ford have six children: (four sons and two daughters) Robert, Lucile, Fannie, Mark, George, and Nathaniel, all of whom have reflected credit upon their parents.

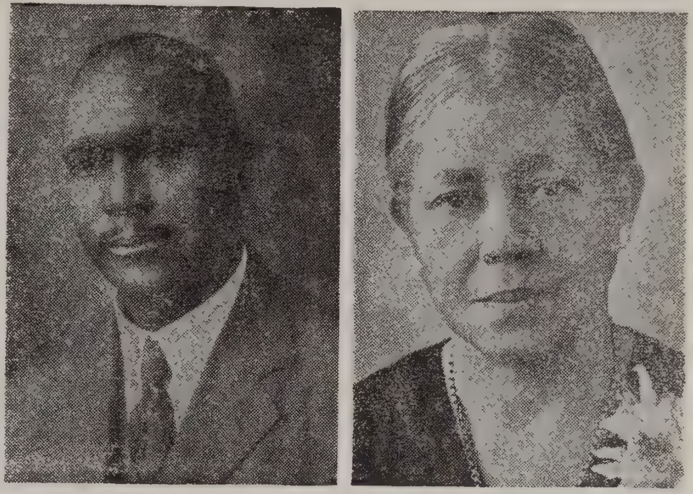


FOSTER, Rev. Troy, born in Arkansas; graduated from Wilberforce University; pastored in Ohio and Kentucky; during World War II, he was employed in the War Department. At its close he went back into the pastorate in Arkansas.

FOSTER, Mrs. L. D., wife of Rev. Troy Foster, teacher, is the daughter of Mrs. Katie and Rev. Lincoln C. Nall, prominent clergyman and school teacher in the state of Arkansas. Mrs. Foster is a graduate of Arkansas State College and has served as teacher and principal in the Arkansas State School system for four years. She was a member of the executive board of the conference branch missionary society in Kentucky.

FORTUIN, Rev. Henry Alex., presiding elder of the Cape Town District, and pastor of Salt River Circuit, South Africa, Sec-Treas. of the Cape Conference, financial board; member of Board of Trustees of Wilberforce Institute and Crogman Community Clinic, elected delegate to the General Conference of 1944. Concession Registrar, marriage officer of the Cape Providence, manager of schools, author of historical sketch of Cape Conference; was born July 31, 1877, in Cape Town; son of Isaac Johannes and Sophia E. Fortuin, descendants of the settlers who followed Van Riebeek to Cape Town. Ancestors were of the French Huguenots stock named La Fountaine, who because of persecution and of expulsion settled in Harlem, Holland. For religious and political reasons the name Fortuin was assumed. Descendants from this family settled in Ireland and later to Cape Province at Wamaker's Vlei now Wellington. Rev. Fortuin is one of 15 children, reared in the St. Andrew's Church and grammar school; married Miss Johannes M. Adriaanse; father of nine children; joined AME Church six months after Bishop H. M. Turner preached in the Opera House in Cape Town in 1898; served in all the local offices in Bethel, Cape Town; admitted to annual conference in 1916 during Bishop Beckett's regime while Dr. F. M. Gow was general superintendent and pastor of Bethel; ordained deacon and elder in 1919 by Bishop Vernon; assistant pastor, Bethel; pastor of Wellington, Diep River, Raab Kraal, Bethel, Cape Town, Wellington, Kraaifontein; Athlone and Welcome Estate; Salt River, Cape Town. Organised churches at Wolseley, Paarl, Etellenbosch; presiding elder of Wellington, and of Cape Town Districts; private secretary of Bishops Beckett and Vernon; printer by trade, apprenticed in 1895 and followed trade until 1942.

FORTUIN, Mrs. Johannes M. (Annie Adriaanse) deceased, wife of Rev. H. A. Fortuin, born July 17, 1882 at Over-Hex; died June 4, 1943; eldest daughter of Edward and Belle Adriaanse, parents of 9 children. Mother Fortuin served as understudy to Mother Sarah E. Gow, wife of Father F. M. Gow. Joined African Women's Christian Association, helped to carry out aggressive social and rescue work in Cape Town for many years. She was among the first group of 7 to join the AME Church May 28, 1898; was president of local missionary society, Bethel, president of Cape Annual Convention branch WMS; traveled extensively throughout South African missionary field accompanying Bishops and Mrs. Vernon, Gregg, Sims, Young, Wright and Mrs. L. M. Hughes; was member of and active worker for the Civilian Blind Society, Cape Town. For 15 years she taught Colored, Indian, Moslem, and African blind men and women in basket and mattress work upholstering and handwork, also the reading and the writing of Braille. She engaged in other forms of social service providing board, clothing and homes for the needy.

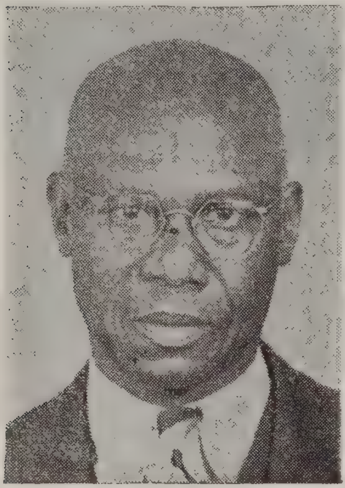


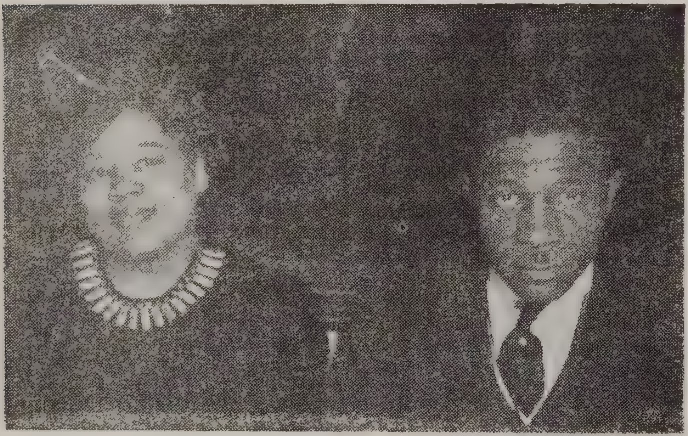
BISHOP AND MRS. W. A. FOUNTAIN, SR.

FOUNTAIN, Bishop William Alfred, senior bishop; born in Elberton, Georgia, October 29, 1870; son of Rev. Richard and Virginia Fountain; attended Elberton public school, Allen University, Morris Brown, Central University, Indianapolis, Indiana; A.B., Morris Brown College, 1900; B.D., Turner Theological Seminary, 1902; M.A. Northwestern University, 1919; S.T.B., Central University; honorary degrees: D.D., Morris Brown College; D.D., Lane College and Allen University; D.D. and LL.D. Wilberforce University, and Edward Waters College; was class leader, steward, trustee, superintendent Sunday school; licensed to preach at Elberton church by Rev. J. S. Flipper, 1892; admitted in the Georgia Annual Conference in 1892; ordained deacon at Marietta in 1892; elder at Cedartown in 1894. Served as pastor of Pendergrass Mission. 1892-93; Bethel, Athens, Georgia, 1894-95; Grant Chapel, Washington, 1895-97; Turner Chapel, Marietta, Georgia, 1898-1901; Allen Temple, Atlanta, Georgia, 1905-07; St. Stephens, Wilmington, N. C., 1908; Steward Chapel, Macon, Georgia, 1908-1911; presiding elder of Athens District, North Conference in Georgia, 1901. Organized the Second AME Church, Washington, Ga., and AME Church, Atlanta, Georgia; built Saint Luke, Washington, Georgia; and improved and remodeled many. He paid the mortgages of Bethel, Athens, Georgia; Grant Chapel, Washington; Turner Chapel, Marietta; Allen Temple, Atlanta; Steward, Macon; St. Stephen, Wilmington, N. C.; has received 15,000 members into the church and had 5,000 conversions under his preaching. A member of every General Conference since 1900. He served as chairman of the Educational Board, and Financial Board, Sunday School Union and Religious Education Boards and vice chairman of the Missionary Board; trustee of Morris Brown, Wilberforce, Payne University, and Payne Theological Seminary. Published articles in all church periodicals, and the Atlanta Constitution, etc.; published: "Humanitarian Elements of the Eighth Century Prophets," 1919; member of Sigma Pi Phi Boule, and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; vice-president of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches; represents AME Church in the Federal Council of Churches in America, Interracial Commission of Georgia, National Negro Business League, USO, NAACP, YMCA; member of the Ecumenical Committee of the AME Church, etc. He was elected bishop in 1920; served as bishop of the 18th Episcopal District, embracing South America, the West Indies, Puget Sound, and Calif. Conferences from 1920 to 1924; the 9th District, Alabama, 1924-28; and Georgia since 1928. During his administration in Georgia, the membership has reached 104,000, the largest in the connection; the dollar money and other connectional funds are in the forefront, and Morris Brown College, which was bankrupt in 1928, is now the largest purely AME educational institution, and is entirely out of debt. The educational rally in Georgia in the spring of 1944 netted over $260,000. The school's endowment is now nearly a half million dollars. He became senior bishop at the death of Bishop Flipper, October, 1944. He was chairman of the after-the-war planning committee of the AME Church. He was twice married. His first wife Miss Jessie M.

Williams, the mother of President W. A. Fountain, Jr., died during his early ministry. He has been married to Mrs. Julia A. Fountain, his present wife, for more than 45 years.

FOXWORTH, Sr., Mr. W. L., mortician, was born in Marion County, South Carolina, February 7, 1892, son of Rev. M. S. and Lottie (Davis) Foxworth; attended Mullins grade school; served in every office open to laymen; secretary of church, steward, trustee, secretary of quarterly conference, etc., also trustee of Palmetto High, 1920-1939; Allen University since 1936. His son Orlando Foxworth, served in England during World War II. He is a member of the F & AM, junior deacons, Odd Fellow, Noble Grand, Good Samaritan, (W. C.) IBPOEW, (P.M.); Home Mutual; Young Men's Progressive Club.



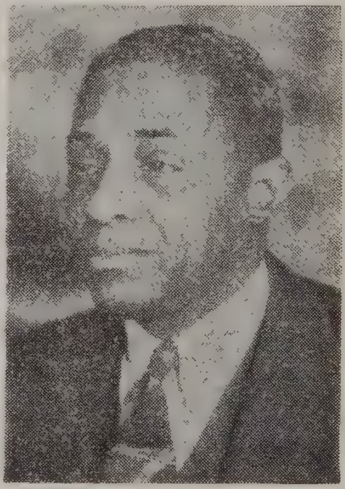


REV. AND MRS. W. L. FREEMAN

FREEMAN, Rev. William Lee, pastor of the Greater St. Luke's AME Church, New York City; son of Kitt and Elizabeth K. Freeman; born in Charleston County, South Carolina, November 11, 1906; converted April 12, 1920, under Rev. W. H. Humbard; attended the public school of his home state, and in 1932 finished the Harlem Evening High School for men in New York City; finished the NBI School of Religion of New York City in 1936; licensed to preach by Rev. A. L. Wilson, November 30, 1930; admitted to New York Conference June, 1932; ordained deacon May 27, 1934 by Bishop Heard; elder by Bishop Heard June 21, 1936; married Mrs. Emma S. Morrison May 10, 1928, and from this union a daughter was born, Susie R. Freman, a student at the Juilliard School of Music, New York; appointed to the St. Luke's AME Mission in August of 1936 where he found about 47 members worshipping in a small rented back room at 3455 Lenox Ave. In November of the same year, he led these people into their first church home costing them $28,400. In June, 1945, the mortgage was burned and the congregation increased from 41 to 400. Because of the demand for larger quarters, on October 20, 1946, Rev. Freeman led the people into the present Greater St. Luke's AME Church, costing them $75,000 with a down payment of $17,500. He is delegate to the General Conference in May, 1948; received the D.D. degree from Daniel Payne College on May 29, 1947; is member of the membership committee of the Harlem Branch of the YMCA; Scout-master of troop No. 753.

FREEMAN, Mrs. has been a delegate to the past 3 quadrennial sessions of the Missionary Conventions and member of the executive board of the New York Conference Branch.

FULGHUM, Mr. Levi C. engineer; born in Chatfield, Arkansas, January 1, 1891; son of Myles and Marie Bailey Fulghum; attended public schools of Chatfield, Arkansas; served at Providence AME Church, Memphis, Tenn.; trustee treasurer, class leader, and president of the usher board; delegate to the annual conferences of 1942-1943; to the General Conference 1944, and member of the committee on the financial secretary's report in 1944; married Miss Fantine L. Williams of Memphis, Tennessee, July 11, 1943.



GAINES, Mrs. Lillian G., member of the Mt. Zion AME Church, Camden, Delaware, joined this church in 1904; was educated in the public schools of

Camden, Delaware and Chester, Pa. First office in church was that of junior steward, then senior steward and also secretary of steward board; was superintendent of Sunday school, Sunday school teacher, treasurer of Sunday school, Willing Workers, Allen Stars, president of usher board, member of the Pennsylvania-Delaware Mite Missionary Society, organizer of the Layman's League in Mt. Zion AME Church, Camden, Delaware; delegate to the Delaware Annual Conference, 1940-41, and alternate to the General Conference, 1944; held the position of DGMN, Gov. for State of Delaware. House Hold of Ruth, president of Atkins Cubbage, Ladies Auxiliary to the VRW, of the U.S.A. 1940-41; also served as historian for the State Dept. of Delaware VFW, 1942; hospital chairman, 1943-1944. A member of the YWCA, Wilmington, Delaware; Delaware Red Cross; executive board of the NAACP; was crowned "Miss Wilberforce" at the Delaware Conference 1939 and 1940.

REV. AND MRS. B. A. GALLOWAY

GALLOWAY, Rev. Braddock A., pastor, Macedonia, Flushing, N. Y.; born, New Bedford, Mass,. June 19, 1896; son of Charles and Emily Anderess Galloway; attended New Bedford public and high schools, also Wilberforce University where he received B.D. and D.D. (1938); served local church as trustee, class leader, local preacher, treasurer ACE League, assistant pastor; licensed to preach at New Bedford Church by Rev. D. O. Walker, January, 1917; admitted to New England Annual Conference at Fall River, Mass., June, 1917; ordained deacon by Bishop Ross; elder at Chillicothe, Ohio, by Bishop Jones; served as pastor of Long, Ohio, 1922-24; London, Ohio, 6 months; Smithfield, Ohio, 1924-1927; Springfield, Ohio, 1927-1930; Greenwich, Conn., 1930-1936; Hamilton, Bermuda, 1936-1940; Flushing, N. Y., 1940-to present; presiding elder of Bermuda Conference, 1936-1940; built 1st Unit of the Maritime's Ferry Church, 1926; paid the mortgages on Long, Ohio; London, Ohio; delegate to the General Conference in 1940 and 1944; trustee of Wilberforce, 1930-1936; published articles in the Christian Recorder; served on Flushing Honor Roll commission for service men; has 3 daughters, the eldest Ellen Louise, is a social worker at Childs Service League as girls' supervisor. Member of the A.W.U.S.; trained at American Red Cross and at Queen's General Hospital as nurse's aid. Mrs. Galloway does social work and assisted the War Ration Board. Member of the Masons, Hamilton, (Bermuda); K. P., Greenwich, Conn.; Chaplain Maple Leaf Lodge, 123 Elks, Executive Board member of NAACP, Flushing, N. Y. President of the New York Ministers' Association, vice-president of Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance, Springfield, Ohio; board member of YMCA; staff member of Wilberforce Club, New York City; treasurer New York Annual Conference.

GALLOWAY, Mrs. Blanche A., wife of Rev. B. A. Galloway, president of New York Conference Branch; daughter of Louis and Henrietta Hilton Moore; born in Pittsburgh, Pa.; attended the public and high schools in Alliance, Ohio, and Wilberforce University for 2 years; converted at 18 years in St. Luke's AME Church; served as organist of that Church for 8 years; president of the Senior Missionary Society for 6 years; Sunday school secretary of many church organizations, superintendent of YPD, for 4 years. Did Evangelistic work, serving with Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Turner for a number of years; secretary of local NAACP. Trained in missionary work by the late Mrs. Sadie J. Anderson of Cleveland, Ohio; served as a conference branch officer in the North Ohio and Ohio Conference Branches; married Rev. B. A. Galloway, December 10, 1924 at London, Ohio; served as active church and Sunday school worker on all husband's charges; was district organizer of the Newport District, of the Missionary Conference Branch. Through her efforts a "B. A. Galloway Self Denial Fund" was started in the Conference Branch, to bring Christmas cheer to the mission preachers. She has three talented daughters, Ellen Louise, Braddalene Jena, and Braddella Elisabeth. The family sailed on July 11, 1936 for Bermuda where they served as missionaries for 4 years. She was elected president of the Conference Branch and their work spread through the Island. Y.P.D. membership grew from 151 members to 732 members; two groups of boys with a membership of 124 were organized, the only missionary boys presented to the Quadrennial Convention of 1939; they were known as the W. Sampson Brooks Missionary Boys, and the Sons of Allen. Over 9,000 visits were made to homes, hospitals, Leper Asylum, etc. Souls were converted, flowers and money distributed. She is now president of the New York Conference Branch and was a member of the first quadrennial session of the WMS in 1947.

REV. AND MRS. H. A. GARCIA

MR. AND MRS. R. J. GARDNER

GARCIA, Rev. Howard Alan, presiding elder, Newark District, New Jersey Conference; born and educated in Jamaica, B. W. Indies; B.D., Payne Theological Seminary, 1912; was admitted to the Ohio Conference under Bishop Derrick, 1910; ordained deacon by Bishop Derrick in 1911; elder by Bishop Heard, 1915. Pastor: Belpre-Marietta, Cumberland Circuit, Ohio, 1911; St. Paul, Cedarville, Ohio, 1912; Albion, New York, 1913-14; missionary to Liberia, West Coast Africa, laboring as teacher at Monrovia; and with Mrs. Garcia, at Bethel Church, Lower Buchanan, Grand Bassa; organized Kroo Town Mission, Lower Buchanan, Grand Bassa, 1914-16; Derrick Memorial Mission, New York, 1917; Bethel, Olean, New York, bought parsonage, 1917-20; Bethel, Buffalo, N. Y., 1920-22, liquidated one mortgage; partially paid off another; renovated church and paid all current obligations; Mt. Pisgah, Salem, New Jersey, 1922-25; installed furnace in church; electrified parsonage and reduced debts; Bethel, Morristown, N. J., 1925-35; installed furnaces and redecorated both church and parsonage; reduced debts; Mt. Pisgah, Jersey City, N. J.; renovated church and parsonage, installed furnace, paid all debts and burned mortgage, July 16, 1943; delegate to General Conference, 1944; Presiding Elder, Atlantic City District, New Jersey Annual Conference, 1944. He married Miss Ida C. Barrett of St. Ann, Jamaica, B. W. I., in New York City, 1914. They have two sons, both graduates of Wilberforce; Howard, Jr., who served in the Army, and Henry, instructor in Music in Wilberforce University.

GARDNER, Mr. Reuben James, president of the Third Episcopal District Laymen's Association; member of St. James AME Church, Cleveland, Ohio, son of Amos and Adaline Gardner; born March 30, 1871, Wetumpka, Alabama; married Addie Lillian Blair of Nashville, Tennessee, May 18, 1898; educated in the public schools of Warren and Bolivar County, Mississippi; Alcorn A. & M. College, Rodney, Mississippi, 1890; Walden University, Nashville, Tennessee, 1896. In Nashville he was three times prize winner of his class. He also won the medal on class exhibits in 1903, at the World's Fair in Chicago, Ill.; converted in 1886; joined The Charity of Peace AME Church, Phalia, Miss., subsequently, Bethel AME Church, Mound Bayou, Miss.; was Sunday school teacher, superintendent, district superintendent and president of the ACE League; steward, trustee, class leader, corresponding secretary of the Mississippi State Christian Endeavor League, district superintendent of the Mound Bayou district, delegate to the General Conference of 1912 to 1924, and 1944; alternate in 1908 and 1928; taught school in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Mississippi; was a delegate to the National Teachers' Association in Atlanta, Ga., and Nashville, Tennessee; for a number of years president of the Bolivar County, Miss.; Teachers' Association; was trustee and supervisor of Campbell College land and farm, 1910-21; had charge of Mound Bayou office of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad, as express and railroad agent, 1908-1920; 32 degree Mason, member of the Knights of Pythias, and Odd Fellows; has been a delegate to the B.M.C., Richmond, Va., Atlantic City, N. J., Baltimore, Md., and Boston, Mass.

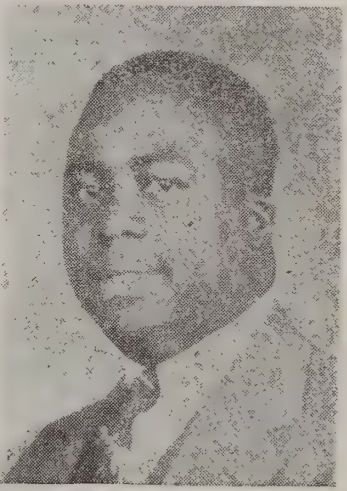
GARDNER, Mrs. Addie Lillian (Blair), wife of Mr. R. J. Gardner, daughter of George and Margaret Blair; was born in Knolensville, Tennessee, April 11, 1877; educated in the public schools of Nashville, Tennessee, and Walden University, Nashville; married May 18, 1898; taught school in Kentucky and Mississippi; joined St. Mark ME Church in 1892; served as Sunday school teacher, chorister, president of Women's Auxiliary; District organizer of the State of Mississippi Women's Federation; joined the AME Church with her husband in 1898. Became president of the ACE League; member of St. James, Cleveland, Ohio.

GARRETT, Rev. F. G., born at Lucy, Tennessee, 1891; converted at the age of 10 and joined Noah Chapel AME Church; attended Lucy public school, Rewlings secondary school; took correspondence course from T. P. Young and attended Fisk University; licensed to preach June 19, 1915 by Rev. J. H. Grant, presiding elder; admitted to the West Tennessee Annual Conference at Providence AME Church, 1916 by Bishop Lee; ordained deacon, 1918, by Bishop Lee; elder, November 20, 1921 by Bishop Carey at Brown Chapel AME Church at Union City, Tenn. Pastored: Mt. Olive, Brighton, Tennessee, 1921-25; Mt. Sinai, 1925-30; Greenwood, 1930-35; Hichman Circuit, 1935-37; Hollow Rock Circuit, 1937-38; Lexington, 1938-39; Mt. Zion, Memphis, Tenn., 1939-45; Salters Chapel, Dyersburg, 1945 to date. He built the new Mt. Zion, and largely increased its membership.

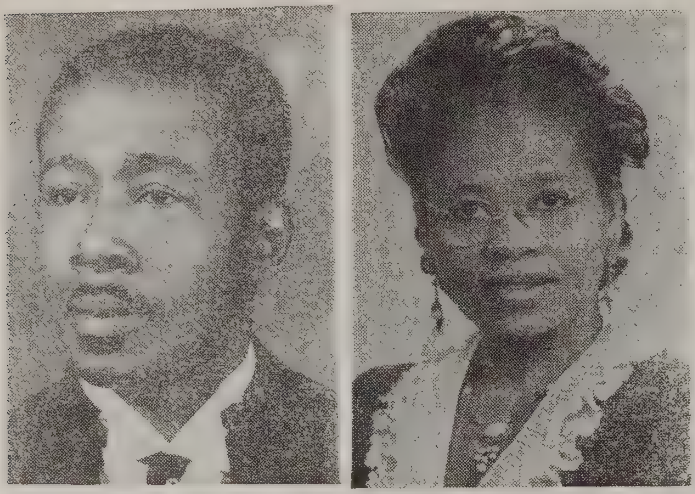
GARRISON, Rev. Norman Theodore, presiding elder, Buffalo District, New York Conference; served the congregation at Corona, N. Y., 1938 till 1947; was ordained by Bishop William H. Heard in 1927; organized the Emanuel AME Chapel on East 100th Street, New York, in July 1929. This mission was later named the Mt. Zion AME Church, located on Madison Avenue at 166th Street, and became one of the outstanding edifices in Greater New York; served as secretary of the Ministerial Association and assistant secretary of the New York Conference for many years; delegate to General Conference of 1944; member of the advisory committee on Negro Health and member of the Council of the Queensboro Tnberculosis and Health Association, the second Negro to be honored for distinguished services in the community. Since 1946, he has been secretary of the New York Annual Conference.

REV. AND MRS. N. T. GARRISON

GARRISON, Mrs. Daisy, his wife, served as vice-president of the Ministers' Wives' Alliance of the New York Annual Conference.



GIBBONS, Mr. Samuel Cecil, was born March 10, 1903, at Sandersville, Georgia; son of Gilbert (farmer) and Mary Jane (Johnson) Gibbons; graduated from Sandersville High and Industrial School; attended city college; married in 1926 Miss Isabelle Marshall. Three children were born: William, Cecil, and Delores. Delores died at 3. Mr. Gibbons joined St. Paul AME Church in Sandersville, Ga., at the age of 14, where he served as Sunday school superintendent, class leader, trustee and president of ACE League. Upon finishing high school in Georgia, he came to Detroit, and immediately joined Ebenezer AME Church, where he served as usher, choir member, and Sunday school teacher. Later he and his wife moved to the westside of the city and joined St. Stephens AME Church, where he served as class leader, trustee, (Junior Church), vice-president of the Brotherhood Club, member of layman's organization and a committeeman of Boy Scouts of St. Stephens. Aside from his religious activities, he is chairman of the membership committee of the NAACP, president of the Youth Progressive Club, Inc., and manager of the Detroit leading department stores.

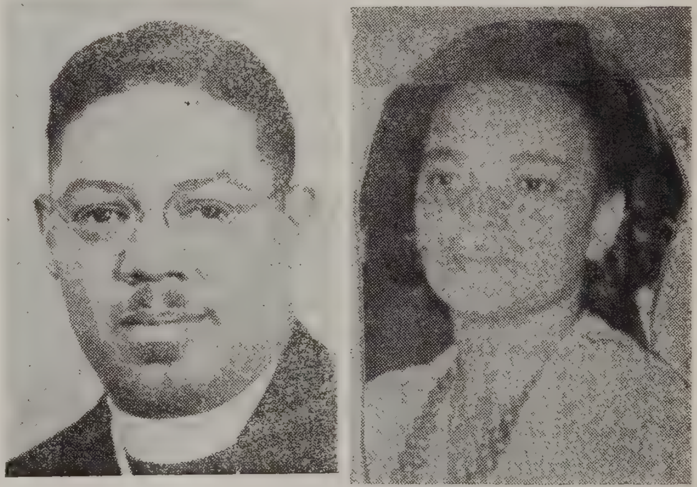


REV. AND MRS. C. A. GIBBS

GIBBS, Rev. Carey A., pastor of Mt. Zion AME Church, Jacksonville, Florida, born in Madison, Fla., March 20, 1892; son of Jack and Lila Gibbs; attended the public schools of Madison and Duval Counties; graduated from Edward Waters College, 1917; B.D. from Payne Seminary, June, 1923; D.D. from Payne Seminary, 1938; D.D. and LL.D. from Edward Waters College, 1944; served local church as Sunday school superintendent and steward; was licensed to preach at Ward Inst. Church by Rev. J. A. Gregg in 1919; admitted to the North Ohio Annual Conference in October, 1921; ordained deacon and elder in Ohio Conference by Bishop Jones; served as pastor in Harvesburg, 1922-23; and Sabina, 1923-24; in Florida at Leesburg, 1924-25; Ocala, 1925-28; Sanford, 1928-29; president of Edward Waters College, 1929-32; St. Stephen, Jacksonville, 1932-36; St. Paul, Jacksonville, 1936-38; presiding elder, North Jacksonville District, 1938-40; Payne Chapel, West Palm Beach, 1940-44; Mt. Zion, Jacksonville since 1944; paid mortgage on Mt. Zion, Ocala, of $1200.00; Stephen, $5000.00; Payne Chapel, $5000.00; received into the church 1090 persons and had 563 conversions; delegate to all General Conferences since 1932; served on the board of Religious Education, 1936-44; Federal Council of Churches, 1940-44; trustee of Edward Waters since 1932, and treasurer since 1936; treasurer of Masonic Grand Lodge, 1940; member of K. of P., American Wodman; published articles in all church periodicals, Tampa Bulletin, Florida Times Unoin, etc. Served in World War No. 1, in America and Europe; has spoken on many commencement occasions; delivered the annual sermon to the Connectional Council, 1943; received large vote for bishop in 1944; married on June 14, 1922 to Miss Pennye E. Simmons.

GIBBS, Mrs. Pennye Esther, wife of Rev. C. A. Gibbs, was born of Christian parents in Marion County, Florida; attended Howard Academy (high school of her county) where she in later years served as instructor, as well as in many other public schools of her state. She is a product of Edward Waters College and of Walker's Business College; in each she also served as instructor. Mrs. Gibbs studied also at the Florida A and M College and at Wilberforce University. She has served her church, community and state in many capacities.

GIBSON, Miss Lucretia Morris, was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, the daughter of William H., and Mary J. Gibson of Baltimore, Maryland. Parents being intelligent and musical, were her instructors; graduated from Central high school, Louisville, Ky.; studied at State School of Indiana, Spellman College, Wilberforce and Columbia Universities, and graduated from the School of Expression and Dramatic Art, Chicago; taught in the public school of Louisville, Kentucky, until retirement in 1942; a devotee of the church and Sabbath school; she served Quinn Chapel, Louisville, for 25 years as treasurer; robing and directing the choir; prior to this time her father, being director of choir, and sister (Mary G. Lewis) organist, together they worked for the musical advancement of the church, and installed the first pipe organ.



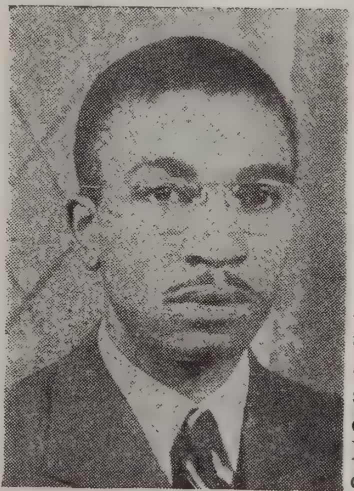
REV. AND MRS. J. L. GLOVER

GLOVER, Rev. Jesse L., pastor of Allen AME Church, Riverside, California, was born in Omaha, Nebraska, February 11, 1909; educated in the schools of Omaha, Western University, Kansas;

D.D., from Shorter College; pastored in Omaha, Kansas City, McAlester, Okla., First Church of the Conference, Huntington, Arkansas; founded Allen Chapel, San Pedro, Calif., and at present Allen Chapel, Riverside; was presiding elder of Muskogee District; director of music of the Connectional Council; member of connectional board of Evangelism; member of the staff of the AME Review, writer to the church papers, under the caption—"Straight from the Shoulder"; married Miss Zelda Jordan, of Dardenelle, Ark., in 1930, a product of Dunbar high school, Little Rock, Arkansas; father of two daughters: Selma Glover, born in Long Beach, Calif., 1931, and Huberteen Glover, born in Oakland, Calif., 1935; began in the ministry 1936 in St. John AME Church, Omaha, Neb.; taught piano, voice; directed choirs several years; traveled in every state in the Union and Canada; served as private secretary to Bishop Greene, in 1936, in the Eighth Episcopal District; renovated Allen Chapel, Riverside.

GOLER, Rev. Francis H., born Gibson, Georgia, August 9, 1881, son of George and Amanda Goler; attended Grange, Georgia public school; Dublin, Ga. high school; Morris Brown, Atlanta, Ga. College; licensed to preach by Rev. G. H. Jones, 1915; admitted to Augusta, Ga. Annual Conference at Dublin, 1917; ordained deacon at Swainsboro, Ga. in 1918 by Bishop Flipper; elder at Oakhill, Youngstown, Ohio in 1925, by Bishop Jones; served as pastor in Ohio, of Reed Chapel, Youngstown, 1923-24; Asbury Chapel, Waynesburg, 1928-32; St. John, Struthers, 1934-36; Reed Chapel, Youngstown, 1936-41; Mitchel Chapel, Mansfield, 1941-42; organized St. Mark AME Church, Youngstown, 1933; built Reed Chapel, Youngstown, 1924-25; and Asbury Chapel, 1928-1934; paid mortgage on Reed Chapel, $700.00; reduced mortgage of $2200.00 to $885.00; received 200 members into the church, had 50 conversions under his preaching; published articles in the church papers.

GOMEZ, Rev. Joseph, pastor St. James, Cleveland, Ohio; received B.B., D.D. and LL.D. from Wilberforce; served in the mission fields of Bermuda and Canada; youngest pastor appointed to historic Bethel, Detroit; built for it the largest church edifice in the connection. Pastored in Allen Chapel, Kansas City, Missouri, where he organized and taught the Men's Bible Class; St. Paul, St. Louis, Missouri, where he became one of the first two of his race to receive a Master's degree from the Eden Graduate School of Religion; rebuilt St. James AME Church, Cleveland, Ohio, destroyed by fire January 1, 1938; during two years of occupancy of the main auditorium all debts on the new church were cancelled; has been spokesman and representative of his church on important occasions, home and abroad. Twice honored by a large vote for the bishopric of his church. Taught at Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University. He is frequently called upon to be commencement speaker and lecturer; author of many pamphlets and essays. In civic life he has stood out as one of the progressive leaders of the communities he has served, and has been counselor and member of many civic commissions; served as Chairman of Ration Board 18-11, Cuyahoga County; president of the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance; member of the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; member of the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Church Federation; trustee of Wilberforce University; member of the board of directors of Payne Theological Seminary at Wilberforce University; member of the State Board of Trustees, Wilberforce University; member of the Board of Directors of the Cedar Branch YMCA; member of the Financial Board of the AME Church; member of the Corporation of Schauffler College of Religion and Social Work; Kappa Alpha Psi and other fraternities; director of the St. James Literary Forum; contributor to many religious and secular journals. Nominated for Who's Who in the Western Hemisphere. Married to Hazel Thompson at Wilberforce University June 18, 1914. Two children were born to them: Eula Viviana and Annetta Louise.

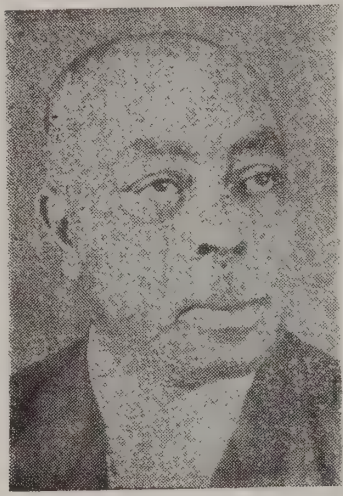


GOODRICH, Jr., Mr. Isaiah, born Memphis, Tennessee, October 30, 1914; son of Isaiah and Bertha (Walls) Goodrich; principal of Weaver School; attended Douglass public school, B. T. Washington high school, and La Moyne, College, Memphis; B.A. in English, Le Moyne, 1932; member of Tyler AME Church; served as superintendent of Sunday school and secretary of local church; member of the Negro Fraternal Council of Churches; delegate to General Conference of 1944 and 1948.

REV. AND MRS. L. S. GOOLSBY

GOOLSBY, Rev. L. S., pastor, Quinn Chapel, Lincoln, Nebraska; eldest of eight children of Johnson and Martha Ann (Dumas) Goolsby, staunch African Methodists; born in Jones County, Georgia, near Round Oak, September 25, 1887; converted and joined Universe AME Church; moved to Macon, Georgia; attended Ballard high school and joined Stewart Chapel AME Church, where he was licensed to preach in 1909; in 1910 entered Morris Brown University, and Turner Theological Seminary; graduated from both. Pastored Fitzgerald, Ga., 1917; and Quitman, Ga., 1920; transferred to California; attended the University of California; pastored 17 years in that state: Bakersfield, San Diego, San Bernardina, and San Francisco; then at St. Paul, Pueblo, Colorado, 5 years; and the present charge, Quinn Chapel, Lincoln, Nebraska. January 16, 1916 he married Miss Alicia Willis of Macon, Ga.; they had six children, three boys and three girls: Rev. Lewis W. Goolsby, Jr., Blythe, Calif.; Alice Coretha, deceased; Charles Martel, U. S. Army; John Aaron, U. S. Coast Guard; Margaret Virginia, University student and draughtsman in air plane factory in Seattle, Washington; Melsena Goolsby, junior in Lincoln high school, Nebraska. September 24, 1946 he was again married to Miss Marjorie Rebecca Strode of Lawrence, Kans. He freed Fitzgerald Church of a debt of a thousand dollars, 1919; paid on the mortgage debt of Quitman; paid $1500 on San Francisco Church; burnt mortgage on Bethel, San Diego; burnt mortgage on St. Paul, Pueblo, Colo. He is the president of the Ministerial Alliance of Lincoln and alternate delegate to the Philadelphia General Conference of 1944.

GOOLSBY, Mrs. Marjoria Rebecca (Strode) present wife of Rev. L. S. Goolsby; was born in Lawrence, Kansas; was member of the AME Church, of Lawrence and later of First AME Church of Kansas City, Kansas; was married to Rev. L. S. Goolsby, September 24, 1946.



GORDON, Rev. R. J., pastor of Bethel, Chattanooga, East Tennessee; born in Giles County, Tenn. December 22, 1878; son of Toney and Ada (McBride) Gordon; attended the Giles County public schools; served as steward, Sunday school superintendent; licensed to preach at St. Joseph Church by Rev. E. R. Reed in 1915; admitted to Tennessee Annual Conference at Nashville in 1916; ordained deacon at Nashville in 1917 by Bishop Lee; elder at Nashville in 1919 by Bishop Lee. Pastored: Brown Chapel, Tenn., 1916-19; Williamsport, Tenn., 1919-23; Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., 1923-27; Quinn Chapel, Chattanooga, East Tenn., 1927-35; Bethel, Chattanooga, East Tenn., 1935-44; built Clayborn Chapel, Williamsport, Tenn., 1921; paid mortgages on: Jones Chapel, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.; Bethel AME Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.; received many members into the church; delegate to the General Conference in 1944 and 1948; alternate in 1928; trustee of Turner College, 1910; published articles in church papers and Chattanooga Observer; member of the Interdenominational Alliance and served as president; member of Fraternal Council of Negro Churches of America.

GOREE, Mrs. Myrtice Hampton, daughter of Irving G. and Margaret (Shivers) Hampton of Warrenton, Georgia; Mrs. Hampton is a retired teacher of Georgia who has given a life of service to the AME Church; Mrs. Goree is the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George George Shivers of Warrenton, and the great grand-daughter of Rev. Isaac Lowe, pioneers of the AME Church in Georgia; she was born December 20, 1903, at Warrenton; baptized and taught to love the AME Church from the cradle. Her parents brought her to Birmingham, Alabama and joined Payne Chapel, Rev. J. B. Carter, pastor, where her religious training continued. At the age of 12, she was elected delegate to the Sunday school convention. From that time on she has continually served in the church as Sunday school teacher, vice-president of the choir, Young People's Missionary supervisor, and Bible teacher for the Senior Missoinary Society, etc. In 1938 she was promoted to district supervisor of YPD, where she has served over 6 years; in 1940 she was appointed by Bishop Nichols as state president of the ACE League of the 9th Episcopal District. She is a trustee of Daniel Payne College and president of the Parent Teacher Association; the wife of Mr. William Alexander Goree of Marion, Alabama; her elementary training was received from the Allen Normal Training, Thomasville, Georgia, Saint Mark Episcipal school, Birmingham, Alabama; the State Teachers College, Montgomery, Alabama and Miles Memorial College; was delegate to 1944 General Conference.

CHAPLAIN AND MRS. JAMES C. GRADY

GRADY, Chaplain James C., son of Rev. Luke and Mrs. Rebecca (Hays); born Sept. 19, 1897, at Castle Haynes, North Carolina; married Eleanor Wortham of Warrenton, North Carolina, November 6, 1928; 2 children, Charles S. Grady, and Marion E. Grady; educated in the public school of New Hanover Co., North Carolina, Kittrell College; B.D. Kittrell College, 1928; converted at the age of 13; joined Saint James AME Church, Rock Hill, N. C.; held offices, as class leader, choir member, Sunday school teacher, district superintendent of Sunday schools; licensed to preach 1918 by Dr. W. H. Capehart, presiding elder; admitted to the North Carolina Annual Conference November, 1920; served several mission appointments while a student at Kittrell College; ordained deacon and elder by Bishop John Albert Johnson; pastored Weldon Circuit 2 years, Murfreesboro Circuit, 3 years; St. Paul Station, Blacksboro, Va., 3 years; added many members to the church; paid debts at Newsoms, Va., chief secretary of the North Carolina Annual Conference; writer to church periodicals under the caption: "A Voice From the Trenches"; commissioned first Lt. Chaplain by President F. D. Roosevelt, February 13, 1944; graduate Chaplains' School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., March 20, 1944. Chaplain of the 1324th Engineer General Service Regiment, Camp Claiborne, La., from March 25, 1944 to October 31, 1944; Chaplain 140th Quarter Master Battalion, Camp Maxey, Texas, from November 1944 to December 31, 1944. Chaplain AG and SF, Redistribution Station, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, from January, 1945 to his honorable discharge. Assisted in the 6th War Loan Drive, Hugo, Okla., in which over $30,000 worth of War Bonds were sold. Fifty-five soldiers converted at Camp Claiborne, La.; preached to one thousand and thirty-four in an open air service, Camp Claiborne, Louisiana; helped to avoid an uprising in the 1324th Regiment; commended for excellent service as a chaplain; now returned to his work in the church.

GRADY, Mrs. Eleanor (Wortham), wife of Chaplain James C. Grady, daughter of Stewart and Mary Wortham; was born in Ridgeway, North Carolina; educated in the public schools of Ridgeway, N. C.; graduate of Elizabeth City State Teachers College, Elizabeth City, N. C., and Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.; taught school in the North Carolina public school system 15 years; married November 6, 1928; Sunday school teacher, musician, missionary worker; joined the AME Church 1928.

GRAHAM, Mrs. Etta, evangelist and social worker; born in Brandenburg, October 18; daughter of Thomas Carrico and Cecelia Friemier; attended schools in Mead County, and the Chicago Training School; served as class leader and deaconess; licensed to preach at Quinn Church by Rev. J. W. Hall in May, 1920; received 3,500 members into the church and had 2,000 conversions under her preaching; delegate to the Missionary Quadrennial Convention; delegate to General Conference of 1944; contributed to all church periodicals, The Louisville Leader; published "Just A Little Gem," 1942. Instructor in Louisville Branch of the R. R. Wright, Jr., School of Religion, and in the Kentucky Youth Congress. Served also as paid social worker for Quinn Chapel AME Church, Louisville, Ky., and volunteer distributor of religious tracts; member of the Kentucky Council of Church Women.

GRANT, Bishop Robert Alexander, (deceased), 50th bishop; was born, December 25, 1878 in Tallahassee, Florida, Leon County; was educated in

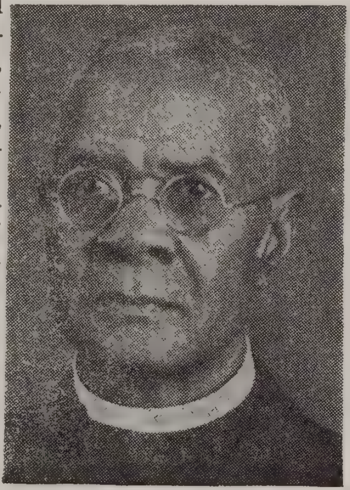
BISHOP AND MRS. R. A. GRANT

Lincoln high school, Florida A&M College, B.S.; and Gammon Theological Seminary, B.D. 1911; at an early age he went into business and was very successful as a merchant and owner of hacks and drays for transportation and hauling. In 1908, he was converted under Rev. R. D. Lewis; joined Bethel AME Church; applied for license to preach, which was granted. He graduated from Gammon Theological Seminary in 1911, as valedictorian; he was admitted to the Florida Annual Conference in Pensacola, Florida, November, 1911 and ordained deacon by Bishop M. B. Salter and was sent to Waukula Circuit; in 1912 he was ordained elder by Bishop Coppin and transferred to the East Florida Conference where he was stationed at St. Paul AME Church, Jacksonville, Florida, 15 months; on July 24, 1912, he was married to Miss Maud E. Brookins, an accomplished musician in Pensacola, Florida; at St. Paul Church he reported $17,000 in 3 years, burned mortgage, remodeled church and parsonage and increased membership. He next pastored Mt. Olive AME Church, Jacksonville; 15 months; Mt. Zion, he paid debts, raised the standard, increased membership; in 1920 he was appointed presiding elder of the North Jacksonville District and elected treasurer of Edward Waters College; pastored Grant's Memorial Church, Jacksonville; paid off mortgage of $1500.00; in 1928 he was elected bishop, and in 1936 he was assigned to Florida. After his first year there, $6,000 was raised for Edward Waters College. He received LL.D. from Paul Quinn College in 1926; D.D. from Morris Brown University; was president of Church Extension Board, 1932-1936; League Board, Religious Education, August 10, 1937; a silver wedding anniversary celebration was given by the ministers and members of Florida in honor of him and wife; January 28, 1939, while on his way to Jacksonville from the Orlando Conference, he was in an automobile wreck and after four days passed, and was buried in Jacksonville, Florida.

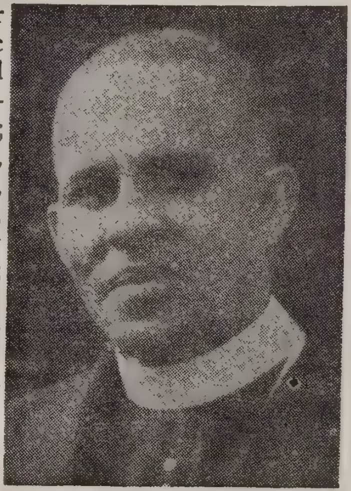
GRANT, Mrs. M. E., widow of Bishop R. A. Grant, was born in Jacksonville, Florida, Duval County, one of 7 children of Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Brookins, prominent minister of the AME Church; attended public schools of Florida while her father pastored different sections of the state; studied in Florida A and M College, Tallahassee, Fla.; Allen University; and Shorter College. After her mother died, she graduated from Allen University and followed her father over a number of states to the West. She taught in some of the leading colleges of the AME Church in Tennessee, Alabama and Florida. She was married in 1912 in Pensacola, Florida to Rev. Dr. R. A. Grant. She stands out prominently as a bishop's wife in the missionary circles in the church; and an inspirer of youth.

GRANTT, Mrs. C. A. R., born Chapel Hill, Texas; moved with her parents to Bryan, Texas, where she joined Allen Chapel AME Sunday school. She attended Bryan high school, graduated salutatorian of her class; received B.S. from Paul Quinn College; she served as president of the Conference Branch of the Women's Missionary Society of Texas, traveled, lectured and organized missionary societies; she resigned and came to Oklahoma, serving as president of the ACE League, and holding many other offices of Ward Chapel AME Church. She attended the Quadrennial Conference at Little Rock, Ark., 1943 and was a delegate to the General Conference in May, 1944. She attended State Normal School, Pittsburg, Kansas; Prairie View State College, Texas; Langston University, Oklahoma; has served as teacher, printer, poetess, worker of Federated Clubs, NAACP, and Red Cross; was 3rd vice-president and secretary of State Teachers' Association; a life member of National Teachers' Association; composed the state theme song for NAACP, and the American Woodman; traveled extensively all over the U.S.A.

GRASTY, Mrs. Hattie E., dressmaker, born in Florida; daughter of Alfred and Flora Dempsey; attended Marion County, Florida public school, Emerson Industrial, Ocala, Florida high school; studied at Florida A and M College; graduated from Bible and Evangelical Training Course; served as Sunday school teacher and superintendent, trustee, stewardess, evangelist; licensed to preach at New Bethel AME Church by Rev. Hodson Waters, 1930; organized New Bethel, Willow Grove, 1919; delegate to the General Conferences of 1944 and 1948; alternate in 1932, 1936, and 1940; served as dean of Philadelphia Woman's Mite Missionary Society Institute; district superintendent of Sunday school of the Philadelphia District, 9 years.



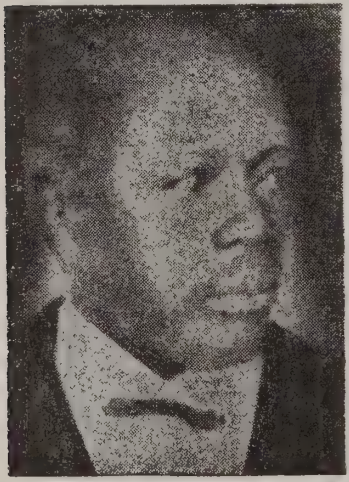
GRAY, Rev. Anderson Plummer, superannuated, son of Alfred and Mary J. Gray; born October 17, 1868, in Nashville, Tennessee; attended the Neal public high school, Bellview high school and Walden University; B.D., Walden, 1902; D.D. from Morris Brown College, 1905; served as steward, class leader, trustee, secretary of trustee board, secretary of steward board, secretary of quarterly conference of St. James, Nashville; licensed to preach at St. James by Rev. J. W. Earley, Dec. 24, 1886; admitted to Tennessee Annual Conference at Fayetteville, Tennessee, October 18, 1891; ordained deacon at Fayetteville, Tenn., in 1895, by Bishop Wayman; elder at Nashville, Tenn., in 1895 by Bishop Salters; served as pastor of Ebenezer, 1899-1902; Pulaski, Tenn., Campbell Chapel, 1903-1907; St. Paul, Columbia, Tenn., 1916-1918; Jones Chapel, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., 1907-1911; St. James, Nashville, Tenn., 1934-1935. He served as presiding elder of Shelbyville District, Tennessee Conference, 8 years; South Nashville District, Tennessee Conference 6 years; North Nashville District, Tennessee Conference, 3 years; East Memphis District, West Tennessee Conference, 8 years, and since 1944 presiding elder of the Clarksville District, West Tennessee Conference and superannuated in 1945. He organized the St. Matthews Church, North Nashville, 1892; built St. Luke, Gallatin, Tenn., 1897; AME Church, McMinnville, Tenn., 1899; Trinity AME, Nashville, Tennessee, 1918; paid the mortgage of St. Luke at Gallatin, Tenn., Campbell Chapel at Pulaski, Tenn., AME Church at McMinnville, Tenn. He received 1175 members into the Church; had 1460 conversions under his preaching. He was a delegate to the General Conference in 1904 to 1924, 1928 to 1940; served on the AME Sunday School Union Board, 1912-1938; trustee of Turner College, 1904-1932; Wilberforce University, 1912-1916; published articles in church periodicals and others; published presiding elder's Quarterly Record, 1921; Church Quarterly Conference Record, 1921, which was adopted by the Bishops' Council, 1921 at Jacksonville, Fla.; member of Negro Board of Trade, Nashville; Past Noble Father, in the Odd Fellows, Past Grand Chancellor in the K.P., 32nd degree Mason; member of the consistory. He served as chairman of the executive board of Turner College for 12 years, treasurer of the Tennessee Conference, 23 years; treasurer of the State Educational Funds, for the 3 Conferences in Tennessee.



GRAY, Rev. Isaac McKinley, pastor of Brown Memorial, Washington, D. C.; born Chatham, Va., November 6, 1896; son of Rev. William Henry and Bettie Ann (Carter) Gray; attended Booker T. Washington Public School, Nansemond Normal Industrial Institute, Kittrell College; A.B. from Kittrell, 1921; B.Th. from same, 1925; D.D. from same, 1940; certificate, Moody Bible Institute, 1928; served local church as superintendent of Sunday school, class leader, steward, trustee; licensed to preach at Macedonia Church, Suffolk, Va., by Rev. George R. Jones, Oct. 31, 1919; admitted to Virginia Annual Conference, at Richmond, Virginia, in April, 1921; ordained deacon at Newport News in 1923 by Bishop J. Albert Johnson; elder at Eastville, Va., 1923 by same; pastored: Allen Chapel, Norfolk, Va., 1923-24; Smithfield, Va., 1924-28; Ebenezer station, Roanoke, Va., 1928-32; Stanton station, Stanton, Virginia, 1932-33; Marshall Chapel, Lynchburg, Va., 1933-34; Nashville Circuit, North Carolina, 1934; Milton Circuit, North Carolina, 1934-36; St. Matthews, Raleigh, North Carolina, 1937-40; Brown Memorial, Washington, D. C., 1940-to date; paid mortgages on St. Matthews Church, Raleigh,

$6,500.00; Brown Memorial, Washington, $7,552; Brown Memorial parsonage, $4,000; received 3,280 members into the church; had 1,422 conversions under his preaching; delegate to the General Conference in 1940-44; was an alternate to the General Conference of 1936; trustee of Kittrell College, 1940 to date. Published articles in all church papers, Afro-American, Journal and Guide; member of Washington Civic Club, president of the Methodist Preacher's Union of Washington and Vicinity, YMCA, Fraternal Council of Negro Churches, Interdenominational Conference of Washington, Federation of Churches. He married Miss Estella Anderson March 18, 1939. They have two children, Isaac McKinley, Jr., and Dorothy Marquena.

GREEN, Mrs. Ethel M., born in Milton, Delaware; daughter of Joseph and Mary Havelon; secretary-treasurer of YPD, Woman's Mite Missionary Society of Delaware, Conference Branch, 12 years; delegate to the Missionary Quadrennial 3 consecutive times.



GREEN, Rev. Jeremiah, deceased, local elder of Asbury AME Church, Chester, Pennsylvania; son of James and Mary Green; born December 30, 1852 in Churchill, Maryland; married Sarah Johnson of Churchill, Md., in 1880; five children: Mary (Mrs. Martin) Fisher, born October 15, 1882; Jeremiah, Jr., born November 25, 1883; Sarah (Mrs. Lawrence) Kennard, born April 21, 1889; Leanna M. born Aug. 12, 1891; Casper H. born December 18, 1893; converted in 1860 and joined the AME Church of Churchill, Md.; came to Chester in 1884 and joined Asbury Church; held offices as chorister and treasurer of the choir; president Allen CE League; assistant superintendent of Sunday school; licensed to preach as a local elder in Chester, Pa., in 1905 under the late Rev. C. C. Dunlap; member of Odd Fellows' Lodge; died April 5, 1941.

GREEN, Mrs. Sarah (Johnson), wife of Rev. Jeremiah Green, daughter of Asbury and Henrietta Johnson; born in Churchill, Md., March 4, 1854; married 1880; moved to Chester in 1890 and joined Asbury Church; died May 10, 1910.

GREEN, Prof. Samuel J., born Waterproof, La., October 26, 1866, son of James and Serena Smith Green; principal of Thomy Lafon School, New Orleans, La.; attended Waterproof public school, Knoxville, Tennessee, high school and Knoxville College; A.B. degree from Straight University, 1914; A.M from the same, 1930; served as steward, trustee, St. Peter AME Church; superintendent of Sunday school 20 years; State superintendent of Louisiana Sunday schools, eight years; published articles in the daily papers of New Orleans, Christian Recorder, Baltimore Afro-American, New York Age, Journal of National Teachers' Association. He was the Worshipful Master of Pride of Providence Lodge F&AM secretary of committee of laws and supervision, Grand Lodge K. of P. of Louisiana; president of New Orleans Teachers' Association, treasurer of Louisiana Teachers' Association; received the following honors: member of National Teachers' Association; National Education Association; taught six years in Southern University, State School of New Orleans; has been principal of Thomy Lafon School, the largest elementary colored school in the south, for 20 years and principal of an evening school in the same building for 20 years. Married Mabel C. Anderson of Mattoon, Ill. They have 4 children: Mrs. Celena Pearl Bolden of Washington, D. C.; Dr. Wendel P. Green of Chicago, Ill., Lucien A. Green, auditor of Tuskegee Institute and Murral E. Green of New Orleans. There are four grand-children.

GREENE, Bishop Sherman Lawrence, 51st Bishop; born Vicksburg, Mississippi, June 15, 1886; son of Henry and Delia Greene; attended the Warrenton, Mississippi public school; Alcorn, Shorter, Campbell Colleges and Wilberforce University; B.D. from Shorter College, May 1912; Campbell, A.B., 1916; honorary degrees: Wilberforce University, LL.D., 1935; Allen University, A.M., 1918; D.D., Wilberforce University, 1928. Served as steward, trustee in local church; licensed to preach

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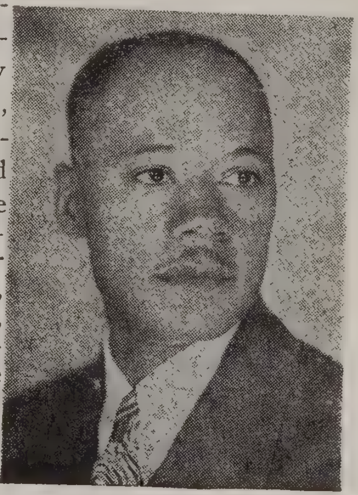
at Burbon, Miss., by Rev. J. W. Lampton, 1904; admitted to South Arkansas Annual Conference at Wilmar, November, 1906; ordained deacon at Marianna, Ark., 1908 by Bishop Flipper; ordained elder at Urbana, Ohio in 1910 by Bishop Derrick. Pastor: Sherrill, Ark., 1906-1909; Wilmar, Ark., 1909-1910; student Payne Seminary, Wilberforce University, 1910-1911; Ward Chapel, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1911-1912; St. Matthew, Shreveport, La., 1912-1913; St. James, New Orleans, La., 1915-16; Big Bethel, Little Rock, Ark., 1916-1918. Presiding elder: Monroe District, North Louisiana Conference, 1913-1915; President Shorter College, North Little Rock, 1918-1924. Presiding elder Little Rock District 1924-1928. Organized Dunning Chapel, Baskin, La., 1914; built Mt. Zion, Sherrill, Ark., 1907; New Hope, Tucker, Ark., 1908; received 500 members into the church and had 100 conversions. Member of all General Conferences since 1912; member of Education Board, 1920-1928; president Church Extension, 1936-1940; chairman Women's Missionary Board since 1944; president Lampton College, Alexandria, Louisiana, 1913-1915; Shorter College, 1918-1924; trustee Wilberforce University since 1928; president Campbell College Board since 1932. Published articles in church periodicals, Chicago Defender, Pittsburgh Courier, etc. Member: Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Board of Directors, Southern Allied Civic Association, executive committee of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America; Republican Party, Continuation Committee World Conference on Faith and Order; World Conference on Life and Work; Ecumenical Methodist Conference, London England, 1921 and Atlanta, Ga., 1931; Executive Committee Mississippi Interracial Council; president Mississippi State Church Cooperative Council; president Gulfside Interdenominational Ministers' Conference; Board of Directors Keystone Life Insurance Company, New Orleans, La.; President National Conference of Church leaders; Board of Directors of New Orleans Urban League; Committee on Constitution World Council of Churches, Amsterdam, Holland 1938; Joint Executive Committee American Section Life and Work and Faith and Order; Order of Free and Accepted Masons; K of P; Odd Fellow, Elks; was elected bishop at Chicago in 1928; presided over the 18th Episcopal District, South America and the West Indies Islands, 1928-32; Arkansas and Mississippi, 1932-36; Mississippi and Louisiana since 1932; was assigned by the special session of the General Conference of 1946 to preside over Philadelphia and Delaware Conferences; married Pinkie Beattrice Spencer June 21, 1905, has one son, Sherman L. Jr., 1 daughter, Lillian Verneta Powe.

GREENE, Mrs. Pinkie Beattrice, wife of Bishop S. L. Greene, Missionary Supervisor of 8th and part of 1st Episcopal Districts; born Lacey, Arkansas, January 9, 1888; daughter of John and Amanda Spencer. Finished high school, Monticello Seminary, 1900; Teacher-Training and Home Economics, Shorter College, 1921; Doctor of The Humanities by Campbell College in 1942; taught 10 years in public schools of Arkansas, and 3 years in Shorter College; attended the World Conference Life and Work, Oxford, England, and the World Conference on Faith and Order in Edinburgh, Scotland, 1937; dinner guest of Lady Marguerite, hostess to Life and Work Conference, at Oxford. An active member of the WM&FM Society for 30 years and member of its Connectional Executive Board 1940-44; guest speaker Annual Woman's Day, St. Paul Church, St. Louis, 1936; and Bethel Church, Little Rock, Ark., 1943; also represented the Bishops' Wives at the L. M. Hughes Testimonial, Birmingham, Ala., 1944; in company with her husband, 1928-32 she traveled through the West Indies, British Guiana, Jamaica; the Republic of Haiti and Santo Domingo and Tennessee; from 1932 to the present she has contributed largely in the Campbell College Redemption Movement, and led in the campaign to establish a college library and to inaugurate scholarships for worthy students; second vice president of Women's Missionary Society.

GREENE, Sherman Lawrence, Jr., president, Campbell College, Jackson, Mississippi; son of Bishop Sherman L. and Pinkie B. (Spencer) Greene; born May 30, 1906, Bourbon, Miss.; married Zadie Eizabeth Morgan, of Natchez, Mississippi, July 24, 1927; 2 children, Velma Louise and Sherman L., III; educated in public school, Little Rock, Arkansas; Shorter College, Philander Smith College; B.D., Wilberforce University, 1936; Dillard University; A.B., Wilberforce University, 1943; M.A., Columbia University, 1945; D.D., honorary, Wilberforce University, 1946; admitted to East Tennessee Annual



Conference, October, 1930; ordained deacon by Bishop Sherman L. Greene, August, 1932, at Bogalusa, Louisiana; elder by Bishop S. L. Greene, January, 1933 at New Orleans, La; pastor New Orleans, La. (St. Paul) 1932-33; pastor West New Orleans, La. (St. John), 1933-34; Yellow Springs, Ohio, 1934-1936; Meadville, Pennsylvania, 1936-1937; presiding elder, Brookhaven District, Mississippi Conference, 1937-39; Port Gibson District, Mississippi Conference 1939-40; Dean Edward W. Lampton School of Religion 1938-40; President Campbell College, 1940 to date; member General Conference, 1940-44; served on Episcopal Committee 1940; chairman USO Committee, Amityville, New York, 1944-45; member Executive Committee, Mississippi Interdenominational Alliance 1940-42; member National Conference of Church Leaders, Jackson Juvenile Council, National Negro Business League, YMCA, Urban League, NAACP, Jackson Negro Chamber of Commerce, Mississippi Interracial council, Masons, Elks, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

GREENE, Mrs. Zadie E. (Morgan), wife of Pres. Sherman L. Greene, Jr., daughter of Staffore R. and Mary J. (Johnson) Morgan; was born in Natchez, Mississippi, December 20, 1906; educated in Ward Academy of Natchez, Miss., and Tuskegee Institute, in Alabama; married July 24, 1927, taught school at Selma, Ala., and Campbell College 1940 to date; active worker in church organizations; president YPD, Mississippi Conference, 1938-39; president Art Appreciation Club, Inc. in Jackson, Miss; delegate General Conference, 1948.

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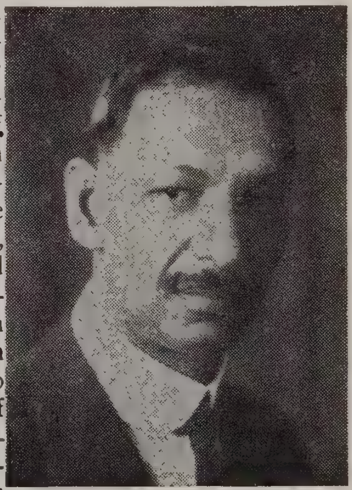
GREENE, Rev. Thomas Monroe, pastor St. Paul AME Church, Washington, Pennsylvania; son of Henry and Delia (Randolph) Greene; born in Warren County, near Vicksburg, Mississippi; educated public school, Alcorn A&M College of Mississippi and Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama; B.D., Campbell College, 1915; D.D. and A.M. honorary, Shorter College, Little Rock, Arkansas, 1925-27; converted 1899, joined the AME Church, Newton, Miss., 1899; held offices as Sunday school teacher, conference president Sunday schools and ACE League; licensed to preach; admitted to North Louisiana Conference, December, 1913; ordained deacon by Bishop Connor; ordained elder by Bishop Conner, December 20, 1914 at Alexandria, Louisiana; pastored Delhi, La., 1913-14; Hattiesburg, Miss., 1915; Guthrie, Oklahoma, 1916; Muskogee, Okla., (Ward Chapel), 1917-22; Oklahoma City, Okla., (Avery Chapel) 1923-25; president Flipper-Davis Junior College, Tullahassee, Okla., 1926-31; pastor Vicksburg, Miss., (Bethel), 1932-33; president Shorter College, Little Rock, Ark., 1934-36; pastor Lexington, Ky., (St. Paul), 1936-37; Pittsburgh, Pa., (Bethel), 1938-43; Zanesville, Ohio, 1944; Washington, Pa., (St. Paul), 1945 to date. Made a substantial reduction on the mortgage debt on Bethel, Pittsburgh, Pa.; built a modern parsonage at Oklahoma City; taught in the public schools of Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma; delegate to all General Conferences since 1920, except when alternate in 1940; on Financial Board 1920-24; member of Odd Fellows, Knight of Pythias, Elks, American Woodmen.

GREENE Mrs. Evelyn (Collins), wife of Rev. T. M. Greene; daughter of Isaac and Clara (Rozell) Spiller, was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, December 25, 1898; educated in the public schools of Arkansas and Oklahoma; joined Ward Chapel, Muskogee, Okla., 1911; served as president local missionary society.



GREENE, Rev. Thomas Webster, Presiding Elder of Wichita, Kans., 1 of 6 children (4 girls and 2 boys); son of Rev. T. W. Greene, more than 50 years an AME minister, and Laura Greene; born in Waverly, Missouri, February 26, 1881; attended various public schools of Kansas; Stockton high school and Ottawa University, two years; the Presbyterian Seminary, Emporia, Kansas and Kansas University; received D.D. from Campbell College in 1925; attended Bishop Williams School of Religion; learned blacksmith's trade and entered horse-shoeing business; converted January 17, 1898, at Ottawa, Kansas, St. Paul Church, Rev. G. A.

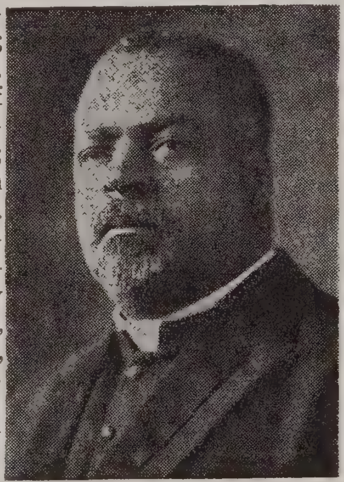
Griffin, pastor; served as trustee, Sunday school superintendent, president of choir in local church; licensed to preach at Iola, Kans. Church by Rev. J. R. Ransom in April, 1906; admitted to Kansas Annual Conference at Hutchinson, September, 1906; ordained deacon at Kansas City, Kans., in 1911 by Bishop Parks; elder, at Atchinson in 1914 by Bishop Parks; served as pastor of Bassett and Humbolt, 1910-12; Emporia, 1912-14; Brown Chapel, Parsons, 1914-21; St. Luke, Lawrence, 1921-25 (paid debt and repaired church); Bethel, Leavenworth, 1925-26; Trinity, Kansas City, Kansas (doubled membership) 1926-28; Bethel, Kansas City, Mo., 1928-1932; Ebenezer, Kansas City, Mo., 1932-34; St. Paul, Wichita, 1934-39; (all debts paid, extension improvements made). Served as presiding elder of Wichita, Kans, 1939-44; built Brown Chapel in Parsons, 1920; paid mortgages and remodeled Mount Olive, Emporia; Brown Chapel, Parson, (built new church which cost over $50,000), (paid down to $3,000); Bethel, Leavenworth; St. Paul, Wichita; received 3000 members into the church, had 1500 conversions under his preaching; was a delegate to the General Conference in 1936 and 1944; alternate in 1920-32; trustee of Wilberforce, 1920-34; Western University, 1916-44. He is a member of Democratic party, AF&AM, Kansas. On May 11, 1907 he married Miss Bessie Turner, teacher in Douglass School, Kansas City; there are 4 children: T. W., 3rd (B.A. in Education, Wichita University, corporal in U.S. Army 1942-43, Medical discharge); Bessie Agress (Mus. B., Western University) now Mrs. Holness, music teacher in San Springs, Okla., and Jerry and Jack (deceased).

GREENE, Mrs. Bessie (Turner), wife of Rev. T. W. Greene, Jr., daughter of Hope and Bettie (Glascow) Turner, was born in Sandwich, Illinois; educated in public schools of Sandwich, Illinois and Denver, Colorado; high school; and Teacher's Institute, Kansas City, Kansas; taught in public school, Kansas City, Kansas; converted in Shorter Chapel AME Church, Denver, Colorado; joined 1st AME Church, Kansas City, Kans.; taught in that Sunday school; married May 11, 1907; president of Kansas Conference Branch, Women's Mite Missionary Society, 1915-19; twice delegate to Quadrennial Convention of that society; treasurer of the Southwest Missouri Conference Branch, 5 years; treasurer of the Kansas Conference Branch, 6 years.

GREENE, Rev. Walter Albert, Presiding Elder of Bainbridge District; son of Charlie and Marzella Greene; born in Randolph County, Cuthbert, Ga., March 2, 1892; attended the rural Tigner and St. Luke schools; studied at Turner Theological Seminary and in Elkhart Extension School, Elkhart, Indiana, and in the North American Institute; converted under the preaching of Rev. W. M. Gordon and joined the AME Church at Carnegie, Ga., 1908; married Mrs. Lula Jones of Rochelle, Ga., July 4, 1911, and moved to Seaville, Ga. He later moved to Mystic, Ga., 1912, and joined Poplar Spring AME Church, under Rev. S. Denkins. Licensed to exhort and after 3 months in 1913, was licensed to preach by Rev. N. Bembry, Hawkinsville District, Georgia Conference. In 1913, was assigned to Joe Brown Mission; admitted to South Georgia Conference, Bethel Station, Quitman, Ga., under Bishop J. S. Flipper, December 3, 1914; ordained deacon of the South Georgia Conference at Bethel Station, Fitzgerald, Ga.; ordained elder at Grant's Chapel, 1918. Pastored: Joe Brown Mission, Brighten Mission, Ossiefield Mission, Omega Circuit, Pine Hill Circuit, Sumner Circuit, Camilla Circuit, Bethel Station, St. Timothy Station, Tennill Circuit, Louisville Circuit, Vidalia Circuit, Jones Chapel Station, Boston Station, Ford and Zion Circuit, Bethel Station; presiding elder of the Bainbridge District, 1942-44.

GREENFIELD, Chaplain Curtis Ottawa, son of Rev. W. R. and Clara Mae (Blackburn) Greenfield; born Columbia, Tennessee, October 7, 1919; attended Maury County elementary School in Tennessee; the Turner College in Shelbyville, Tennessee; A.B. Louisville, Municipal College, in Kentucky; Payne Theological Seminary, B.D., 1932; Louisville Municipal College, A.B., 1938; Indiana University, M.S. in Education, 1941; served as Sunday school superintendent, president of ACE League; licensed to preach at Shelbyville, Tennessee by Rev. A. T. Clark, March, 1928; admitted to West Kentucky Annual Conference at Paducah, Ky., October, 1929;

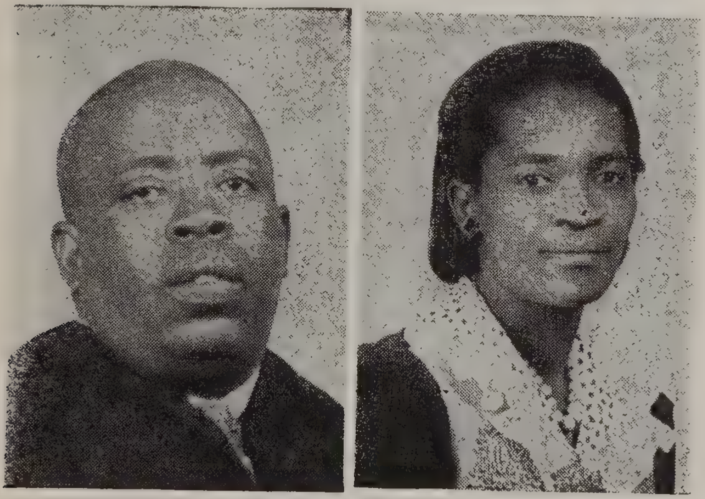
ordained deacon at Quinn Chapel, Louisville, by Bishop Davis, ordained elder at Bethel, Shelbyville by Bishop Tookes; pastored Pleasureville, Kentucky, 1932-34; Taylorville, Christianburg Circuit, 1934-36; Emery Chapel, Elizabethtown, Ky., 1935-36; Bethel, Shelbyville, Ky., 1936-37; Mayfield, Ky., 1937; chaplain, Lincoln Institute, Ky., 1938-42; paid the mortgage of Taylorville Church, Minot Chapel, and Christienburg Church. Received 48 members into the Church and had 65 conversions under his preaching. He is a commissioned 1st Lt., Chaplain's Corps, March 21, 1942 and served in the 367th, 364th Infantry; assigned to 265th QM. Bn. Graduate from Chaplains' School, Harvard University and sent overseas with the Engineer Regiment serving in the Alaska and Aleutian Theaters, 93rd Engineers. Organized schools on the elementary and high school level for the men. Member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Kentucky Negro Education Association, Student Volunteer Movement; delegate to the Ohio Wesleyan University from Wilberforce University, 1931. Graduated from high school and college and seminary cum laude; Seminary, Scarborough Greek Prize for two years; assistant principal of Lincoln Institute; superintendent of West Kentucky Branch of Youth Congress; attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary 1 year; married Miss Mary Magdalene Black of Princeton, Ky.



GREGG, Bishop John Andrew, 49th bishop, born in Eureka, Kansas, February 18, 1877, son of Alexander and Eliza F. Gregg; attended public and high schools of Eureka, and University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kans.; received degree of B.A. 1902, University of Kansas; D.D., Wilberforce University, 1915; M.A., Morris Brown University, 1916; LL.D. Wilberforce University, 1924; served in local church as Sunday school superintendent, president ACE League, director of choir; licensed to preach at Eureka, Kansas by Rev. D. Coker in September, 1898; admitted to Kansas Annual Conference at Emporia, Sept., 1902; ordained deacon at Emporia, Kans., in 1903 by Bishop Shaffer; ordained elder at Hutchinson, Kans. in 1906 by Bishop Abram Grant; served as pastor of Mt. Olive, Emporia, Kans., 1903; missionary to South Africa, 1903-06; Bethel, Leavenworth, Kans., 1906-1908; Ebenezer, St. Joseph, Mo., 1908-1913; president Edward Waters College, 1913-20; president Wilberforce University, 1920-24; served as presiding elder of Cape District, Cape Annual Conference, South Africa, 1904; while bishop over South Africa, 1924-28, he built Bethel, Cape Town; delegate to all General Conferences since 1912. Served as president of the Educational Board, 1932-1936, and president of the Missionary Board since 1944; trustee Wilberforce University since 1911; Payne Theological Seminary since 1920; president of trustee board of Payne and chairman of its building committee; published articles in all church periodicals; he raised over $40,000 to help pay mortgage on Wilberforce. A 32nd degree Mason; K of P, Elk, Alpha Phi Alpha, Sigma Pi Phi Boule; published the following books: "Christian Brotherhood," 1930; "Of Men and of Arms", 1945; Episcopal Address, 1940. Honors received: delivered keynote address, World's C. E. Convention, Berlin, Germany, 1930; delivered invocation, Republican National Convention, 1940; elected 1st Negro president, Howard University, 1926, but did not accept. Member of Commission Federal Council; co-chairman Race Relations Department, Federal Council. Visited all war fronts, except Alaska, under appointment of President Roosevelt as the representative of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches, bearing messages of cheer and good-will to our forces serving in this global war.

GREGG, Mrs. Celia, A., late wife of Bishop J. A. Gregg, was born in Lexington, Missouri, July 4, 1877, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson. At the death of her father, her mother moved with 3 children, Will, Amanda and Celia, to Lawrence, Kans., where she later met and married Mr. Mack Brown. Celia was then at the age of 3, and Mr. Brown is the only father she ever knew. She attended the public schools of Lawrence, and was an under-graduate in the University of Kansas at the time of her marriage to John A. Gregg, also a student in the University; they were married August 21, 1900, by the Rev. A. Henry Attaway. Mrs. Gregg was reared in the church by devout parents, and when her husband accepted his first call to the pastorate of Mt. Olive Church at Emporia, Kansas, she easily fitted into the work as a minister's wife. It was during their service at Emporia, that Rev. Gregg received a call to the mission fields of South Africa, and Mrs. Gregg accompanied him there in 1903. She taught in Bethel Institute, Cape Town, and at Chatsworth Institute at Chatsworth near Kalabas Kraal, Cape

Colony. Being an ardent missionary worker, she served as such in each of the pastorates, Emporia, Kansas; Leavenworth, Kansas; and St. Joseph, Missouri; and later while the Bishop was president of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida, and Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio. At two schools, Mrs. Gregg was particularly helpful in educational work, and was like a mother to the boys and girls of the institutions. She was a member of First AME Church, Kansas City, Kansas, and of class number 1; national honorary member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; one of the founders of the Interdenominational Ministers' Wives Alliance of Greater Kansas City; an active member of the YWCA. the Pierian Club and the Inter-City Dames. She was the supervisor of the missionary work of the several conferences in South Africa, at that time representing the WH and FM. She supervised the conference branches of the Fifth Episcopal District, 1928-36; during which time, she wa selected 2nd vice-president of the WPMS. From 1936 to her death, she supervised the missionary branches of the 4th Episcopal Distrcit, and in 1939, she was elected connectional treasurer of the Parent Body, which position she held to the time of her passing. Mrs. Gregg was quiet, unassuming and lovable and was most zealous in her missionary work, because of her first hand knowledge gained upon the missionary field. She was throughout the years, the mainstay to her husband, both in the home and in his official duties. She was beloved by all who knew her. Mrs. Gregg traveled much both in America, Europe and Africa, making three trips to the Dark Continent, one to Bermuda and every state of the Union except three.



REV. AND MRS. J. C. GRESHAM

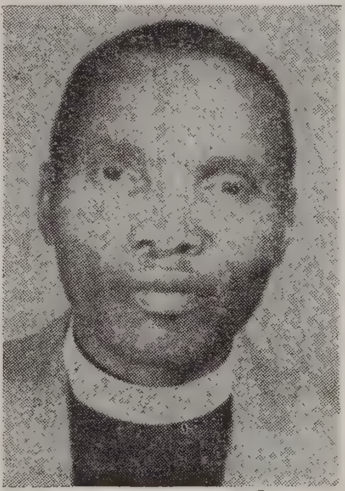
GRESHAM, Rev. Julius C., born Warrior Stand, Alabama, January 3, 1897; son of Lynn Gresham, and Eldie Donner; attended Warrior Stand public schools in Alabama, Wendell Phillips High School and Ohio Wesleyan University. He was licensed to preach at Gulf, W. Va. Church by Rev. W. T. Biggers, February, 1924; admitted to West Virginia Annual Conference at Huntington, W. Va., in Sept., 1927; ordained deacon at Bluefield, W. Virginia in 1926 by Bishop J. H. Jones; ordained elder at Clarksburg, West Virginia, 1928 by Bishop W. H. Heard; he served as pastor of the following places: Amigo Circuit, W. Va., 1924; Widen Circuit, W. Va., 1925; Minden Circuit, W. Va., 1926-1930; Delaware and Maryswell, Ohio, 1930-1931; Crestline and Marion, Ohio, 1931-1933; Troy, Ohio, 1934; West Park, Cleveland, 1935-1938; Mt. Vernon, Ohio, 1939-1940; Sandusky, Ohio, 1940-1943; he paid the following mortgages: St. Matthews AME Church, West Park, Beckley, W. Virginia. The AME Church at Carlisle, W. Va., was given during his administration. He received 350 members into the Church and had 110 conversions under his preaching; married Miss Addie L. Reynolds, November 12, 1938. The children of the union are Elsie E., Cora May, Lillie May and Geneva Lee.

GRESHAM, Mrs. Addie L. Reynolds, wife of Rev. J. C. Gresham, born at Warrior Stand, Alabama, April 11, 1901; daughter of Henry Reynolds and Annie Reynolds; attended the public schools of Warrior Stand, Alabama; and also Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

GROSS, Chaplain Robert Henry, born Calvert County, Md., July 18, 1880; son of Samuel A. and Mary Rice Gross; occupation, Capt. in U. S. A.; attended public schools of Calvert County, and the Baltimore high school, Wilberforce University; A.B. from Wilberforce, 1923; Payne Seminary, B.D., 1924; and Yale, Brown University; served as trustee, superintendent of Sunday school, president of ACE League, pres. of Brotherhood, steward; licensed to preach at Trinity Church, Baltimore by Rev. J. Albert Johnson, April, 1921; admitted to Baltimore Annual Conference at Cambridge, Md., 1916; ordained deacon at Baltimore in 1916 by Bishop J. Albert Johnson; elder at Baltimore in 1921 by Bishop Johnson; served as pastor of Towson, Md., 1916-1919; Jamestown, Ohio, 1921-22; South Charleston, Ohio, 1922-24; Worchester, Mass., 1925-1927; Holyoke, Mass., 1929-1930; Providence, R. I., 1930-1934; Lynn, Mass., 1934-1938; New Bedford, Mass., 1938-1939; Greenwich, Conn., 1939-1943; built Bethel Church, South Charleston, 1921; Allen Church, Providence, R. I., 1931. He is responsible for establishing "The Crispus Attucks

Community Center" for Negroes in Greenwich, Conn., 1942. He established the "Avalon Courts" in Lawton, Oklahoma.

GROVES, Mrs. Mabel Bennett, public school teacher, born in Philadelphia, Pa.; daughter of Thomas Sylvester and Harriet A. (Matthews) Jones; attended the John Baugh public school and the Girls' High, the Normal School, Temple University, of Philadelphia and Zechwer Hahn School of Music and Art; served as organist of Zion AME Church, Philadelphia for more than 25 years, Sunday school teacher, member of executive board of Philadelphia Annual Conference; president of the Laymembers' Association of Philadelphia Conference; president of Ministers' Wives Alliance of South Philadelphia and Harrisburg Districts of the Philadelphia Annual Conference; she published articles in Christian Recorder and Co-ordinator, editor of Reynolds "Echo" for 4 years; published "Brief Sketch of the History of Zion AME Church," April, 1928. A member of the YWCA, Philadelphia Teachers' Association, Pennsylvania State Education, Teachers' Association of Colored Children, NAACP. She was elected in 1936 and 1944 a delegate to the General Conference of the AME Church.

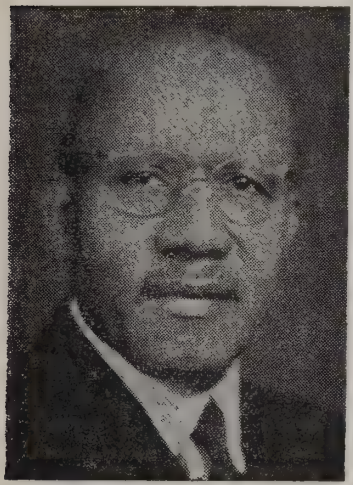


GQUIBA, Rev. Thomas Henry, presiding elder Swaziland District, South Africa and pastor Bremersdorp Circuit, youngest son of Sweleni and Hlebeka Gquiba; born at Dodrecht in 1891. Lost father in 1905. Lived with mother at Umtata until 1910; educated at St. John's College, Umtata; taught at Mateku, Cambana and Salmerton schools in Eastern Pondoland; served as Compound Office Clerk in City-Liep Mines. Completed courses in ministerial training at Kilnerton in 1921. In 1923 married Miss Daisy Zameko. Joined AME Church 1928; admitted annual conference at Klerksdorp, 1930 appointed Bembesi, S.R. In 1935 was appointed presiding elder Wankie District. After serving in Rhodesia for 18 years, was transferred to Transvaal Conference pastored Ermelo. In 1941 was appointed presiding elder oi Swaziland District.

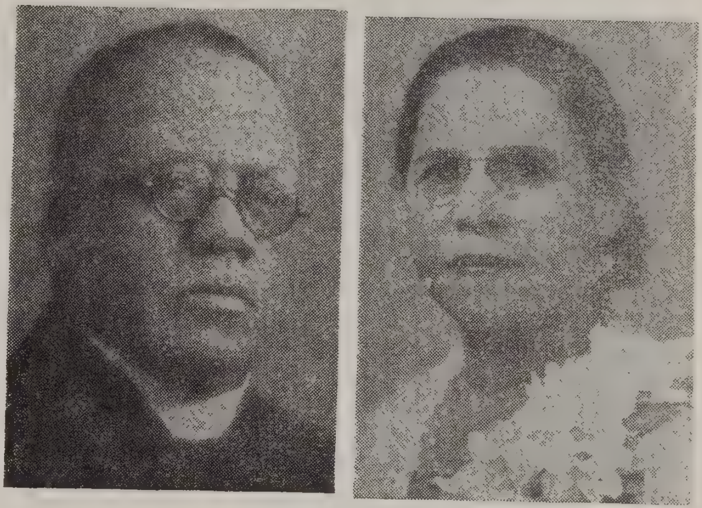
GULLINS, Rev. William Richard, Jr., born Perry, Georgia, July 22, 1888; son of Rev. W. R. and Emma (Hardy) Gullins; attended the Steelton, Pennsylvania elementary and the high schools; served as Sunday school teacher, usher, class leader, steward, local preacher; licensed to preach at Bethel, Germantown Church by Rev. Gullins, Sr., April, 1909; admitted to Philadelphia Annual Conference at Allen, Philadelphia, May, 1910; ordained at Dover, Delaware in 1915 by Bishop Tyree; elder at Harrisburg in 1916 by Bishop Tyree; served as pastor at the Holmesburg, Pennsylvania, 1912; Disney, Philadelphia, 1915-16; Langhorne, Devon, 1920; Reading, 1921 to 1924, and 1935-36; Morris Brown, 1927-29; Asbury, Chester, 1930-32; Lansdowne, 1932; Wayne, 1932-1934; LaMott, 1937-41; presiding elder of: South Philadelphia District, 1942-1943. Delegate to General Conferences: 1912-1944 and 1948. Member of the Odd Fellows, Past Noble Father, IBPOE of W—Past Exalted Ruler.

GULLINS, Mrs. Edna Dredden, wife of Rev. W. R. Gullins, Jr., born Philadelphia, Pa.; daughter of John Wesley and Mary Coleman (Butler) Dredden; attended the Hill School, Germantown, Phila., and the Girls' High, Girls' Normal, Philadelphia, Pa., private tutors in piano, theory and harmony, Symphony Club, Philadelphia; delegate to the General Conference and was the first woman to answer roll in the General Conference of the Church. Published articles in the following: Christian Recorder, The Review and other race papers and magazines. Published poetry in the following books: Negro Voice and several yearly anthologies. Sponsor member of Fellowship House, Philadelphia; member of Speaker's Bureau of Fellowship House; president of Philadelphia Conference Branch Mite Missionary Society for over 13 years, corresponding secretary of Parent Mite Missionary Society; secretary Interracial Committee of Philadelphia's Federation of Churches; executive member of Woman's Department of Pennsylvania's Council of Churchse; FRC in AMORC.

GUMBS, Rev. Josephus Urvine, pastor Tuckahoe, New York, one of 9 sons (in the Christian ministry) of William Edward Christopher, Sr. and Jane Louisa (Nibbs) Gumbs; born December 9, 1883, on the Island of Montserrat, British West Indies; educated in the school of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and Mico College of Antigua, B.W.I.; learned shoe-maker's trade; served as a public school teacher in the Catholic public school in Bessetarre, St. Kitts, and later as the principal in charge of the Wesleyan public school at Kingsale, Montserrat, B. W. I. He studied under private tutors wherever he was stationed; also in YMCA night classes; also Payne Seminary, Wilberforce University; the Divinity School of Boston University; and Allegheny College. He became a naturalized American citizen in 1904 and active in civic and political affairs. He joined Meeting St. AME Church; served as Sunday school teacher, and class leader; was licensed to preach in 1905 by Rev. J. P. Sampson; admitted to the New England Annual Conference under Bishop Arnett, and was ordained deacon; ordained elder in 1907 by Bishop Turner, at Charles Street Church Boston, Mass. He pastored St. Paul AME Church, Cambridge, Mass., where the mortgage was lifted in one year, and membership increased; Fall River, Mass., where he laid the foundation for a new church, and doubling the membership Grant Memorial Church, Boston; Greenfield where he built a new church at Pittsfield, Mass. In 1916, he was appointed to New Brighton, then to Meadville. Here, four years, without an evangelist, nearly 200 members were added to the church; important repairs to church and parsonage were made; and long standing mortgages paid off; to Charleroi four years, all debts paid; St. John AME Church, Xenia, Ohio; Greensburg, Pa.; Brown Chapel, Oil City, Pa.; Pride Chapel, Clarksburg; Quinn Chapel, West Virginia; Ironton, Ohio; Bethel Church, Elmira, N. Y. (four years, clearing off all debts); First AME Church, Lockport, N. Y., four years; Niagara Falls, N. Y., two years; Israel AME Church, Albany, N. Y., three years, decorating interior of the church and parsonage on pay-as-you-go plan; published the "Christian Mercury," "Church Advance", and "Messenger"; served as chief secretary of the district conference; delegate to General Conference, 1944. He was married in 1922, to Miss Bessie M. Henderson of Meadville, Pa., a graduate of Meadville high school and student of Allegheny College. He is a member of Prince Hall, F&AM, GUO of OF, K of P, E&WH, Mason, Royal Arch Commandary, Knight Templar, and Noble of the Mystic Shrine.



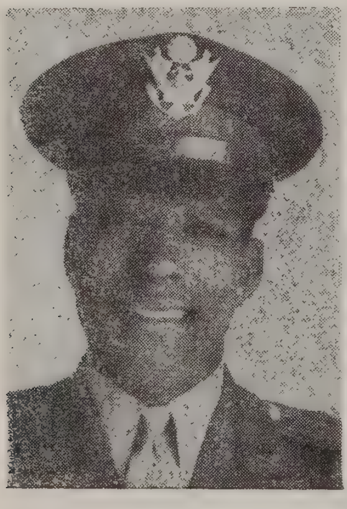
GUMBS, Mrs. Bessie M., the wife of Rev. J. U. Gumbs, a missionary worker and club leader; she has rendered the best of service to every appointment of Rev. Gumbs administration. Mrs. Gumbs has always been regarded as a gracious and charming person, having acquired this through rendering service as a beautician. She is beloved by all in the Parish.



REV. AND MRS W. E. GUY

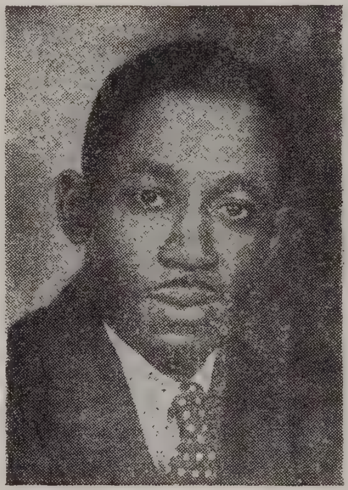
GUY, Rev. William E., presiding elder in Northwestern Conference; 2nd son of Rev. Geo. W. and Virginia E. Guy; born in Tennessee, reared in Missouri; educated in the grade schools of Missouri, in the Washington High School (valedictorian), and Illinois College at Jacksonville, Illinois, Ph.D., June, 1899, the first Negro graduate; Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio. Following in the footsteps of his father who spent over fifty years in the AME ministry. He entered the Illinois Conference at Quincy, Illinois, as a licentiate, in September, 1898; was ordained deacon in September, 1899 by Bishop Arnett, Springfield, Illinois; elder, at Newnan, Georgia in 1901 by Bishop Turner. Bishop Williams was his class-mate in ordination to the deaconate. Bishop Fountain was his class-mate when ordained to the eldership; taught at Kittrell College 1 year; also taught in Morris Brown College, and Langston University in Oklahoma, and served as principal of public schools in Enid, Oklahoma, Coffeyville and Leavenworth, Kansas; served a four-year pastorate in Arkansas and twenty-seven years within the Fourth Episcopal District, served in five state capitals: Toronto, Canada; Springfield, Ill.; Lansing, Michigan; Des Moines, Iowa; St. Paul, Minnesota; over eight years as pastor of Turner Chapel, Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he rendered valuable service as chairman of public meetings of Inter-Racial Commission, and as the Negro member of the Chaplains' Board of the Civilian Defense organization. He is a columnist under the caption, "The Morning Cometh", and "Kurrent Komments" to the AME Church Review. Rev. Guy was first married in 1912 to Miss Bertha Harding (now deceased) of Enid, Oklahoma. Two children were born: one died in infancy and one survives, Eugene Guy. On September 24, 1918, he married Miss Della Edith Vance at Brinkley, Arkansas, the ranking Jeannes Fund teacher of the state. Of their union, three children were born: Ursula Virginia who was laid to rest in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois, at the age of 4 years. The eldest child, William Newell, was ordained deacon in the Michigan Conference by Bishop Gregg, August, 1942. The second son, a junior in Indiana University, serves his country as a soldier at Camp Croft, Spartanburg, South Carolina. His latest publication is "The Message of the Negro Spiritual", with foreword by Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, is illustrated by Professor Charles H. Johnson, the head of the Art Department of Wilberforce University.

GUY, Mrs. Della V., wife of Rev. W. E. Guy, born in Seneca, S. C., one of 12 children of Numa and Julia Vance, staunch African Methodists; baptized in infancy, reared and educated in Brinkley, Arkansas; graduated from the Brinkley public schools; attended Brinkley Academy and later studied both at Hampton Institute and Tuskegee, majoring in home economics. Six years in the employ of the government in Arkansas; she was the ranking teacher of home economics at the time of her marriage. Mother of three children, in addition to self-sacrificing service as a mother and wife, she has featured in missionary work; serving as vice-president of the conference branch of the Northwestern Conference and representing it at the quadrennial convention held in Saint Louis, Mo., 1935; she has featured children's concerts in every pastorate during twenty-five years as a minister's wife.



GUILBEAU, Rev. Samuel F., chaplain in the Army, son of William and Mary A. Guilbeau; born in Due West, South Carolina, July 27, 1900. Attended Due West public schools and Tuskegee High and Wilberforce University and Payne Theological Seminary; licensed to preach at Hartford, Conn., by Rev. W. K. Hopes, September, 1929; admitted to Ohio Annual Conference at Dayton, Ohio, 1932; ordained deacon at Dayton, Ohio in 1932 by Bishop Ransom; elder at Springfield, Ohio in 1935 by same. He served as pastor of Cedarville, Ohio, 1935-37; Gallipolis, Ohio, 1937-41; appointed Chaplain in the U.S. Army 1942; now honorably discharged.

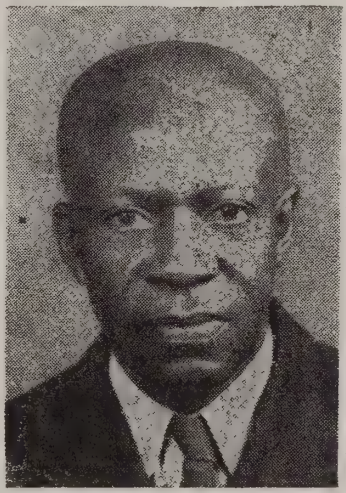
HADLEY, Mrs. Florence L., widow of Rev. J. A. Hadley, has been in active Christian service in the AME Church approximately forty years. She was educated in the public schools and Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, and spent years in the teaching profession; has held many positions in the church; is the author of "The Connectional Hand-book of Missions". Bishop Flipper once said of her, "She is a woman of gifts and grace; a missionary worker of more than a quarter of a century whose labors have been crowned with success." She was in the organization of the first quadrennial convention of the connectional WH and FM Society of the AME Church by Bishop Turner in 1896, and was made a life member of the same, and the author of its history. Her favorite motto is: "Do all the good you can; just as long as you can, to all the people you can, in all the ways you can, leaving the results in the hands of a loving heavenly Father who never fails to reward one according to his works."



HAIR, Dr. A. Maceo, dentist; born in Jackson, Mississippi, February 19,....; son of Rev. John Wesley and Susie E. (Harris) Hair; attended Campbell College, Jackson, Mississippi, Wilberforce University; B.S. 1926; D.D.S., Howard University, 1933; held office of class leader and trustee in local church; has served as delegate and alternate to the General Conference; he was secretary of the Hinds County Negro War Saving Staff; member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Mason, Shriner, Elk, K. of P., Negro Chamber of Commerce, National Dental Association, Mississippi Staff Dental Society. Past president of Mississippi State Dental Society. Secretary of the Hinds County Republican Committee.

HAIR, Rev. J. W., Presiding Elder of Jackson District; was born in Sumter County, Alabama, near Gainsville, April 7, 1884, of slave parents, Ned and Hester Hair; converted in 1891; preached his first sermon at 7 years of age; licensed in 1895 and became district superintendent Sunday school, Vicksburg District in 1898; was admitted to the conference in 1899; educated in the public schools of Mississippi, Alcorn College, Campbell College, Chicago University and Chicago School of Law. He taught school a number of years and became exempt from examination for life. Pastored: Indianola, Mississippi, where he built church at cost of $3000; burned mortgage on church, increased membership, aided the organization of the Delta Penny Saving Bank and served as assistant cashier and member of the Board of Directors for three years; was ordained deacon and elder while pastoring there; Bethel, Yazoo City, one year; paid an indebtedness of $675.00 and $100 to Church Extension; doubled the membership; China Grove, one year; was elected as a delegate to the General Conference at Norfolk, Virginia, in 1908; assigned to Jackson, Mississippi, reduced church debt to $1300.00; increased membership; made repairs; served Greenwood; served as presiding elder of the following districts: Central Miss. Conference; Leland District, three years; East Mississippi Conference; Yazoo District, four years; Greenwood District, two years; Jackson District, nineteen years to date. In 1916 he ran for secretary-treasurer of the Church Extension Depratment. In 1928 he ran for the bishopric and received 284 votes, ran again in 1940 and led the field in Mississippi. He is a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Elks, Red Cross, and others. He is president and founder of Negro Cooperative Agriculture, Health and Education Progress; chairman Hinds County Republican Executive Committee, for 8 years; delegate to the Republican National Conventions since 1912; a member of the Speakers' Bureau; and first secretary for 4 years of the AME Connectional Council. He married Susie Harried, 1903; to this union were born four children: three girls and one boy. They have lived happily together for thirty-nine years. All of his children have a college education; the girls are teachers, the boy is a dentist. All are married. Their names are: Ethel Mae Hair Butler, Gertrude Hair Clark, Dr. A. M. Hair, and Mary Ruth Hair Powell.

HAITHCOX, Rev. J. O., deceased; was born on a farm in South Carolina; he received his literary and theological training in the public schools of Michigan, University of Michigan and Wilberforce. Pastored: Dry Run, Frankfort, Washington Court House, and Chillicothe, Ohio; military pastor at Camp Sherman; Mt. Vernon; Columbus, Ohio; Allen Temple, Cincinnati, O..; Saint John's Church, Cleveland, Ohio. He served as trustee at Wilberforce University, vice-chairman and chairman of the Episcopal Committee. He traveled extensively visiting England twice, the central countries of Europe, North Africa and the Holy Land.



HALL, Mr. Charles N., son of P. H. and Martha Hall, elder of Brusha Chapel AME Church; born July 16, 1879 in Lavaca County, Texas; educated in the public school of said county; Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas; June, 1903, moved to Mayfield, Kentucky; Sept. 7, 1907, married Miss Hattie Johnson. To this union 3 children were born: Alfred J. Hall, July 19, 1908, who was stationed at McGill Field, Fla.; Charles N. Hall, Jr., March 10, 1910, who was stationed at Camp Murphy, Florida in Sig. Corp; Luetta Hall, August 14, 1914, stenographer at Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Hall joined the Brusha Chapel, AME Church, 1896, served as steward; moved to Paducah, April 1, 1917; joined Burks' Church, 1940; served as class leader, chairman of prayer meeting, trustee and steward; delegate to General Conference, 1944 and 1948; taught in public school in Graves County, Kentucky, 1904-1907; insurance collector from September 16, 1916-1917; elected manager of the Paducah District, April 1, 1917-1920; now a tonsorial artist since being licensed in 1932. J. W. of the FA and AM Lodge, Mt. Zion, No. 6 since 1909.

REV. AND MRS. J. W. HALL

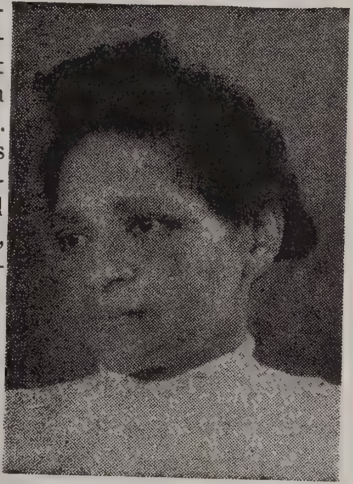
HALL, Rev. James William, born in Hartsville, Tennessee; son of James and Mary (Oglesby) Hall; attended Beech Hill public school, Macon County, Tennessee, Steward Industrial Academy, and Baptist State University, (now Municipal College) of Louisville, Ky.; B.D. from State University, May, 1912; D.D. from Turner College, May, 1923; served local church as: steward, class leader, trustee, Sunday school teacher; licensed to preach at Howard Chapel by Rev. G. L. Jackson, 1888; admitted to Tennessee Annual Conference at Chattanooga, Tennessee, October, 1893; ordained deacon at St. Paul, Nashville, 1895 by Bishop Salter; ordained elder at St. Paul, Columbia, 1897 by the same; served as pastor of Fayette Circuit, 1890-1892; Gallatin, Tennessee, 1895-1896; Asbury Chapel, Louisville, Ky., 1899-1901; St. Peter, Harrodsburg, Ky., 1901-1903; Burks Chapel, Paducah, Ky., 1913-1920; St. Paul, Nashville, Tenn., 1922-1924; Avery Chapel, Memphis, Tenn., 1924-1929; Providence, Memphis, 1929-1931; St. Andrew, Memphis, 1933-1940; St. James, Memphis, 1940 to date. Served as presiding elder of the following districts: Bowling Green, West Kentucky, 1903-1908; Louisville, West Kentucky, 1908-1913; Louisville, West Kentucky, 1920-1922; paid the following mortgage: Burk Chapel, Paducah, Ky., $12,000.00 down to $2,800.00; Asbury Chapel, Louisville, Ky., $1000.00; St. Andrew, $1236 (in full); St. Jame, $1020.00 (in full). Received 2500 member into the Church, and had 1500 conversions. Delegate to the General Conference from 1908 through 1944; served on General Conference Commission, 1928-1940; Church Extension, 1940-44; Pension Board, 1944 to date; trustee of Wayman Institute, 1901-1918; Turner College, 1915-1930; published articles in all church periodicals, Chicago Defender, Memphis World, Pentecostal Herald; published "Plain Talk on Paul's Thorn in the Flesh", "Plain Talk on Divine Human Baptism", "The Woman Preacher", "Questionable Amusement", "Plain Talk on Sanctification".

HALL, Mrs. Lelia F., wife of Rev. J. W. Hall; daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. L. Prentice; born in Selma, Alabama and married April 15, 1933; taught school at Dothan Prairie, Alabama; attended Selma University, Selma, Alabama; joined Tabernacle, Selma, at the age of 15 years; held local offices of Sunday school and League teacher, district league president of East Memphis District; State Branch Secretary of the Missionary Society of Tennessee; Quadrennial treasurer of West Tennessee Conference Branch; pianist for West Tennessee Conference Branch to date; delegate to the Quadrennials, 1943 and 1947; chairman of the Handy-Simmons Committee of the Womans Missionary Society, West Tennessee Branch.

HAMILTON, Mrs. Delilah Lowery, member of Bethel AME Church, Leavenworth, Kansas; seventh child of Samuel R. and Nancy M. Lowery; was born September 14, in Chattanooga, Tenn.; graduated from the public school, high school and the treasurer's training class, at Leavenworth, Kansas; receiving her teacher's training 1907; she taught at Sumner School, Lincoln School; she took extension course at Kansas S.W. and T. College and attended summer school at Pittsburg Normal School. October 12, 1915, she was married to James G. G. Hamilton, formerly of Evansville, Ind., by Rev. Runyon of Bethel AME Church. When a girl she attended the Independent Baptist and Bethel AME Sunday schools, where she later taught and was superintendent of the Sunday school. In 1911, she joined church; in 1922 under Rev. A. C. Terrell served as class leader, stewardess and served as president of the stewardess board 12 years, and secretary and treasurer 5 years; president of the WMMS, 7 years; secretary of church conference; organist and director of choir; lay delegate to the annual conference, General Conference, 1944; secretary and treasurer of YPD, 3 years; secretary of SET fund, 5 years; 2nd vice president laymen's and 1st vice president for 3 years of the Nebraska conference branch WMMS, supervisor Kansas City district, 2 years; attended quadrennial in Chicago, 1939. Sponsor Sunshine Girls' club, 3 years; assisted in Red Cross, and church drive, 1936; superintendent of play-ground, Lincoln School, 1941; past matron of Fidelity Chapter No. 9, OES; treasurer Prince Hall Group Church OES, Kansas; secretary of local branch NAACP.

HAMILTON, Mrs. Essie A., former president Ohio Conference Branch, WMS; was at the organization of the WM Missionary Society by Bishop Payne at St. Paul Church, Columbus, Ohio in 1893, and has been an officer in the Ohio Conference Branch since 1906; served for seven years as president; delegate to the General Conference in 1932; raised and reported $9401.36 at the Quadrennial meeting at Louisville, Kentucky, 1943.

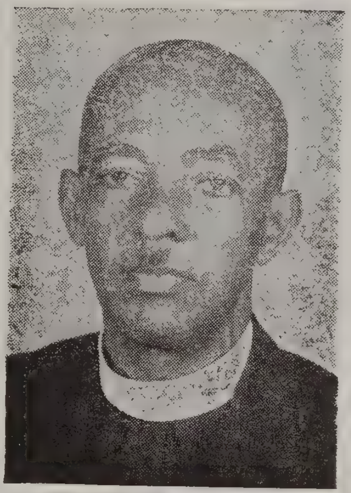
HAMPTON, Mrs. Josie M. Lewelleyn, Evangelist, missionary, teacher, and social worker; was born in Mississippi; daughter of Robert Barrett and Mary Barrett Davis; attended Manassa, Memphis, Tennessee; CMI College, Rust University, Jackson College, Jackson, Miss. Served local church as secretary of the trustee board, and Steward board, class leader, president of the missionary society of Allen Chapel, and Grant Memorial AME Church, where she was also a member of the gospel choir and first aid (Red Cross); licensed to preach at Allen Chapel Church by Rev. H. D. Rhodes, presiding elder, and Rev. P. Butler in July 1935; admitted to state evangelistic district missionary conference in 1934-1936. She has sponsored and served on two scholarship finance committees, one at Wilberforce, one at Campbell College, Jackson, Mississippi; published articles in the church papers, Laurel Daily News.



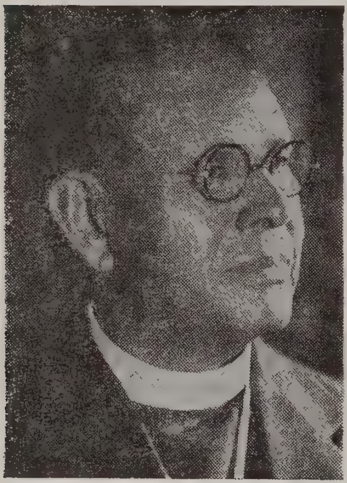
MRS. E. P. HANNAH AND DAUGHTER

HANNAH, Mrs. Emma P. Moore, was born June 3, 1888, daughter of Anderson and Charlotte Ellington Moore, in Quitman County, Georgia; converted at 11 years under Rev. I. G. Glass in Procter's Chapel, Springvale, Georgia; attended Payne High School, Cuthbert, Georgia; Morris Brown College; married Melton Hannah September 3, 1913; one daughter was born, Evelyne Elizabeth Hannah, who was baptized 1918 by Rev. R. B. Smith of St. Paul's Church. Orange, New Jersey, and was converted in the same church on November 6, 1920, under Rev. H. H. Thomas, pastor. Mrs. Hannah was a delegate to the General Conferences of 1936 and 1944; active in the laymen's association; member of executive board, property committee, welfare committee and treasurer of the association for five years; active in the Women's Missionary Society; member of the conference branch, secretary-treasurer of minute fund; delegate to Parent WMMS Conventions in 1935 and 1943; member of St. Peter's AME Church, Rutherford, N. J., Mrs. Mattie E. Jackson, pastor.

HANNAN, Rev. Goseboro B., pastor of Stewart Chapel, Macon, Ga., son of Samuel and Lena Hannan, born May 14, 1894 in Waycross, Ga.; educated public school, Charlton County, Waycross, and Morris Brown College; A.B., 1937; B.D. Turner Seminary, 1935; held church office of secretary of St. Paul Sunday school, Folkston, Ga., for 7 years. Licensed to preach by Rev. S. A. Harris at Allen's Chapel in 1916; admitted to Georgia Annual Conference at Waycross in Nov., 1920; ordained deacon by Bishop J. S. Flipper at Statesboro, Ga., in 1921; elder, by Bishop Flipper at Savannah, Ga., in 1923. Pastored: Surrency Mission, Surrency, Ga., 1921-22; St. Paul, Alma, Ga., 1923-24; Fleming Circuit, Fleming, Ga., 1925; Hannah Chapel, 1926-27; Bethel, Statesboro, Ga., 1928; Millen Circuit, Millen Ga., 1929-30; Jackson Chapel, Washington, Ga., 1932-34; St. Mark, Atlanta, Ga., 1932-38; St. James, Columbus, Ga., 1921; built St. Paul, Alma, Ga., 1923; and rebuilt St. Paul, Atlanta, Ga., 1937; paid mortgage at St. Mark, Atlanta, Ga.; refinanced and saved Bethel Church at Savannah, Ga. Received 1,500 members into the Church and had 900 conversions; alternate to the General Conference 1928-36; trustee of Morris Brown College, 1924 to date; published articles in all church papers; served in U.S. Army from September 24, 1917 to July 15, 1919; served in France from November 1, 1917—June 24, 1919; company clerk in 824th Transport Co. Member of Lodge No. 365, K. of P. of Georgia, and Camp No. 65 American Woodman, Macon, Ga., president of the AME Ministers' Union, Macon, Ga.; served



on Registration Board No. 2; trustee and chairman of Board of commissioners of the Orphan and Industrial Home at Cordele, Ga. Repaired and refinanced all property owned by Stewart Chapel amounting to $3,500.00.

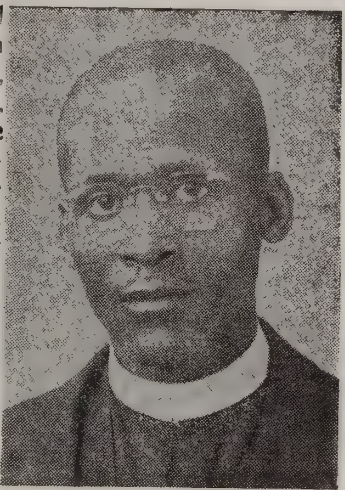


HARBERT, Rev. Robert Henry, presiding elder of San Diego District; son of Robert and Dollie N. Harbert; was born at Columbus, Texas, February 18, 1858; attended the Columbus public schools, Wiley College, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn; served as class leader, Sunday school superintendent, steward, trustee; licensed to preach at Columbus, by Rev. G. W. Smith, 1879; admitted to West Texas Annual Conference, at Columbus, December, 1881; ordained deacon at Columbus, in 1882 by Bishop Thomas Bowman; elder at Nasota, Texas, in 1884 by Bishop William L. Harris. Pastored: Bethel, San Diego, 1909-13; Bethel, San Francisco, 1915-16; Pueblo, Colo., 1916-19; Springfield, Missouri, 1919-21; Coffeyville, Kansas, 1921-23; Tanner Chapel, Phoenix, Ariz., 1923-25; Salt Lake City, Utah, 1925-28; Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1918-19; Campbell Chapel, Denver, Colo., 1929-31; Colorado Springs, Colo., 1931-32. Served as presiding elder of the following districts: California Conference (whole state and Nevada) 1913-15; Phoenix-Albuquerque District, Colorado Conference, 1932-40; San Diego District, Southern California, 1941-44. He organized Harbert Chapel, Flagstaff, Ariz., August 1928; White City, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., March 1924; Bethel, Nogales, Ariz., 1925; Safford Mission, Safford, Ariz., March, 1926; built Bethel, San Diego, 1912; Bethel, White City, Ariz., 1925; paid the mortgage of Trinity, Salt Lake City; received into the church 2,575 members and had 961 conversions. Delegate to the General Conferences of 1936, 1944; alternate, 1916, 1928, 1940; trustee of Western University and Wilberforce University. He owned and edited "The Tongulet", "The Illuminator", "The Expositor" and the "The Colored Citizen"; contributed articles to all church papers and many secular papers. He married Miss Amanda C. Wright, March 14, 1879; who died December 24, 1938; 7 children were born: Marietta, Lola, Rosa, Robert, Maybelle, Lena; 3 survive.

HARDEN, Rev. C. H., pastor Saltillo, Tenn.; born in Madison County, Mississippi, one of 11 children of Jim and Frances Harden; attended the public schools of Yazoo County, Alcorn and Campbell Colleges; was converted in early boyhood; joined the Mississippi Annual Conference, 1909; pastored Armstrong Chapel, Osyka, Miss., 3 years; remodeling the church and increasing the membership; pastored in Louisiana: Logtown Mis., Banami, Bogalousa, Independence, Kentwood. In 1922 was transferred by Bishop Heard; pastored Armstrong Chapel, Dover, Del.; presiding elder over Georgetown District; pastored Temple, West York St., Philadelphia; Trinity Church, Pittsburgh; presiding elder, Wheeling District in West Virginia Conference; pastored Burks Chapel, Paducah, Kentucky; Greater Bethel, Jackson, Tenn.; New Tyler, Memphis, Tenn. Served as presiding elder of the Paris-Jackson District, West Tennessee Annual Conference. Now pastoring at Saltillo, Tennessee.

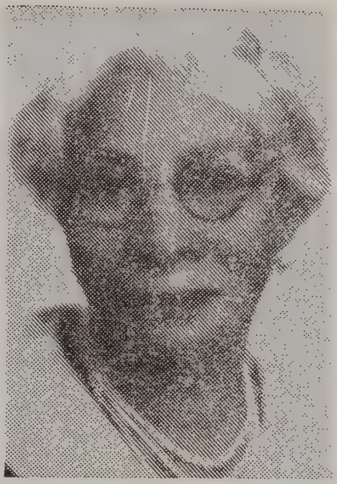
HARDRICK, Jr., Rev. N. H., presiding elder of the Frankfort District in Kentucky; was born in Thomasville, Georgia, December 8, 1889; son of Rev. N. H., Sr., and Vina (Glass) Hardrick; attended the Valdosta public school and the Georgia State College at Savannah, Georgia, Morris Brown University and University of Youngstown, Ohio; pastored some of the largest and best churches in Ohio and Kentucky. He served as chairman of the Welfare Committee of Mahomning County for ten years; was delegate to General Conference in 1944; frequent contributor to church papers.

HARGETT, Mrs. Goldie Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Franklin Green; her father, a business man, her mother, a teacher; was born in New York City, and reared in Kinston, North Carolina; attended school at the Fairley School, Kinston College, and Ingleside Seminary at Burkeville, Va.; taught in Kinston and Winston-Salem, N. C.; married Mr. N. E. Hargett, a successful business man. They conduct funeral home in Greensboro, North Carolina, and the only colored casket company in the state, with branches in Reidsville, Asheboro, Burlington, Winston-Salem and Durham. Mrs. Hargett is active in the church work and civic organizations being a Sunday school teacher in Bethel AME Church, Greensboro; vice-president of the District Missionary Society; statistician of the Western North Carolina Conference Branch; representative of Kittrell College and secretary of the Episcopal Residence Committee of the Second Episcopal District; member of the State Federation of Women's Club; Haynes-Taylor YMCA Auxiliary; steering committee of the Girl Scouts, and treasurer of Modern Priscilla Club, an auxiliary to the State Morticians; is past president and club reader of the Warnersville Coterie Club and member of other civic and social clubs; mother of 1 son, N. E. Hargett, Jr., and 1 daughter, Launa Ionia Hargett; both attended Palmer Memorial Institute at Sedalia, N. C. She is a member of the forth-coming General Conference.



HARKLESS, Rev. Jefferson Lemuel, Pastor Ward Chapel, Montevallo, Ala., was born Jan. 23, 1914, Tallahatchie, Mississippi; son, oldest child, of Alfred and Lula Harkless; attended grammar and high school in Sumpter Co., Alabama, and Laurel, Mississippi, At the age of 17 he was licensed to preach in Payne Chapel AME Church. Birmingham; returning to Laurel he was admitted to East Mississippi Annual Conference; entered Campbell College and graduated. becoming Bishop Greene's private secretary, 1938-1942. Pastored: Crystal Springs Circuit; St. John, Biloxi; St. Peter, Port Gibson; Wesson Circuit; St. Paul, Corinth; Avery Chapel, all in Mississippi. While serving Crystal Springs, cleared up an 18 year-old debt on parsonage; built a new Avery Chapel at cost of $2,600.00 and paid for it in one year; redecorated and paid for at St. Paul the interior of the church, and increased membership. He was transferred to Alabama under Bishop Nichols; he renovated and paid for the repairs at St. John, Tuscaloosa; assigned to Ward Chapel, Montevallo where plans are being made to build a new church.

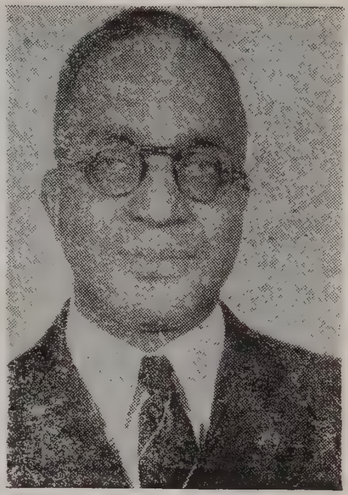
HARLEY, Rev. E., presiding elder, Apalachicola, Florida; born in Jackson County, Florida, December 10, 1888; son of Wm. H. and Della (Thompson) Harley; attended the Jackson County grammar and high schools and Edward Waters College; D.D. from Edward Waters College, 1944; served as superintendent of Sunday school, steward, trustee, class leader, and secretary of steward board. Licensed to preach at Grant Tabernacle by Rev. K. P. Neal, April, 1913; admitted to West Florida Annual Conference at Campbellton, 1915; ordained deacon at Marianna, Florida, 1916 by Bishop Hurst; elder at Apalachicola, in 1919 by Bishop Hurst. Pastored: Peninsular Mission, 1915-16; Salem Circuit, 1917-18; Jerusalem Station, 1919-25; Panama City Circuit, 1922; Apalachicola Station, 1922-25; St. Augustine Station, 1930-32; Lake City Station, 1933; Marianna Station, 1933-37; Apalachicola Station, 1938-39; Bethel Station, Pensacola, 1940-42. Presiding elder: Marianna District, West Florida, 1926-29; Apalachicola, West Florida, 1942-44; built St. James, Mellville, 1922, and first Unit of New St. James, Marianna, 1935; paid mortgages, of Salem, 1918; Bethel, 1922; St. Paul, 1923; St. Paul, St. Augustine, 1930. Delegate to General Conferences: 1924, 1928, 1944; alternate, 1936, 1940; served as trustee of Edward Waters, 1918-1944; and Florida Normal School, 1930-32. Published articles in all church papers and leading papers of Florida. Has a son, Cpl. Wm. H. Harley, U. S. Army; a son-in-law, Quarter Master Isaac E. Patton, U. S. Navy. Republican; member of Jackson County Parent Teacher Association, FA&M; K of P; chief secretary of the annual conference for 18 years. Delivered the principal address to Florida Normal at St. Augustine Florida "Homecoming" celebration, February, 1932; baccalaureate sermon to Excelsior High Shcool, St. Augustine, Florida, 1931; emancipation day address at Pensacola, Florida, 1940; baccalaureate sermon to Washington High School, Pensacola, Florida, 1940. Married Annie Hutchins, 1906; they have 2 sons and 3 daughters: Leo F., graduate of Dunbar High School; Cpl. William H., U. S. Army, graduate of Edward Waters College; Ethel M. and Lola E., graduates of Edward Waters College and Florida Normal and Industrial Institute, teachers in Jackson County; Eva L., completed course in Cosmetology at Florida A & M College and is practicing beauty culture.



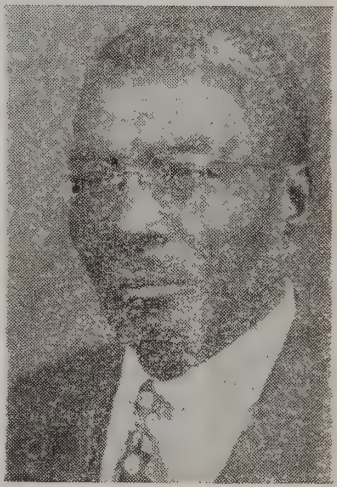
HARPER, Mrs. Hattie R. Bates, was born January 19, 1866 in Cumberland, Maryland. She has been a member of Metropolitan AME Church since childhood, holding every office in the church that a layman can hold. She has a daughter, Florence A. M. Harper of Cumberland, Md., and Washington, D. C.

HARRINGTON, Mrs. Cora A. Moore, teacher and dressmaker; born Goodman, Miss., December 23, 19....; daughter of Joel W. and Georgia Tynes Moore; attended the Attala County, Miss. public school; received diploma from Mary Holmes High School in 1910, T.T. certificate from Mary Holmes Junior College in 1916; A.B. from G.I.I., 1918; special course in Missions, Jackson College, diploma, 1939; auxiliary of the Synod of Miss. Presbyterian Church of U. S. Held the following local offices: superintendent of Sunday school, steward, trustee and local president of WH and FMS, 1919-1925; conference branch president 1919-1926; state president, 1927-1940; district president, 1937 to date; connectional secretary-treasurer of FHF of WH & FMS, 1939-1944; district president, 1937 to date. Teacher at Campbell College, 1937 to date. While district president, paid for two church lots, one at Lexington, Mississippi, and the other at Jackson, Mississippi.

HARRIS, Mr. Charles Cicero, Supt of Israel Memorial AME Sunday school, Rev. D. L. Davis, pastor, Newark, New Jersey; secretary of the trustee board of same for 25 years, and now treasurer of the board. District superintendent of the Sunday schools of the Newark, New Jersey District, New Jersey Annual Conference for 20 years; was state president of the Laymembers Association of the New Jersey Conference for 6 years and now state secretary and district superintendent of the Newark District Laymembers for the past four years. Lay delegate to all General Conferences since 1932. Recently elected secretary of $50,000.00 housing project owned by the church of which Rev. D. L. Davis is president.



HARRIS, Rev. William W., son of H. Lewis and Lucy (White) Harris; attended Abbeville, S. C., public school; Ferguson Academy, Abbeville, Allen University; received from Allen University, B.I. in 1902; B.D., in 1910, and A.B. in 1912; D.D. Shorter College, 1918; and D.D. Morris Brown, 1917. Served local church as steward, trustee, class leader, superintendent Sunday school. Licensed to preach at Mulberry Church by Rev. R. E. Wall in July, 1898; admitted to Columbia Annual Conference at Columbia, 1899; ordained deacon at Spartanburg, S. C. in 1902 by Bishop W. J. Gaines; ordained elder at Greenwood, S. C., in 1904 by Bishop Coppin. Served as pastor of Pine Grove Circuit, 1902; Columbia Mission, 1903; St. Paul Circuit, 1904-1906; Bethlehem Station, 1907-1908; Whitmire Circuit, 1909-1910; St. James Station, 1911-1912; Bethel and Shorter College, 1913-1914; Visitor's Chapel, Hot Springs, Ark., 1914-1917; St. James, Camden, 1917; St. Luke, Forest City, Arkansas, 1918. Served as presiding elder of Sherrell District, 1918-1920; and Clarrendon District, 1924, both in the Central Arkansas Conference; organized Tercentenary Church, Chicago, Ill., December, 1924; Carey Temple, Chicago, Ill., 1928; Redomed Park, Chicago, 1931. Built the following churches: Whitmire, S. C., 1909; bought Centenary, Chicago, 1924-1925; bought Carey Temple,

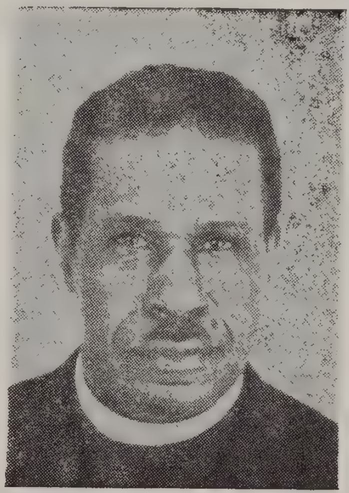


Chicago, 1929; Bethlehem, St. Paul, Chapin, St. Luke, Forest City, Arkansas. Received 5000 members into the church and had 2000 conversions. Delegate to the General Conference, 1920; alternate in 1916; trustee of Shorter College, 1913-1924; published articles in the following: all church periodicals and several others; Republican, Mason, Odd Fellow, Knights of Pythias, etc.

HARRISON, Sr., Rev. J. McKenzie, superannuate, was born April 6, 1856 at Statesburg, Sumter County, S. C., and has done much for his race in that part of the country. In 1877 he worked in the "Watchman and Southern" printing office. In 1876 he managed a mercantile business for McCoy and Company, Statesburg, S. C. In 1881 he ws connected with the business firm of Brown and Harrison. On January 15, 1882, he established the first public school, known as the "Harrison School" in that town, and taught the same for ten years. He joined the Columbia Conference in December, 1889, and has served at the following charges: 1889, Camden Mission; 1892, Salem Circuit; 1893, Friendship Station; 1894, Reeseville Circuit; 1897-98, Legare Circuit, and organized the first public school 1899-1900, St. Phillips station, Eastover, S. C.; 1901, Bishopville, 1902, Mt. Olive Station, Providence, S. C.; 1904-05, St. Paul Circuit, Sumter, S. C.; 1906-1908, St. Paul Station, Creston, S. C.; 1909-11, Biggers and Providence churches, Wilson, S. C.; 1912, Floydal Circuit, Zion, S. C.; 1913-14, Mt. Pleasant Station; 1915, St. Paul Station, the second time within nine years. He was elected a delegate to the Centennial General Conference in 1916, and has attended all General Conferences since. After having served many other prominent points as a successful pastor he was appointed presiding elder of the Lancaster District in the Columbia Conference by Bishop Chappelle in 1924 and re-appointed to this district by Bishop Beckett in 1925. Bishop Hurst again appointed him presiding elder in 1929 as also did Bishop Ransom in 1930-31. He was appointed book steward for the entire six conferences of the state, which position he has held until 1942, when he requested retirement. He lives in his own home and enjoys the respect and confidence of both races. He has established an annual gold medal prize for the freshman student with the highest term average which he presents each commencement.

HART, Rev. A. Herman, born Marcus Hook, Pa., May 30, 1889; son of Matthew S. and Mary Emily Hart; attended Marcus Hook public school, Media, Pa. high school, Miller College, and Philadelphia School of Bible; B.D. from Miller College, April 27, 1929; served as superintendent of Sunday school, steward, exhorter, local preacher, chorister, class leader. Licensed to preach at Marcus Hook Church by Rev. O. S. Neal in 1920; admitted to Delaware Annual Conference at Wilmington, Delaware in 1924; ordained deacon at Smyrna, Delaware in 1926 by Bishop Heard; ordained elder at Asbury, Chester in 1928 by same. Served as pastor of Fairview, Pa., 1926-1928; Mt. Friendship Circuit, Delaware, 1928-1931; Bethel, Smyrna, Delaware, 1931-1935; Asbury, Chester, Pa., 1935 to date. Organized Fairview Church, N. Chester, 1925; built Mt. Friendship, May, 1928; Asbury, Chester, April, 1942 repaired churches at Kenton and Blanco; paid mortgages on Kenton of $300; at Blanco, $150; Asbury, $1500, after having reduced 1st mortgage $6000 from the original mortgage of $13,000.00. Installed first Hammond electric organ at cost of $1800.00 in city of Chester; delegate to the General Conference of 1936, alternate, 1932; served on Economy Committee, Dr. Wingate, chairman; member of the Sun Oil Company's center of Colored Employees, Masonic order, 32nd degrees; Knights of Pythias; served as vice chancellor commander.

HARRISON, Jr., Rev. J. McKenzie, son of Rev. J. McKenzie Harrison, Sr., and Mamie M; born Sumter, S. C., January 3, 1886; received A.B. degree from State College of South Carolina; D.D. from Allen University, May 28, 1942; held all the local church offices; licensed to preach at Waters Church by Rev. R. E. Ford, June, 1925; admitted to Baltimore Annual Conference at Hagerstown, April, 1926; ordained deacon at Metropolitan, Washington, D. C. by Bishop J. Albert Johnson; elder at Baltimore, Md., 1930 by Bishop Gaines. Served as pastor of: Wayman, Baltimore, Maryland, 1926-1929; Coppin, Baltimore, 1929-1932; Star of Bethlehem, 1932-1933; Allen, Washington, D. C., 1933-1938; St. Paul, Washington, D. C., 1938 to present. Paid the following mortgages of St. Paul AME Church and parsonage. Received 300 members into the church; attended the General Conference in 1936-1940-1944; trustee of Kittrell College, 1940-to date. Published articles in all church periodicals; taught school four terms prior to entering the ministry, also served as railway mail postal clerk; member of the Federation of Civic Associations, Chaplain of S. W. Civic Association, Chaplain and chairman of Education Committee; president of P. T. A. of Cordoza Business High School for four years; president of Dunbar Academic High School P.T.A. three years; delivered the noonday message under Federation of Churches on two occasions over station WRC, Washington, D. C. Member of board of directors of the Federation of P.T.A. Associations of District of Columbia; married Miss Ellen Mae Louise Flegler, April 8, 1914 in St. John AME Church, Marion, S. C.; children:



Mildred Gertna Harrison-Cox; Mamie Aramenta Penelope Harrison-Watson; Mae Louise Harrison and Mabel Joan Harrison.

HARROLD, Rev. C. H., presiding elder of Vidalia District, Augusta, Ga. Conference; son of Allen and Jane (Johnson) Harrold; born October 15, 1878 near Americus, Ga.; educated public school of Sumter County, Ga.; held church offices of steward, Sunday school superintendent, president of ACE League, class leader, trustee and president of the choir; licensed to preach by Rev. C. A. Wingfield at Campbell Chapel in 1924; admitted to Americus, Ga., Annual Conference at Ellaville, Georgia in October, 1932; ordained deacon by Bishop Fountain at Ellaville, Ga., in 1932; elder, by Bishop Fountain at Wrightsville, Georgia in 1934. Pastored: Oglethorpe Circuit, 1932-35; Hawkinsville Station, 1935-38. Presiding elder: Hawkinsville District, Americus Conference, Georgia, 1938-40; Swainsboro District, Augusta Georgia Conference, 1940-43; Vidalia District, August, 1944; organized Long Branch Church, Sumter County, 1901; built parsonage at Oglethorpe, Georgia; received 118 members into the church and had numerous conversions. Delegate to the General Conference of 1916-24, 32, 40, 44. Served as trustee of Morris Brown College, 1918-44; Payne College, Cuthbert, Ga.; published articles in the Atlanta Independent, Christian and Southern Christian Recorders, Atlanta World and several white dailies; member of Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and several benevolent societies. He was appointed state general Allen Life Guards from 1921-24; state president of ACE League, 1925-32; promoter of the Lord's Acre program; married Miss Jennie Wimbush, September 12, 1900; has one son, Fred Douglas Harrold; one daughter, Bulah Mae Harrold. Rev. Harrold has been chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of Sumter County for 15 years.

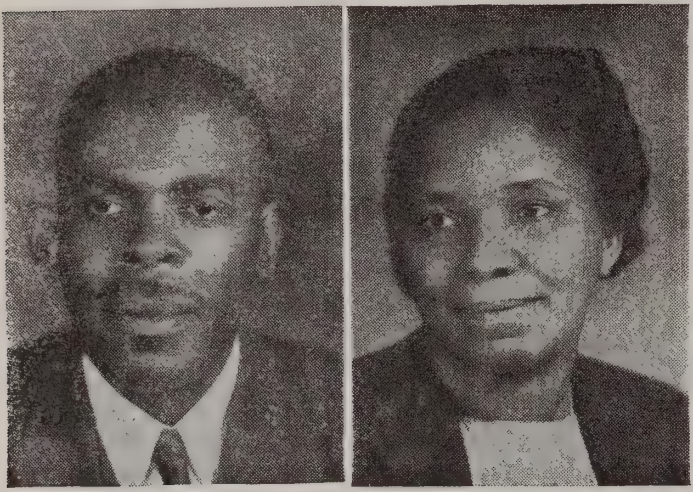
HATCHER, Rev. E. C., editor and manager of the Southern Christain Recorder; was born September 2, 1902; son of Rev. Clarence George and Julia Ann Hatcher, brother of the late Rev. James S. Hatcher, author of "I Cannot Drift". Rev. Hatcher attended the public schools in Tuskegee, Alabama; Booker T. Washington High School, Norfolk, Va.; A & T College, Greensboro, North Carolina; Payne University, Birmingham, Alabama; theological course at Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla., and at Walker's Business College; D.D., Payne University, 1930; D.D., Wilberforce, 1939; professor of mathematics and chemistry at Payne University; was licensed to preach in Bethel AME Church, Florida, Alabama, April 21, 1923 by his father who was presiding elder of the Florida District; admitted to the South Alabama Conference, 1923; ordained deacon by Bishop Fountain, Cherry Street Church, Dothan, Alabama; elder, in 1925, by Bishop Hurst in Mount Zion, Jacksonville, Florida; pastor of Wayman Chapel, South Jacksonville; New Hope, Jacksonville; South Street, Dothan, Alabama; and in 1930 was appointed presiding elder by Bishop R. A. Grant and served on the Florida and Ozark District eleven years. While in Florida, he was private secretary to Bishop Hurst, and for 12 years was accountant for the AME Church for the six conferences in Alabama, serving under Bishops Grant and Sims. He was elected editor of the Southern Christian Recorder at the General Conference, Detroit, 1940; re-elected in 1944; member of all General Conferences since 1932; served as marshal of the Episcopal Committee; is a trustee of Greater Payne College in Alabama, and Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio; member of the Elks and Masons; father of two: Rubye E. Hatcher, graduate of Wilberforce University; Eugene C. Hatcher.

REV. AND MRS. E. C. HATCHER

HATCHER, Mrs. Oretha Mae, wife of the Rev. E. C. Hatcher, was born in Whitesprings, Florida, March 18, 1907; the fourth child of General and Ella Tillman; attended and graduated from Florida Memorial College, Florida A&M College, Hartshorne College of Richmond, Virginia. She also took special courses in elementary education at Tuskegee Institute. She served as organist in the AME Churches of Live Oak and Bartow, Florida, and Cherry Street Church, Dothan, Alabama. Delegate to the General Conferences of 1940 and 1944; served as secretary of the committee on credentials and as a worker in the local and connectional missionary societies of the WH& FM Society. At present she serves as assistant to her husband in the office of the Southern Christian Recorder.

HARVEY, Rev. Alexander Wayman, presiding elder of the Brenham District, West Texas Conference, AME Church; son of Allen and Nancy Harvey; was born, February 12, 1884, Chapel-Hill, Washington Co., Texas. He was educated in the public schools of Brazoria Co., Texas, and Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas; married Miss Rebecca Sarah Thompson of Dickenson, Texas and ten children were born. Hortense Virginia, October 29, 1905; Harvey Thompson (deceased); Eunice Dorothy (deceased); Celestine Harvey Scott, February 15, 1907; Alexander Wayman, Jr., May 10, 1910; Charles Spencer Harvey, February 18, 1912; Cleophus Theopoles Harvey, October 28, 1914; Rosie Lee Harvey, September 1, 1916; Mildred L. Harvey, March 16, 1919. After the death of the children's mother June 24, 1933, he married Miss Adelaide B. Bouldin, June, 1934. She has one son, Tommie Lee Jackson Harvey. During the 31 years of his pastorate, he has served the following churches: Chenango-Angleton Mission, bought lot for church in 1910-12; Dayton Mission, bought ground built church on, 1913-1914; Wayman Chapel Mission, added 40 members to the church, 1914-1915; Crockett Circuit, 1916-18; remodeled church and parsonage; Hunterville Circuit, etc.; built Bethel, remodeled St. Luke and Allen Chapel, 1919-23; added 500 members; St. Luke, 1924-1927; while pastoring here he finished the Theological Department of Paul Quinn College, paid mortgage; Grant Chapel, Portbuthon, Texas, 1928, remodeled church; Metropolitan AME Church, Austin, Texas, 1929-34; St. Paul, Waco, Texas, 1934-35; Bethel AME Church, San Antonio, Texas, 1935-41, paid on mortgage and added members to the church; member of the General Conference of 1924 to 1944; on the General Conference Commission, and the Sunday School Union Board; trustee of Paul Quinn College, active secretary of the Republican Council of Texas. Licensed to preach in 1903; admitted to Texas Annual Conference in 1906; ordained deacon by Bishop Tyree in 1910, and elder by Bishop Smith in 1913.

HAYNES, Rev. Daniel Leo, pastor AME Church, Oleans, New York; born in Atlanta, Ga., June 6, 1889, son of Charles and Mary E. (Leech) Haynes; attended the Gate City public school in Atlanta, Morris Brown College, Drew Seminary, Art Student League, Chicago University, Chicago, Ill.; served local church as chorister, trustee, steward. Licensed to preach at St. James Church by Rev. C. W. Cummings, May, 1920; admitted to New York Conference at Flushing, N. Y. in June, 1940; ordained deacon at Flushing, N. Y., in 1940 by Bishop Sims; elder at Buffalo in 1941 by Bishop Sims; served as pastor of Bethel, Thompkinsville, N. Y., 1940-1941; Allen Memorial, Brooklyn, New York, 1942; Mount Zion, Westbury, N. Y., 1943; received 120 members into the church and had 27 conversions; prepared for publication, "Short History of the American Negro in Chronology"; served in World War I in Intelligence Service, 1916-1918; secretary of the YMCA No. 54, Army Service. Member, PWM of Excelsior Lodge No. 294, F&AM, Atlanta, Ga.; 32nd degree, St. John's Consistory, New York City. Shrine-Medine Temple, PNG-Benj. Davis Lodge GUOOF, Atlanta, Georgia; PER, Gate City Lodge, IBPOEW, Atlanta; concert artist, baritone singer; started in first all-Negro motion picture in the world, "Hallelujah"; in original stage production of "The Green Pastures"; traveled every state in the U. S., Canada, Mexico and Europe; played in "The Bottom of the Cup", drama; "Earth" drama; "Show Boat", Musical Comedy, "The Last Mile", motion picture, "Mary Burns, Fugitive', "White Sisters", "Invisible Ray", "So Red the Rose", "Escape from Devil's Island", "Little Boy Blue", "Can This Be Dixie", Paramount, MGM, Fox, Independent, Fox-West Coast. He is a printer by trade; president of the Haynes Printing Co., Brooklyn, N. Y.; secretary-treasurer T. A. Hebbons Press, New York; secreary of Pace and Handy Co.; secretary Black Swan Phonograph Co.; secretary of Shelton Brooks Music Co., assistant scout master; manager of Union Mutual Printing Co., Printing and Supplies; bookkeeper; member of United Sons of Georgia; Recording artist for Victor Records. In 1920, married Miss Rosa B. Sims, a graduate of Morris Brown College.



REV. AND MRS. L. A. HAYNES

HAYNES, Rev. L. A., pastor Bethel, Hartsville, Tennessee; born Madison, Fla., February 27, 1896, son of Charles and Mary Christopher Haynes; attended the public schools of Madison County, Fla., and the Edward Waters College; served as steward, trustee, superintendent of Sunday school; licensed to preach at Mt. Zion Church by Rev. H. Y. Tookes, presiding elder in Florida, 1916; admitted to Florida Annual Conference at Quincy in Florida, 1918; ordained deacon at Mt. Zion AME Church, Jacksonville, Florida by Bishop Hurst; elder at Clear Water, Fla., in 1928 by Bishop Hurst; served as pastor at the following places: Union AME Church, 1916-1918; St. Matthews AME Church, 1920-23; Yucon AME Church, 1923-1924; Mt. Olive, Palatka, Fla., 1924-1925; Mt. Carmel, Tampa, Fla., 1926-1929; St. James, Jacksonville, 1930-1932; New Tyler, Memphis, Tenn., 1933-1934; St. James, Mayfield, Ky., 1934-35; St. James, Louisville, 1936-1943. Served as presiding elder of the following Districts: Paducah, West Kentucky Conference, 1935. Paid the mortgage of Mt. Carmel, Tampa, Fla. Reduced the debt of St. James in 1935, Louisville, Ky., bought and reduced the debt of Asbury in half since 1938; now doing a fine work at Bethel, Nashville. Delegate to all General Conferences since 1936. Member of the Masons, and Odd Fellows.

HAYNES, Mrs. Mary Lue, wife of Rev. L. A. Haynes; born in Adairville, Ky., March 3, 1906; daughter of William Brown and Annie Hurt; attended the following schools: Western public school, Louisville, Ky., Central High School, Simmons College, receiving a degree in 1923; held the following local church offices: steward, stewardess, class leader, Sunday school teacher; alternate to General Conference, 1944, and delegate 1948; assistant secretary of the West Kentucky Conference Branch, Woman's Missionary Society.

HAYRE, Mrs. Ruth Wright, wife of Professor Talmadge B. Hayre, of Cheyney State Teachers' College, eldest daughter of Bishop and Mrs. R. R. Wright, Jr.; was born in Atlanta, Georgia, October 26, 1910; educated in the public schools of Philadelphia, Pa.; received B.S. from University of Pennsylvania, 1930; A.M. from same, 1931; taught in Arkansas State College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, 1931-1933; Dunbar High School, Dayton, Ohio, 1933-1936; Armstrong High School, Washington, D. C., 1936-1938; Sulzburger Junior High, Philadelphia, 1942-1944; William Penn High, Philadelphia, since 1944. She was the first of her race to become a regular high school teacher in Philadelphia, having won her place in competitive examination. She was awarded the Philadelphia City scholarship, also a Pennsylvania state scholarship to the University of Pennsylvania, and was a member of the National Honor Society at graduation from high school; a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and basileus of the local chapter; she was baptized in infancy, and has been a member of Mt. Pisgah AME Church all her life; now superintendent of the Sunday school; a member of the Educational Equality League and other civic organizations; Co-editor of the Poems of Phyllis Wheatley, and member of the staff of Encyclopaedia of African Methodism; served on Christian Recorder staff 1929-30; traveled in Europe 1935; married Prof. T. B. Hayre, August 26, 1937; they have one daughter, Sylvia Elizabeth Hayre.

HEDRICK, Mrs. La Ursa Snelson, daughter of Rev. Dr. Floyd Grant and Waterloo (Bullock); was born in Atlanta, Georgia, the second of 8 children. Her father a pioneer AME missoinary; her mother, a noted orator, editor and women's club leader. Mrs. Hedrick was educated in the public schools of San Francisco, Calif.; Topeka, Kans.; Springfield, Mo.; Cambridge, Mass., and Lockland, Ohio, and graduated from Wilberforce University; was the first secretary- stenographer to Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune at Daytona Beach, Florida, and of the business depart-

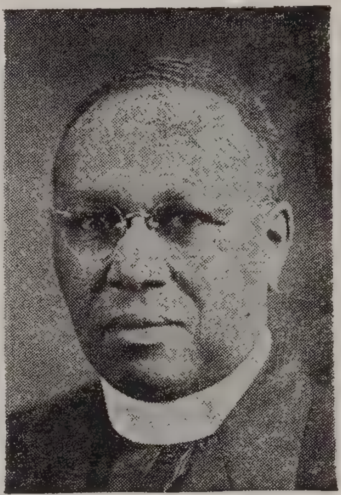
ment. Coming to Chicago, where her father was building St. Mary's Church, she served as secretary-stenographer to several executives of Negro banks, doctors, lawyers, ministers and bishops, the Business Men's League, and many women's groups and political organizations. In 1920, she was married to Rev. Banius C. Hedrick, of Natchez, Mississippi. They have two children; Banius, Jr., born in 1921, who served in the armed forces, graduating from Wilberforce, June, 1947; and Gloria Blydena, born in 1924, B.S. from Wilberforce, the College of Liberal Arts, now with the Red Cross in Germany. Rev. Hedrick is a pulpit helper at Bethel AME Church, Chicago, Rev. A. Wayman Ward, minister. Mrs. Hedrick was an essay contest prize winner at Wilberforce and in Sunday school conventions of Ohio and literary societies of Chicago. She organized a Young Mothers' Club; was recording secretary of the Woman's Federation, having been sent as a delegate to Oakland, California in 1926; first woman president of the Chicago Wilberforce Alumni Association; was Wilberforce's hostess at Chicago World's Fair, 1933; in 1935 led a pilgrimage of 150 Chicago civic leaders to Wilberforce for Founders' Day Celebration; was vice-president of the Parent Teachers Association of Carter School; served as stenographer at the General Conference of 1916, 1928, 1940 and 1944. She was employed by the government as club organizer and educational leader in the Urban League YMCA program. In 1940, she was office manager and secretary to Bishop Wright in the Midwestern headquarters of the Democratic National Campaign at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago. Served as superintendent of Bethel Sunday school, 3 years; executive secretary of Bethel Church; a sponsor for National Junior League, secretary-stenographer to the director of Negro Affairs of the NYA; a member of the staff at the South Parkway YWCA, and on the editorial board of the Wilberforce Alumni Journal.

REV. AND MRS. L. H. HEMMINGWAY

HEMMINGWAY, Rev. Lawrence Henry, secretary-treasurer of Church Extension Society; born, Conway, S. C.; son of John and Mary Francis Hemmingway; attended Conway public school, Whittemore high school and Allen University; A.B., B.D., and D.D. Allen University; served as Sunday school teacher, class leader, trustee and steward. Licensed to preach at Bethel Church, Conway, by Rev. A. G. Starks, 1908; admitted to Northeast S. C. Conference at Conway, 1910; ordained deacon at Florence, S. C., in 1912 by Bishop Lee; elder at Sumter, S. C., in 1923 by Bishop Lee; served as pastor of Pine Gove Circuit, Foreston, S. C., 1911-1912; Laurel Hill Circuit, Davis Station, S. C., 1913-1915; Cootoboro Station, Wisacky, S. C., 1916-1918; Western Chapel, Greenwood, S. C., 1919-1920; Beaufort Circuit, Beaufort, S. C., 1921-1923; Bethel Station, St. Matthews, S. C., 1924-1926; Felderville and Brown Chapel, Elloree and Cameron, S. C., 1927-1931; served as presiding elder from 1931-1938; secretary-treasurer Church Extension, 1938-to date; organized Zorah Hill Mission, Marion; built Cootoboro Church, Pine Grove, Foreston; Laurel Hill rebuilt, Davis Station; paid the mortgages on each charge served. Received 23,000 members into the church and had 13,000 conversions under his preaching. Delegate to all General Conferences since 1928; served on the Publication, Connectional and Church Extension Boards; trustee of Allen University and Wilberforce University. Published articles in all church periodicals; was married twice, first to Miss Hattie Gaddy, had four children; second to Miss Catherine Cavilla Dingle—had three children, educated them in colleges. Two served in the armed forces, Talmadge and Marion Hemmingway. Was a proprietor of the Union Premium Candy Company, Orangeburg, S. C.; extended the term of hundreds of schools and liquidated the indebtedness of a number of churches throughout the States of South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. Owns property and known for his business acumen. As Secretary of Church Extension remodeled the Church Extension building, $35,000 and bought $800,000 worth of church properties.

HEMMINGWAY, Mrs. Catharine C., wife of Rev. L. H. Hemmingway; daughter of Moses and Mrs. Ophelia (Lemon) Dingle, was born in Clarendon County, South Carolina; was educated in the schools of the community and Allen University; she was one of the first secretaries of the Manning District Missionary Society of Central South Carolina Conference; represented the missionary society in four quadrennial conventions. She taught in the public schools of Clarendon, Lee, Wateree and Orangeburg Counties; worked faithfully with her husband, in every charge given him from a mission to the Church Extension Society. She is now the vice president of The Interdenominational Council of Ministers' Wives, whose aims are to enlist and stimulate its members religiously, intellectually, and socially; to consider and act upon other matters of a more general nature; and to cooperate with various organizations in such work.

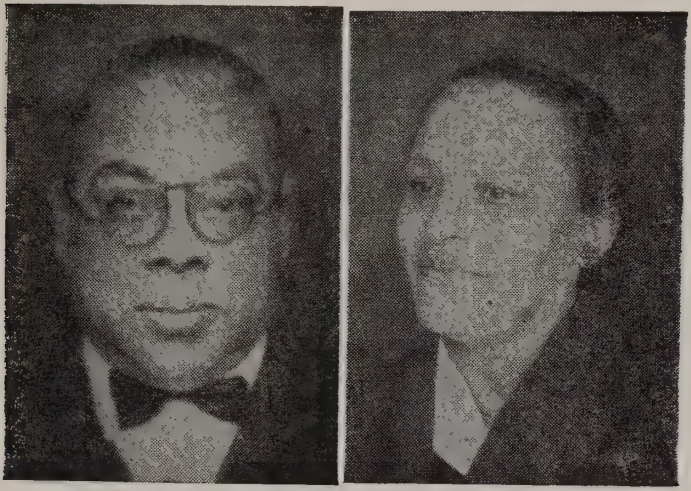
HENDERSON, Mrs. Mary Lou Duling, evangelist; was born November 7, 1889 in Cadiz, Ohio, of Rev. John and Rose Lee Duling (AME minister). Her mother, a descendant of the Lee's of Virginia, presented Mary Lou to the Lord in a little church at Cadez, Ohio. Being a cripple in early life, Mary Lou never attended school until past ten years of age, but studied at home. Later she graduated at Zanesville, Ohio; she was consecrated for service of missions under Father Carson, pastor at St. Paul, Zanesville. She entered the Conference as a licensed Evangelist under Bishop Joshua Jones of the Ohio Conference, in 1920; accepted the appointment of Iron Spot, Ohio. Since 1924 she has pastored Wheat Chapel, Cumberland, Ohio; Stillwater, Ohio; Scio, Ohio; St. Paul, New Comerstown, Ohio; St. Andrew, Coshocton, Ohio; Bethel, Frankfort, Ohio; St. Paul, Circleville, Ohio; and John Gee Chapel, Gallipolis. Evangelist Henderson served each pastorate except one, from two to nine years. Near Wilkesburg, Pa., she spoke in the Hebrew Mission house of Watertown, Pa. She married William G. Henderson over 39 years ago, and though a layman, her husband moved with her wherever she was assigned. Five children blessed their home; two survive: John W. Henderson, an instructor at Wilberforce University, and Mable Elizabeth, a student, both children were born in parsonages and owe their education to the great AME Church through their mother's faith, work, and prayers. She represented the Church at Youth Council in Chicago in 1922; also secretary of the Third District lay Council, engrossing secretary of the Ohio Conference 1938-39; delegate to the General Conference in 1936, and alternate 1932. She holds the Rain Rock Campground near Newark, Ohio, where thousands of white people gathered for twenty consecutive years. She is a woman of prayer and faith and has a message for the people, having preached for forty years. Has added many souls to Allen's family. Her Church is first, last, and always.



HENDERSON, Rev. Thomas S., born in Minneapolis, Minn., April 13, 1894; son of Thomas S. and Anna B. Peebles Henderson; attended Madison and Irving public schools, South Central and West High School, University of Minnesota; A.B. from Minnesota, 1914; D.D. from St. Thomas, 1916, and B.D. from Augsburg Seminary, 1916, honorary; served as steward, trustee, class leader, Sunday school superintendent. Licensed to preach at Minneapolis, St. James Church, by Rev. T. B. Stovall in February, 1927; admitted to North West Annual Conference at St. Paul in September, 1927; ordained deacon at Wayman Church by Bishop Carey, 1929; elder at Institutional in 1931 by Bishop Parks; served as pastor of Bethel, St. Paul, 1928-35; Harvey, Ill., Shaffer, Iowa, 1929-1930; St. Mark, Duluth, Minn., 1930; Monmouth, Ill, St. James, 1930-1932; Madison, Wisconsin, St. Paul, 1933-1935; Harvey, Ill., Shaffer 1935-1937; Aurora, Ill., St. John, 1937-40; New Albany and Bethel, 1940-1943. Served as presiding elder of West District, Chicago, Ill., 1933; built St. Paul, Madison, Wisconsin, 1934; paid mortgages on Bethel, St. Paul, Minn.; Bethel, Council Bluff, Ia.; St. Marks, Duluth, Minn.; Monmouth, Ill., St. James; St. John, Aurora, Ill.; Bethel, New Albany, Ind. Received 1,103 members into the church and had 470 conversions under his preaching. Published articles in the Nonpareil News, Council Bluffs, Iowa; member of the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Elks, Masons 32nd degree, and Shrine; President of Young Man's Progressive Club.

Wife—Edna Banieta Young Henderson; married June 29, 1924. Now stationed at Allen Chapel AME Church, Terre Haute, Indiana.

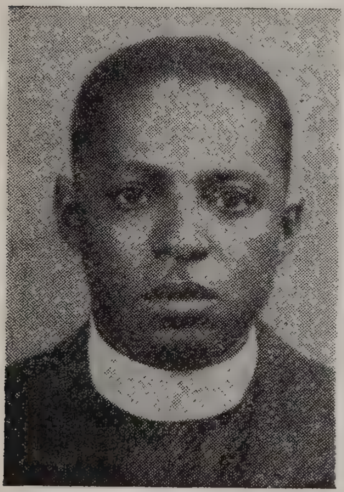
HENDRICKS, Rev. A. B., pastor in Kentucky; son of Mellis and Missouri Hendricks; born 1885 in Houston, Va.; educated public school Houston; held church offices of superintendent of Sunday school, steward and president ACE League; licensed to preach by Rev. G. L. Hicks at Newark, Ohio in May, 1918; admitted to Ohio Annual Conference at Zanesville in October, 1924; ordained deacon by Bishop J. H. Jones, at Lima, Ohio in 1927; elder by Bishop W. H. Heard at Steubenville, Ohio, in 1935. Pastored Iwnspot, Ohio, 1924; 4th Church, Columbus, Ohio, 1924; Willard Mission, 1927-30; Rossford, Ohio, 1930-32; Twin Branch, W. Va., 1932-33; assistant pastor Warren, 1933-36; Payne, Kenton, Ohio, 1936-38; Wickliff, Ky., 1938-39; Pryorsburg, 1939-40; Clinton, 1940-41; received 18 members into the church and had 18 conversions.



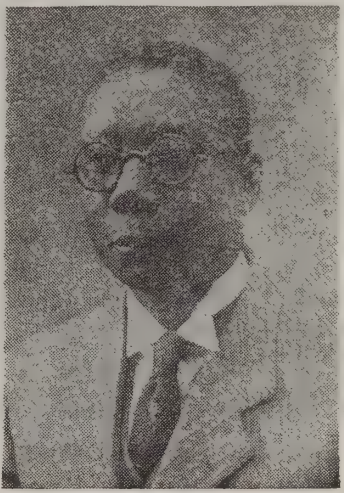
REV. AND MRS. A. B. HENDRICKS

HENDRICKS, Mrs. Willie, wife of Rev. A. B. Hendricks and daughter of William and Florence (Johnson) Carrington; born November 21, 1888 in Guyandott, W. Va.; educated public school Guyandott, W. Va. Douglas and Huntington; had six sons in the U. S. Army.

HENNING, Rev. Herman W., pastor of Quinn Chapel, Paris, Tennessee; born in Tennessee; son of Henry and Eliza Henning; he is forty years of age, and has pastored 23 years, and presided two years. He has pastored the following churches in Tennessee: Mt. Zion, Memphis; Rives Chapel, Rives; Bethel, Memphis; St. Paul, Memphis; Saint Phillip, Nashville; in Mississippi: Mound Bayou, Port Gibson, Pearl Street, Jackson; in Louisiana: St. Matthew, Shreveport; Aug-1943-45, St. James, Mayfield, Ky., and the present charge since 1945; he is a graduate of Booker T. Washington high school, Memphis, Tennesee; American Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee; Spaulding Business College, Shreveport, La.; Campbell College, Jackson, Mississippi; studied sociology at Fisk University; correspondence course in Temple Bar College, Seattle, Washington; he is married and has four children: Herman, Jr., Cornal Garnett, John Patrick and Yvonne; is secretary of the West Tennessee Conference.



HENRI, Rev. A. Seon, pastor Mitchell Chapel, Mansfield, Ohio; he holds degrees from Metropolitan College, Allen University, Columbia, S. C.; Berkley Divinity (Baptist), Berkley, Calif.; Tawawa School of Religion, Wilberforce University, and Campbell College; he attended Queen's Royal College, Port of Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I.S.C., Los Angeles, Calif.; he taught at Las Casdes and Paraizo, Canal Zone, R. de Panama, Central America; he has been director of music at Paul Quinn College, Allen University, Tawawa School of Religion at Wilberforce University; Independent Church of Christ, Los Angeles, Calif.; Third Baptist Church, San Francisco, Calif.; D. H. Sims Choral Society, Columbia, S. C.; conducted chorus of One Thousand voices, Municipal pier, Chicago; was organist and choirmaster of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Rose Hll Moravian Church, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I.; Roman Catholic Church, San Fernando, Trinidad, B. W. I., also over WMAN Broadcasting station. Dr. Henri has built, renovated, remodeled churches and burned mortgages of church edifices and parsonages. In recent years, burned the mortgage long standing of the AME Church in Mount Vernon, Ohio; also installed all modern conveniences in the parsonage, Lorain, Ohio to approximately $80.00, 1942.



HENRY, Mrs. Della E., member of Bethel AME Church, Ardmore, Pa.; served as Sunday school superintendent, recording and corresponding secretary of the Mary F. Handy missionary society, since 1928; president emeritus of the lady ushers having served on the board for more than twenty-five years; statistical secretary of the Philadelphia Conference Branch Missionary Society since 1932; active in fraternal and civic organizations. Delegate to several quadrennial of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society and the 1944 General Conference.

REV. AND MRS. J. W. HENRY

REV. AND MRS. L. P. HERRING

HENRY, Rev. John Wayman, born in Ridgely, Maryland, called to ministry. Received into the Baltimore Conference in 1925; appointed pastor of Wayman Chapel, Creek, Md.; granted a scholarship through Bishop Davis to Wilberforce University. In 1930 was transferred to the West Kentucky Conference by Bishop A. L. Gaines and appointed pastor of St. John AME Church. In 1936 he married Miss M. Janet Walker and was sent to the Third Street Bethel AME Church, Richmond, Va. In May, 1938 he was appointed pastor of St. Paul AME Church, Newport News where he increased the membership one-hundred percent, burned the mortgage. He is the father of four sons: John Wayman, Jr., Clifton, Matthew Maxwell and William Bailey Henry. He holds the D.D. degree.

HENRY, Mrs. Mary Janet, wife of **Rev. J. W.** Henry; born in Kent County, Maryland and finished the public schools of Maryland; had special training in religious education while in Richmond and Newport News. She directed a historical review of the Church with original drama. She heads the missionary society of the local church and is a member of the executive board of the Virginia Conference Branch of WMMS; was elected a delegate to attend the 1943 Quadrennial.

HERRING, Rev. Lonnie Preston, the son of Charlie Henry and Margaret Fancy Herring; was born May 22, 1896, at Whigham, Ga.; joined Ebenezer AME Church in Whigham, at the age of 12; licensed to preach at 17 by Dr. J. B. Lofton, presiding elder, and Rev. G. W. Kirkley, pastor; attended Whigham schools, Morris Brown for four years, and four years at Howard University in Washington, D. C.; received D.D. from Shorter College, Little Rock, Arkansas in 1923; May 3, 1915, ordained deacon in St. John Church of Baltimore, Maryland, by Bishop Coppin; May 3, 1918, ordained elder in Allen Church by Bishop J. Albert Johnson; married in 1915 to Miss Angeline A. M. Jenkins, daughter of Dr. C. M. Jenkins, presiding elder of the CME Church, Thomasville, Georgia; she finished high school and The American Association College of Music of Thomasville; she was an accomplished musician, singer and teacher; she was my organist for 26 years and 2 months. Five children were born to this union: Katherine F., Lonnie Preston, Jr., Gussie Mildred, Juanita D., and Gwendolyn Helen; Lonnie Preston, a preacher, spent 42 months overseas. February 28, 1942 Rev. Herring's first wife died. June 14, 1942 he married Mrs. Earl T. Brooks, a graduate of Mary Potter School of Oxford, N. C., and North Carolina College for Negroes, Durham, North Carolina; she has been teaching at the Person County Training School of Roxboro, N. C., for 20 years. He is 33rd degree Mason of Prince Hall, A. F. & A. M. October 17, 1945 organized Battle Ax Lodge, No. 120 A. F. & A. M. of Roxboro, N. C., and is the Worshipful Master of said Lodge. He built Bethel AME Church, Lincoln, Md.; rebuilt Shorter AME Church, Bridgetown, Va.; rebuilt AME Church, Milford, Delaware; rebuilt St. Paul AME Church, Danville, Va., in 1938 for $41,796.59, including seats and furniture and paid $29,496.40 within four years; rebuilt parsonage of Rocky Mount, Va., bought a nine room parsonage in Lynchburg, Va., in 1943 for $3,551.75, and paid $2,894.50 on it; baptized 4075, took 5773 into the church and married 3692 couples. He also deals in real estate, having seven dwellings.

HICKMAN, Rev. Ernest Lawrence, pastor of Quinn Church, Louisville, Kentucky, son of Edgar and Lilla (Bonner) Hickman; was born on June 8, 1903, Fayetteville, Tennessee; was educated in the public schools of Fayetteville, and Turner College; converted August, 1915; joined Brown's Chapel AME Church, Fayetteville Circuit, 1915; served as Sunday school teacher, superintendent, president of ACE League, district president, ACE League steward, class leader; licensed to preach at Chattanooga, Tennessee by Rev. G. L. Jackson, February, 1924; admitted to Tennessee Annual Conference, Fayetteville, 1925; ordained deacon by Bishop Ransom, October, 1926, Chattanooga, Tennessee, elder, by Bishop Greene, October, 1928, Knoxville. Pastored: Lee Chapel, Cleveland, Tennessee, 1925-28; Allen Temple, Chattanooga, 1928-30; New Tyler, Memphis, 1930-32; Bethel, Knoxville, 1932-35; Fayetteville, 1935-37; Quinn, Paris, 1937-40; Warren, Chattanooga, 1940-46. Now pastor of Quinn Chapel, Louisville, Ky. Paid mortgage on Warren Chapel, ($5,200) 1943; remodeled Warren at cost of $2,200; received 521 people into AME Church and had 310 conversions; delegate to General Conference, 1944 and 1948; alternate, 1940; served as member of the Civilian Defense Council, Chattanooga; served Men's Committee, Voter's League, president Colored Minister's Interdenominational Alliance in Chattanooga, Inter-Racial Committee there, Fraternal Council of Negro Churches, Negro Health Committee. Made a radio address on "The Negro's Part in the War Effort", preached educational sermons for high schools in Fayetteville, Paris, Knoxville and Chattanooga. He is a member of the Southern Recorder Board; was married to Cleopatra Watkins of Chattanooga, Tennessee, June 8, 1923. To this union were born two children: Bertha D., born June 25, 1924; Othella, born May 21, 1926. Bertha was graduated from Fisk University 1947. Othella is still a student there.

HICKMAN, Mrs. Cleopatria Watkins, wife of Rev. E. L. Hickman; daughter of Edward and Bertha (Dolonson) Watkins; was born in Spring City, Tennessee, August 22, 1905; was educated in the public schools of Chattanoga, Tennessee; married Rev. Hickman June 8, 1923; joined Warren Chapel, Chattanooga, 1921; served as Sunday school teacher, member of choir; she was the conference president of the Young People missionary society, East Tennessee Conference, 1935-37; superintendent of the Home Department of the Sunday school.

HIGGINS, Rev. Samuel R., President of Allen University; son of Levi and Delia Higgins; born July 6, 1896 at Lawrens, S. C.; educated public schools of Lawrens, S. C., Knoxville College, Howard University, Union Theological Seminary, New York City; diploma, Knoxville College, 1918; A.B. Howard University, 1925; B.D. Union Theological Seminary, 1928; D.D. Allen University, 1936; served as class leader; licensed to preach by Rev. S. H. V. Gumbs at Emanuel Church in New York City, 1926; admitted to New York Annual Conference at New York City, 1927; ordained deacon by Bishop Jones at Emanuel Church in 1927; elder, by Bishop Hurst at Mt. Pleasant, S. C. in 1928. Pastored: Remby Point, S. C., 1928-31; Shiloh, 1931-35; John Island, 1935-36; Hanges Island, 1936-39; elected president of Allen Universty, July 6, 1937; trustee at Allen University since 1935. He has one son, Robert Samuel Higgins. He is a member of the Elks, Mason, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

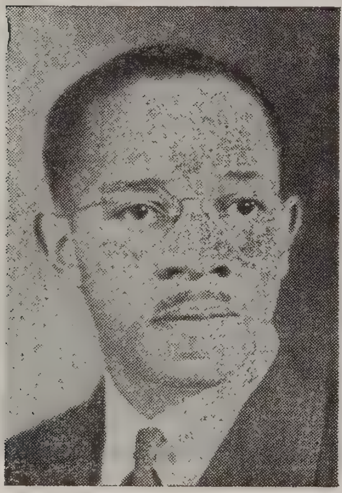
REV. AND MRS. S. R. HIGGINS

HIGGINS, Mrs. Eugenia (DeCosta), wife of President S. R. Higgins; daughter of Benjamin R., and Anna Harrenburg DeCosta, of Charleston, S.C.; graduated from Avery Normal Institute, Charleston, and studied at Hampton Institute and Fisk University; taught in the public school of Charleston; secretary of the WH&FMS of the Edisto District; treasurer of the conference branch of the WH&FM Society of the South Carolina Conference. A charming hostess, causing all who have occasion to visit the presidental residence to to feel at ease; Mrs. Higgins is held in high esteem by all who know her.

REV. AND MRS. B. W. HIGHGATE

HIGHGATE, Rev. B. Woods, pastor Allen Temple Church, Somerset, Bermuda; son of Susan A. and Joseph Highgate, born in Pittsburgh, Pennylvania; educated in the public schools of that city, Duff's College, and Payne Theological Seminary, and the Bible Institute of Philadelphia, B.D., 1922; was converted at the age of 20 in Bethel AME Church, Wylie Avenue, Pittsburgh, Rev. J. W. Gassoway, pastor, and later was called to the ministry; was assigned to the student charge at Selma, Ohio by the Rev. P. Mills, presiding elder, where he served for 2 years; was ordained deacon September 19, 1915 by Bishop Shaffer, of the Ohio Conference; graduated from Payne in 1927; ordained elder by Bishop Tyree in 1918 at the New Jersey Annual Conference, where he served the greater part of his ministry in the following charges: Burlington, N. J., Bordentown, Atlantic Highlands, Long Branch, Allentown, and others. In most of these charges the parsonages were renovated and substantial improvements made on the churches; served for 12 years as chief recording secretary of the New Jersey Annual Conference; received appointment from Bishop Heard as supervisor of the ACE League of the New Jersey Conference; pastored Mt. Calvary Church, Concord, Delaware, 1942-1944; Emanuel AME Church, Larchmont, N. Y., 1944-47, and the present charge since June, 1947. He married Miss Edith Gertrude Paxton of Richmond, who has assisted her husband in his work, taking an active part in the missonary work of the church. She served for many years as a member of the Executive Board in the New Jersey Conference also being elected as a delegate to the Quadrennial session for a number of terms.

HIGHSMITH, Rev. Beville J., born Wilkes-Barre, Pa., September 8, 1913, son of Luther F., and Elizabeth Highsmith; attended S. J. Strauss public school, Caughlin high school, University of Pennsylvania, Wyoming Seminary, 1941; received B.A. from University of Pennsylvania, 1939; licensed to preach at Homestead, Pennsylvania, by Rev. S. A. Cousin in 1939; admitted to Pittsburgh Annual Conference at Homestead in 1939; ordained deacon at Braddock, Pa., in 1940 by Bishop R. C. Ransom; pastor of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 1939-1940; West Pittston, Pa., 1940-41; Clarksburg, W. Va., 1942-44; reorganized Allen AME Chapel, Clarksburg, October, 1942; built Allen AME Chapel, 1942-43; paid part on the mortgage of St. Marks AME Church, West Pittston; received 76 members into the church and 48 conversions. Member of the Phi Kappa Sigma; F&AM, Golden Rule, Number 15, B. Pennsylvania Grand Lodge, Philadelphia, Past Master Deputy; YMCA Board. On July 30, 1944, burnt mortgage of Allen AME Chapel; Church was built and paid for in less than three years.



REV. AND MRS. B. F. HILDEBRAND

HILDEBRAND, Rev. Benjamin F., born Sandy Run, S. C., September 16, 1876, son of Vandy D. and Hannah L. Seibels Hildebrand; attended the Lexington County, S. C. public school, Allen University and College; received D.D., honorary degree, from Allen University in 1941; held the following local church offices: Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, secretary of steward board, class leader, local preacher; licensed to preach at Mt. Olive Church by Rev. F. Y. Dendy in Sept. 1900; admitted to Columbia Annual Conference at Spartanburg, S. C., in November, 1911; ordained deacon at Rimini, S. C., in 1913 by Bishop H. M. Turner; ordained elder at Columbia, S. C., in 1915 by Bishop L. L. Coppin. Served as pastor of Little Mountain Circuit, 1912-1914; Wayman Station, Winnsboro, S. C., 1915-16; St. Peter Station, Cameron, S. C. 1917-1922; Live Oak Circuit, Vance, S. C., 1923-1928; Shiloh Station, Elloree, S. C., 1929-1932; served as presiding elder of the following districts: Manning, Central, S. C., 1932; Orangeburg, Central, S. C., 1935; Wateree, Central, S. C., 1936-1943; paid the following mortgages: Mt. Zion, Little Mountain, S. C.; Wayman Chapel, Winnsboro, S. C.; St. Peter, Cameron, S. C.; Live Oak, Vance, S. C.; received 1500 members into the Church and had 1700 conversions. Delegate to the General Conferences of 1932, 1936, and 1940; alternate 1924, 1928; trustee of Allen University, 1918-1934. Member of the Knights of Pythias, Free and Accepted Mason.

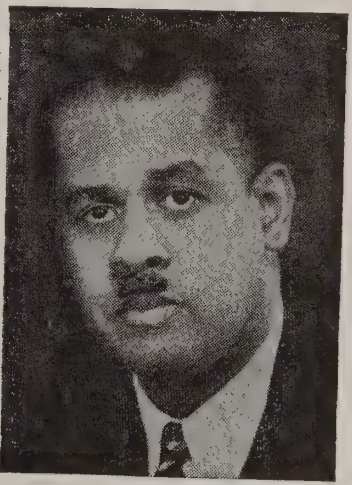
HILDEBRAND, Mrs. Agnes Lugenia, wife of Rev. B. F. Hildebrand, teacher; born in Sumter, South Carolina, July 30, 1881; daughter of Julia Johnson and Rev. Cauthman F. Brogdon; attended the public schools of Sumter County, S. C., Lincoln High School, Sumter; Allen University; received Normal L. I. degree from Allen University, 1903; served as Sunday school teacher, class leader, stewardess, president of WH&FM Society. She has been teacher in the public schools of South Carolina over twenty-five years. District president of the Lancaster District WH&FM Society, 1911-1914; secretary of the Columbia Conference Branch, 1911-1914; treasurer Winnsboro district of WH&FM Society, 1911-1916; president of Orangeburg district 1919-1923; president of the Central Conference Branch Society, 1923-1943; Connectional Secretary of WH&FM Society, 1934-1943; was joined in holy wedlock to Rev. B. F. Hildebrand, March 12, 1913. They had 7 children, 2 girls and 5 boys. Two sons are Revs. R. A., and W. L. Hildebrand. Three sons served in the army during World War II: James B., Henry A., and Eugene V.

REV. AND MRS. R. A. HILDEBRAND

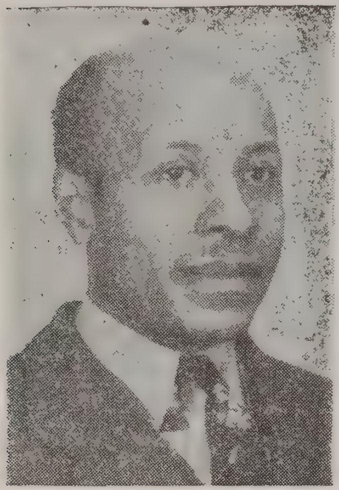
HILDEBRAND, Rev. Richard Allen, pastor of Bethel AME Church, Providence, Rhode Island; son of Rev. Benjamin F. and Agnes L. (Brogdon) Hildebrand; born February 1, 1916, Winnsboro, South Carolina; married Anna B. Lewis of Columbia, S. S., December 3, 1942; 1 daughter, Camille Ylonne, born August 13, 1944; educated, public school, Sumter, S. C., Allen University 1938, A.B.; B.D. Wilberforce University, 1941; University of Akron, Ohio; converted August, 1926, joined Live Oak AME Church, Vance, S. C., August, 1926; licensed to preach at Manning, S. C., by Rev. B. F. Hildebrand, 1934; admitted to Central South Carolina Conference November, 1934; ordained deacon by Bishop Flipper, November, 1936 at St. Matthews, South Carolina; elder by Bishop Ransom, 1938 at Zanesville, Ohio; pastored: Sandy Run Circuit, St. Matthews, S. C., 1936-37; Union Station AME Church, Sumter, S. C. 1937-38; Ross Chapel Church, Jamestown, Ohio, 1938-41; St. Paul, Akron, Ohio, 1941-45; Bethel Church, Providence, R. I., 1945-to date; renovated churches on Sandy Run Circuit—St. Matthews; paid $1,000.00 on mortgage at Union Station, Sumter, S. C.; cancelled mortgage, renovated church and parsonage at Ross Chapel, Jamestion, Ohio; burned $4,800.00 mortgage, renovated church, installed modern heating system and purchased additional property at St. Paul, Akron, Ohio; cancelled $7,000.00 mortgage at Bethel, Providence, Rhode Island; delegate to General Conference, 1944; member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Masons, Elks, Fraternal Council of Negro Churches, NAACP, Urban League, YMCA, and Parnarsus Honor Society of Allen University, Columbia, S. C.

HILDEBRAND, Rev. Walter Lee, born in Cameron, S. C., January 2, 1918; son of Rev. Benjamin F. and Agnes L. Brogdon Hildebrand; attended the Ellaroo elementary school, Lincoln High School, Sumpter, S. C., and the Claflin College in Orangeburg; A. B., 1939; B. D., Howard University in 1942; served as ACE League president, Sunday school superintendent, all at Trinity AME Church, Manning, S. C., Licensed to preach by Rev. W. J. Robinson, January, 1936, at William Chapel AME Church, Manning, S. C.; admitted to Central Annual Conference at Central, S. C., November, 1936; ordained deacon at Trinity AME Church, Baltimore, Maryland, by Bishop M. H. Davis, 1938; elder at Waters AME Church in 1941, by same. Served as pastor at Pinewood Circuit, South Carolina; Ward AME Church, 1939-1941; paid mortgages: Ward AME Church, Washington, D. C., April 28, 1943; received 125 members into the Church and had 50 conversions; published articles in the Southern Christian Recorder; member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity; president Student Alliance School of Religion, Howard University, Washington, D. C., 1941-1942; won award for best sermon, School of Religion, Howard University 1941.

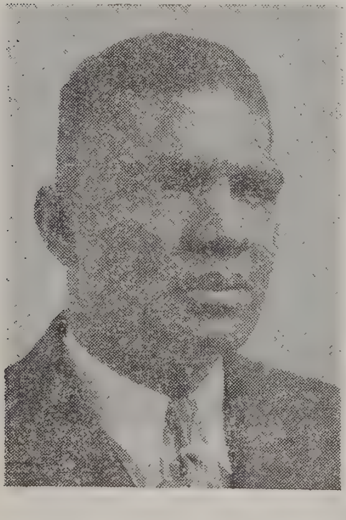
HILL, Rev. Daniel G., Jr., pastor of First AME Church of Oakland, California, has served his tenth consecutive year at this church which celebrated its eighty-fifth year of existence as a religious organization in the San Francisco East Bay district in the spring of 1943; son of Rev. and Mrs. D. G. Hill, Sr., was born in Annapolis, Maryland, and received his early education in the public schools of Baltimore; was commissioned Second Lieutenant of Infantry at Fort Des Moines, Ia., and served with the Ninety-Second Division in France in World War I; received training at Lincoln University, Pa.; Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado; University of Oregon; Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California. A.B., Lincoln University; B.D., Iliff School of



Theology; M.A., University of Oregon; S.T.M., Pacific School of Religion; Th.D., Pacific School of Religion; served as pastor in the AME Church for twenty-two years; social worker with the Department of Domestic Relations, Portland, Oregon, 1930-33; case worker and supervisor with the State Relief Administration of Alameda County, California, 1935-40; director East Federation of Churches; Pacific Institute of International Relations; member of the North Oakland YMCA, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity; married Mrs. May E. Hill, a graduate of Howard and California Universities.



HILL, Mr. Frank Nelson, secretary of St. Paul AME Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee; son of Terry and Maude Carter Hill; grandson of Rev. R. A. Hill; born March 1, 1902, Kelso, Tenn. He was baptized in the AME Church and became a full member at the age of 16, joining St. Paul Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., December, 1924; has served as Sunday school teacher for 26 years, president of the ACE League, steward, class leader, trustee, and secretary of church for 8 years. He was a lay delegate to the East Tennessee Annual Conference, 3 years, 1941-43; delegate to General Conference, 1944, and 1948. At present he is an instructor in the Chattanooga International Harvester Company, having a J.I.T. certificate; was member of Civilian Defense air raid warden, 1942-44.



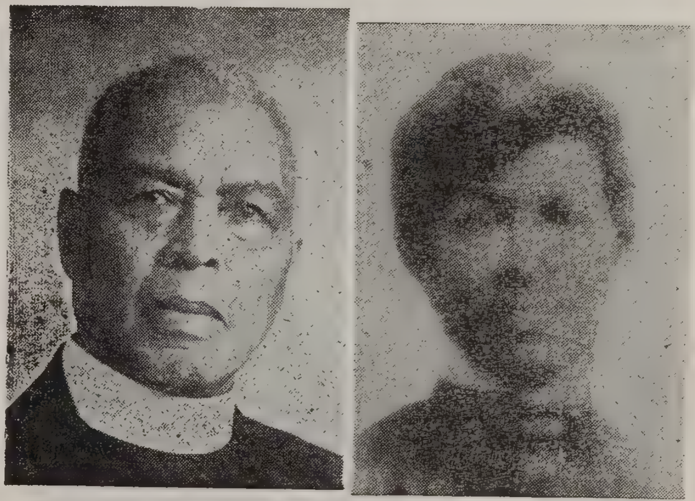
HILL, Rev. Henry Solomon, son of Rev. Andrew H. and H. Augusta (Dickson) Hill; was born in North Little Rock, Arkansas, while his father was president of Shorter College; he embraced religion and joined the church of his parents at an early age. He attended public schools in Arkansas, graduating with highest honors from Scipio A. Jones High School in N. Little Rock in 1927; he entered Arkansas State College in 1927, graduating with honors in 1931. There he distinguished himself by 3 years of varsity debating, football and playing in the orchestra. In 1935 he was graduated with honors from Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University. While at Wilberforce, he was varsity debater; he receved the M.A., from Drew Tehological Seminary; was licensed to preach in 1930; was ordained deacon by Bishop Young at Ft. Smith, Ark., in 1932, and elder in Shorter Hall, Wilberforce, by Bishop Ransom, January 28, 1935, at the request of the Arkansas Conference. He has pastored: Bethel Church, Keo, Arkansas; Mt. Pleasant Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; St. Thomas Church, Westfield, New Jersey, and at present is serving his 9th year as pastor of Mt. Zion Church, New Brunswick, New Jersey; is director of religious education for the New Jersey Conference, conference historian and president of the New Brunswick NAACP. He was elected delegate to the General Conference in 1944; married Tessie M. Paisley of Winston Salem, North Carolina, in 1938; B.S. from Wilberforce (cum laude) and M.A., from Columbia University. At the time of marriage she was a teacher at Wilberforce University. They have two sons, Solomon Paisley and Henry Alexander.

HINES, Rev. C. R., pastor of Payne Chapel, Nashville, Tennessee; was born in Horn Lake, Desoto County, Miss.; attended the primary school at Horn Lake; high school and LeMoyne Junior College at Memphis, Tenn.; Turner College, Shelbyville, Tenn.; Berea College, Berea, Ky.; Fisk University, Nashville. Before entering the ministry he taught school in Tennessee and Arkansas and served about 9 years in the Railway Mail Service. He has pastored successfully 20 years at the following churches: Allen Chapel, Berea, Ky.; St. Paul, Fulton, Ky.; Dyersburg, Tenn.; McMinnville, Tenn.; Trinity, Nashville, Tenn.; Bethel, Jackson, Tenn.; Scottsville and Shelbyville, Ky., from which he came to the present pastorate of Payne Chapel, Nashville. He married Miss Annie Lois Dodson in 1926, and they have two daughters.

HODGES, Rev. Virnal Clingman, division secretary of the Cleveland Division of the American Bible Society; was born in Norfolk, Virginia; attended

public schools of Norfolk and Norfolk Mission College, graduating in 1913; LL.B. Howard University, 1917; admitted to the Virginia Annual Conference April, 1925; B.D. Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia, 1929; D.D. Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio, 1935. Pastored: St. Marks AME Church, Norfolk, Virginia, 1926-1927; Bethel AME Church, Hampton, Virginia, 1929; St. Joseph AME Church, Durham, North Carolina, 1929-36; Trinity AME Church, Baltimore, Maryland, 1936-40; elected by the board of managers of the American Bible Society as Division Secretary of the Cleveland Division of the Haven Agency of the American Bible Society with offices in Cleveland, Ohio, August, 1940. He was married to Miss Annie R. L. Armistead of Norfolk, Virginia on May 24, 1918; have one foster daughter, Mrs. Minnie S. Wynder of Dover, Delaware; a charter member of the Beta Sigma graduate chapter of the Phi Beta fraternity, Norfolk, Va.; a member of the General Conference of the AME Church in 1932, 1936, 1940. Served as dean of theology, Kittrell College, Kittrell, North Carolina, 1931-1936.

HOLMES, Miss Gladys R., educator and social worker; born Boston, Mass., January 28, 1892; daughter of Jeffrey C. and Emma C. King Holmes. Attended the Hyde Elementary, 1905; Girls' High School, 1909; Radcliffe College, A.B. 1913; Simmons College and School of Social Work, B.S., 1939; served church as clerk, financial secretary, teacher, treasurer, assistant superintendent of Church school, secretary, vice president, president of ACE League, director of Christian education, New England Conference, 1930-1942; statistician; she was a member of executive board of New England Conference Branch, WMM Society; President of the Sarah Gorham Mite Missionary Society of Churches of Boston; published articles in the Woman's National Magazine, and all church periodicals and Chicago Defender; member of the Massachusetts State Union of Women's Clubs, church executive board, president of Supervision of Girls Federation, and parliamentarian of Northeastern Federation of Women's Clubs; secretary of National Association Colored Women, Inc.; member of the NAACP, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority (Vice President), Children's Division of Boston Community Fund, State House Women's Club, Clerk of Corporation and Board of Directors, Harriet Tubman House, Inc., Director of Camp Nippinickel, Bridgewater, 1941; Asst. Camp Whispering Willows, Mass., 1942. Formerly assistant principal of Frederick Douglass High School, Columbia, Mo.; professor of languages, Western University, Kansas City, Kans.; statistician and curator of records, State Department of Public Welfare, State House, Boston; educator, social worker, civic and religious leader radio lecturer.



REV. AND MRS. G. I. HOLT

HOLT, Rev. George Iowa, born Lee County, Ia. May 27, 1866, son of Josiah Hiawatha and Anna Eliza Holt; attended the Keokuk, Iowa public school, Keokuk, Iowa, high school, Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa, Des Moines Conservatory of Music, Des Moines Musical College, New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass. Received LL.B. degree from Drake University in 1896; held the following local church offices: steward, trustee, president ACE League, Sunday school superintendent, chorister, local preacher; licensed to preach at Saint Paul AME Church, Des Moines, Iowa Church, by Rev. S. B. Moore, June, 1913; admitted to Chicago Annual Conference at Chicago, St. Stephens, 1914; ordained deacon at Milwaukee, 1915 by Bishop B. F. Lee; ordained elder at Chicago in 1916 by Bishop L. J. Coppin; served as pastor at the following places: Bethel Mission, Des Moines, Iowa, 1913; St. Mark, Duluth, Minnesota, 1914-18; Allen Chapel, Rockford, Illinois, 1918-1923; Bethel, Davenport, Iowa, 1923-1927; Maywood, Illinois, 1927-1930; Aurora, Illinois, 1930-1935; Allen Chapel, Rockford, Illinois, 1935-19444. Organized the following churches: Bethel Mission, Des Moines, Iowa, 1913; paid the following mortgages: $400.00, Davenport, Iowa; remodeled parsonage at Davenport to the amount of $2,500.00; purchased two additional houses for the church at Davenport. Only chairman of committee on report of Sunday schools at our annual conference; member of Iowa Negro Bar Association, treasurer of the NAACP Branch, Masonic fraternity, North Star, No. 2, AF&AM, Des Moines, Iowa; was tenor soloist in the Philharmonic Society of Des Moines of over 200 members, mixed chorus—all white except the tenor soloist; was director of the glee club work at Drake University for three consecutive years—all white; was in charge of the Ladies' Glee Club and the Male Glee Club; taught and directed the Post Office Glee Club, Des Moines, five years; was tenor soloist for the "Coleridge Taylor Choral Society" in Washington, D. C., with Mr. Coleridge Taylor, conducting, and Prof. J. T. Layton, supervising four programs.

REV. AND MRS. H. H. HOOKS

HOOKS, Rev. H. Hollis, born January 9, 1900 in Dunellin, Florida; educated in Dunellin and Clearwater, Florida, public schools; high school of New Haven, Connecticut; Edward Waters, Jacksonville, Florida; Wilberforce University; YMCA College, Chicago, Illinois; Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; Western University, Quindaro, Kansas, and University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah; A.B. Wilberforce, and B.D. Northwestern; licensed to preach by Rev. D. M. Baxter, presiding elder, and President J. A. Gregg, pastor (now bishop) at Edward Waters College, 1915; ordained deacon by Bishop Parks at Ebenezer AME Church, Kansas City, Missouri, 1922. Ministerial service in: 5th Episcopal District, in Missouri, Kansas, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Washington; 1st Episcopal District, Newport, R. I.; served under Bishops Parks, Carey, Gregg, Williams, and Sims; served in World War I in foreign service; first Negro "Sky Pilot" as chaplain of the first Negro Flying Squadron, the 99th Pursuit Squadron, in World War II. Director of educational program in the Rocky Mountain Region—promoting and supervising recreational centers for all races, 1933 to 1935; elected delegate to democratic county convention, to state convention in Wyoming, 1936; elected to both county and state democratic convention in Utah, 1940; directed community center in Ogden, Utah, 1936-40; elected commissioner of public school funds, Newport, R. I., 1943 and 1944; assistant secretary of Civilian Defense Committee on recreation and the war, 1943-44; was member of executive board of the Newport, R. I., Council of Churches; member of Ministerial Alliance, Newport; Newport County Scout Committee; scout master in Illinois, Kansas and Wyoming; member of committee on "Child Welfare and the War," 1943-44; member of Alpha; Masons, Elks and Knights of Pythias.

HOOKS, Mrs. Grace Hicks (Peterson), wife of Rev. H. H. Hooks, born 1907, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; educated in Poughkeepsie elementary and high school; Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio; Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia; finished graduate course in 2 years at Atlanta University; A.B. Cornell University; taught science in American Missionary Association high school, Athens, Ala.; case worker (Warren County), North Carolina Public Welfare Department, Child Welfare Services, State Child Welfare Department, (N. C.); Board of Charities and Public Welfare; special work with preventive program for potential delinquents; established first playground for Negroes, and first Negro Scout troop, in Anson County, N. C.; promoted mental hygience services for Negro children in Anson County, N. C.; and group work supervisor in public welfare, Newport, R. I.; girl reserve secretary, and race relations secretary, Hartford YWCA. Interracial good-will promoted through directing programs of interpretation of African and Negro cultural contributions, attitudes, and problems. Member of American Association of Social Workers, Newport, Chapter; Iota Phi Lambda Sorority (business and professional), Tuskegee, Ala., assistant director of religious education, 1st Episcopal District AME.

HOOPER, Mr. Thomas H., book steward for the North Carolina Conference; was born July 23, 1873 in Wilmington, N. C., and converted and joined St. Stephen's AME Church at the age of 8 years; served his local church from pastor's steward to usher; superintendent of Sunday school for twelve years, increasing membership from 712 and 32 teacher to 1247 and 51 teachers; has represented the Wilmington district in the North Carolina Annual

Conference; member of General Conference for forty years and served on some of its most important committees; chairman of the building committee for annex to St. Stephens Church, costing $22,000 also had charge of building the parsonage; trustee of Kittrell College for years, and one of the strongest supporters of the general church. Beside being an outstanding layman of the AME Church, he is an influential citizen, one of the founders of the Community Hospital and the Old Folk's Home of Wilmington, and served as president of the boards of both institutions; a member of the Masonic Grand Lodge for 32 years, member of the Odd Fellows for 26 years, and K. of P. for 22 years.

REV. AND MRS. W. K. HOPES

HOPES, Rev. W. K., business manager of AME Book Concern; was born on a farm, two miles below Napoleonville, La.; he began his education in a "pay school" taught by his sister, Victoria, and when quite young he went to work with his father learning carpentry and soon became a contractor and builder; he also worked for several years as an engineer on stationary engines; he came to New Orleans in 1900, and learned the trade of cabinetmaking and upholstering; entered business, and operated two stores, for 15 years, 909 Howard Ave., and 2400 South Rampart Street, New Orleans; he was secretary of the Negro Business League of New Orleans; one of the founders of the YMCA, in that city; converted in 1897 and joined the AME Church at Napoleonville, La., Dr. G. B. Billops, pastor; in 1900 joined Union Bethel AME Church in New Orleans, La., Rev. T. A. Wilson, pastor, where he served as class leader, trustee, superintendent of the Sunday school, president of ACE League, and Daniel A. Payne Literary Society; secretary of the trustee board and one of the three members of the building committee for the present church; licensed to preach by Dr. A. M. Green, presiding elder in 1905, under the pastorate of Dr. G. B. Billops; sent to his first charge from this church under the pastorate of Dr. J. B. Bell; was lay delegate to the 1904 General Conference, and has been a member of every General Conference since, except two; ordained deacon by Bishop Connor at New Orleans, La., in 1914, and elder, at Hamilton, Ohio, in 1919 by Bishop Jones, educated in the grammar school at Napoleonville, La., Gilbert Academy at Baldwin, La.; New Orleans University, Wilberforce University, 1917-22, from which he received A.B., and B.D. from Payne Theological Seminary; received also D.D., and LL.D., from the University; trustee of Wilberforce University for 20 years; a director of the Hartford, Conn. Consumer's Co-operative Stores, and a member of the Council of Social Agencies of the Community Chest of Hartford; member of the Board of Directors and second vice president of the Union Mutual Insurance Association of Philadelphia; a member and treasurer of the Hartford Housing Authority, which handles ten million dollars in federal housing for low income families and war workers; was justice of the peace for the city of Hartford for two years; has pastored some of the smallest of churches. In 1909 he bought the ground and built and paid for the first church known as Little Bethel, located in Caffin Avenue, in New Orleans, La.; he was sent to the circuit including Little Bethel and Little Morris Brown. After serving this church for six months, he went to Wilberforce University. After graduating from the University in 1922, he went to Springfield, Mass., where he remodeled the church, doubled the membership, paid all bills, and left $1500.00 in the bank; he was then sent to Newport, Rhode Island, where he served for two years, and was appointed by the Mayor of the city as one of the five commissioners in the celebration of the Battle of Butts Hill. He was then sent to Hartford, Conn., where he served twelve years. He has served as Manager of the Book Conern since 1940. He bought more than $20,000.00 worth of printing machinery and made other improvements. He was married to Miss Aimee Georgia Thomas in December, 1913. Their only child, Nancy passed away in January, 1945, at Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio.

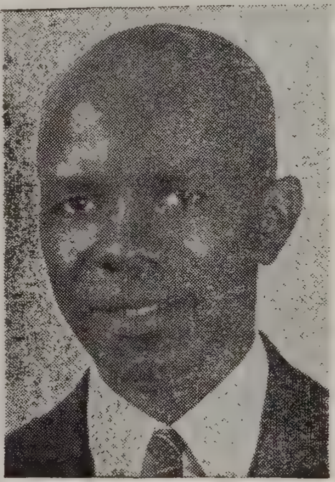
HOPES, Mrs. Aimee Thomas, wife of Dr. W. K. Hopes, is the daughter and only child of Homer B. and Lillian M. Thomas; she was born in Youngville, La., on the historical Bayou La Teche, made famous by Longfellow's "Evangeline." She is of Creole stock. Her father died when she was three years old. Her mother then moved to St. Martinsville, where she was placed in the St. Joseph Catholic Academy. Here she received her early religious and literary training. When fourteen years of age, her mother moved to New Orleans, La., where she purchased a home on St. Anthony Street, where they lived until the death of her mother in 1909. Four years later, in December, 1913 she married Mr. W. K. Hopes, who was engaged in the furniture business, operating two stores. Working with her husband, she learned much of the technique of business, and soon became manager of the stores. Also during this time, she studied hairdressing and beauty culture, from which she graduated. In 1917 she entered Wilberforce University with her husband and resumed her academic work and took several additional courses in industry, graduating from the dressmaking and millinery departments. While a student at Wilberforce, she served as matron for several years in Emery Hall and the senior cottage, where she made an enviable record and was much loved by the girls under her supervision. They frequently referred to her as "Mother Hopes." After leaving Wilberforce, she served with her husband in his pastoral work at Springfield, Mass.; Newport, Rhode Island; and Hartford, Conn. The family home is at 34 Suffield, Street, Hartford, Conn.

HOPES, Miss Nancy T., deceased daughter of Rev. W. K. and Mrs. Aimee T. Hopes, was born November 23, 1924, and was a student in the college department of Wilberforce University. She was an accomplished musician and typist. She was for seven years organist of Bethel AME Church, Hartford, Conn., where her father was pastor. She taught in the Sunday school, was actively engaged in Club and "Y" work, and had a host of friends in college and in her home town. She lived with her parents in Hartford, Connecticut. She passed suddenly while a student of Wilberforce University, Jan. 5, 1945.

HOWARD, Chaplain (Captain) Frank J., of the U. S. Army; son of Frank R. and Jennie A. (Reister) Howard; born April 29, 1890 in Baltimore, Md.; educated public school Baltimore City and Howard University; A.B. Howard University, October 31, 1942; licensed to preach by Rev. C. E. Stewart at Ebenezer Church; admitted to Baltimore Annual Conference at Baltimore in April, 1918; ordained deacon by Bishop J. A. Johnson at Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, D. C., in 1920; elder, by Bishop Johnson at Hagerstown in 1926; pastored Shiloh, Baltimore; Edesville, Eastern Shore; Wayman's, Jones Station, Md.; received 40 members into the church and had 97 conversions; delegate to the General Conference in May, 1928; published articles in the Baltimore News and Post. Over 15 years in the U. S. Army; member of the Masons, Junior Ward and the Operating Committee of the UAO, Baltimore, Maryland.

HOWARD, Rev. J. Wayman, youngest son of Jesse and Fannie Howard; born April 2, 1896 on a farm in Mary County, Tennessee; converted in 1907 and entered the ministry at the age of 14 years. Encouraged to go to Turner College in Shelbyville, Tenn., 1918; ordained deacon by Bishop J. H. Jones; ordained elder by Bishop B. F. Lee. Pastored: St. Mark Mission, Bedford County; Campbell Chapel, Pulaski, Tenn.; Lee's Chapel, Nashville; St. John, Springfield, Tenn.; Hubbard Chapel, La Junto, Colo.; Boulder, Colo.; attended Illiff Divinity School, Denver, Colo., in 1929; Ward Chapel, Los Angeles, Calif.; Monroe Allen Chapel; St. Peter; St. James, Franklin, La.; Greer Chapel, Memphis, Tennessee; Ward Chapel, Memphis; and Quinn Chapel, Paris, Tennessee. Built St. Mark Mission in Bedford County while still going to school; parsonage at St. John, Springfield, Tenn.

HORRY, Robert Bates, was born February 7, 1880 at Georgetown, S. C.; the son of Summer and Elizabeth Horry; attended the public school for only a short space of time; was converted May 15, 1903 and joined Bethel AME Church, Georgetown, S. C., Rev. O. D. Robinson, pastor; served here in the Sunday school, ACE League, class leader under Rev. J. H. Welch and class leader and steward under Rev. R. W. Mance until 1909; went to Jacksonville, Florida and joined St. Paul AME Church, and served as class leader, Sunday school teacher, worker in the ACE League and member of the senior choir; serving under Revs. H. W. B. Bennett, J. M. Holt and R. A. Grant (later Bishop). In August, 1916, he came to Philadelphia, and joined Mother Bethel AME Church, Rev. R. J. Williams, pastor, and served as superintendent of the Sunday school, president of the ACE League; member of the senior choir, class leader, superintendent of the Young People's Department of the Sunday School, chairman of the Boy Scout's committee; member of the historical commission of the church, member of the vesper choir, advertising



manager of the church bulletin; delegate to the annual conference of 1945-1946-1947; delegate to the 1948 General Conference; member of the Elks, Odd Fellows and the National Ideal Benefit Society.

REV. AND MRS. J. D. HOWELL

HOWELL, Jr., Rev. John David, pastor of St. Stephens, Detroit, Michigan; Howell is a son of Arkansas; born of thrifty and religious parents, John D. Sr., and Lydia (Jameison) Howell; received training in the free schools of Arkansas, Philander Smith College, Little Rock; Walden University, Nashville, Tennessee; Shorter College, North Little Rock, and did graduate work at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; he studied law at Detroit College of Technology; in 1916 he entered the ministry and was ordained deacon, his first appointment made to Wrightsville, Arkansas; he has served leading charges in Canada; purchased St. Paul AME Church, Jay and Chene Street, Detroit, Michigan; developed it into first class station of 1700 members, and served it five years. Since 1927 he has been pastor of St. Stephen, and has paid off a mortgage indebtedness of $27,000.00; built a membership of over 4000, and has a well organized and functioning junior church, self-supporting with an average Sunday attendance of approximately 500. Rev. Howell was appointed by the governor to represent the State of Michigan in the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of the World in New York City; attended Conference on Faith and Order in Oxford, England, in 1937; was vice-chairman of the Episcopal Committee, 1940, and chairman in 1944. He was president of the Connectional Council, and has been a member of every General Conference since 1924.

HOWELL, Mrs. Helen E., wife of Rev. J. D. Howell; born in Austin, Texas of a rich background of pious parents, Claude P. Hicks, a master musician and Araminta Eula Pennington, a public school teacher. She was trained in the public schools and Tillotson College at Austin. She studied at Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan; the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. In 1937 Mrs. Howell made a European trip to attend a Conference on Faith and Order in Oxford, England. She ranks high as a religious and social worker, youth counselor, scout director and a big sister.

HOWELL, Mr. Thurman, born October 6, 1902, at Chedester, Arkansas; had two years high school training in local school; member of Turner Chapel AME Church; secretary of the steward board and secretary of the quarterly conference; member of the board and treasurer of the Wheatley Social Center; Masonic Lodge, St. Mary's.

HUDSON, Jr., Rev. Melvin Rogers, son of Rev. Melvin R. and Alafair H. Hudson; born September 6, 1894, Kent, S. C.; joined Bethel AME Church at Kent and was the superintendent of the Sunday school, trustee and steward; received license in 1932 from Elder T. J. Miles at Bethel Station, Georgetown, S. C.; was ordained deacon at St. Andrews Church, Andrews, S. C., by Bishop Williams. In 1936 was ordained elder by Bishop Flipper. Pastored East Andrews Mission, 1933-1936; Bethel, 1936-1939; St. Mary, Bethel, 1943. Built Bethel Cir. and St. Mary; finished Bethel; attended Bethesda public school at Cades, S. C., and Allen University, Columbia, S. C.

HUGHES, Rev. Benton McMillen, presiding elder Louisville District, West Kentucky Conference; son of George and Rachel (Ragland) Hughes; born May 4, 1888 on Snow Creek near Carthage, Tennessee; married to Bettie Booker Calhoun, of Gallatin, Tennessee, October 19, 1919, by Rev. Matthew Campbell; attended public school of Lebanon, Tenn.; Hadley School, Nashville, Tenn.; D.D. Wilberforce University, 1941; joined Winter's Chapel, Lebanon, Tenn., in 1899; his widowed mother with seven other children moved to Nashville, Tenn., in 1899 where

young Hughes joined Payne Chapel AME Church under Rev. W. B. Denny, pastor; held offices of steward, class leader, president of ACE League, teacher of Sunday school, superintendent of Sunday school; licensed to preach by Dr. T. W. Haigler, presiding elder, June 1910; admitted to Tennessee Conference under Bishop Parks, 1911; ordained deacon at St. John, Nashville, Tennessee, also by Bishop Parks; elder, October, 1913 at Pulaski, Tennessee; pastored at Flat Rock Mission, 1909; Prospect Circuit, 1913; Santa Fe Circuit, 1914; Smithville Circuit, 1915; Gallatin Mission, 1917-18; and Fayettesville Circuit, 1919-22; all in the Tennessee Conference. Transferred to Kentucky in 1923 and stationed at St. John, Stanford, by Bishop Carey; pastored St. James, Versailles, 1924; St. Matthews, Midway, 1925; transferred to W. Ky. Conference in the fall of 1925 and stationed at St. James, Mayfield, by Bishop Ransom; pastored at St. James, Mayfield, 1925-27; St. John Mission, Louisville, Ky., 1929-31; Bethel, Shelbyville, 1932-1933. Since 1933 he has served as presiding elder of the Paducah and Louisville districts; organized St. James Mission, Louisville, Kentucky, 1942; alternate to the General Conference, 1912, 1920, and 1932; delegate 1936, 1940, 1944 and 1948; serving on Episcopal Committee in 1944; vice president of Kentucky Branch of National Negro Council; secretary-treasurer of the local Church Extension of the AME Church, of the West Kentucky Conference; member of the Connectional Council of the AME Church, (Chairman of Finance Committee); member of the Church Extension Board of the AME Church, trustee of the West Kentucky Conference; former treasurer and president of the Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance of the Louisville and the Falls Cities; member of the Committee of Fifteen of Louisville; received 175 votes for Secretary-Treasurer of Church Extension Department of the AME Church in the General Conference in 1944; member of the AF&AM, K of P, GUOOF, and UBF Fraternal Organizations.

REV. AND MRS. FRED A. HUGHES

HUGHES, Rev. Fred A., editor of the Western Recorder; son of Leonidas and Lucy (Singleton) Hughes; born November 15, 1885 in St. Charles County, Missouri; educated Lincoln Public School, St. Charles, Missouri; Garrison High School, and George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Missouri; A.B., George R. Smith College, May, 1911; Western University, D.D., May, 1933; D.D., Wilberforce University, May, 1941; held church offices of superintendent of Sunday school, class leader, steward, trustee, exhorter and local preacher. Licensed to preach by Rev. Jas. Randall at Quinn Chapel Church in 1914; admitted to S. W. Missouri Annual Conference at Kansas City in 1915; ordained deacon by Bishop Parks at Stockton, Calif., in 1918; elder by Bishop Parks at Los Angeles, Calif., in 1919; pastored: Sedalia Mission, Sedalia, Mo., 1916; Redlands, SanBernardino, Calif., 1917-20; St. Andrews, Sacramento, Calif., 1920-25; Carter Memorial, Fresno, Calif., 1925-29; Bethel, San Francisco, Calif. 1929-35; First Church, Seattle, Washington, 1935-1939; St. James, St. Louis, Mo., 1939-1944; organized Sedalia Mission, Sedalia, Mo., in 1916; built Carter Memorial, Fresno, Calif., 1927; paid mortgages $1,500.00, St. Paul AME Church, San Bernardino, Calif.; $13,000.00, First AME Church, Seattle, Washington; $7,000.00, St. James AME Church, St. Louis, Mo.; delegate to the General Conferences 1912-32-36-40-44-48; alternate 1928; served on the Historical and Literary Board 1934-36; Missionary Board one month 1940; served as trustee at Western University 1934, and Payne Theological Seminary, 1940; published articles in all church periodicals, Crisis, Sacramento Bee, Los Angeles Eagle, San Francisco Tattler, and Seattle Times; member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, NAACP, Urban League, YMCA, Century Member Council of Churches and Christian Education, Boy Scouts, People's Hospital Association, Constitution American's, Masonic Fraternity.

HUGHES, Mrs. Ceina Miller, wife of Rev. Fred A. Hughes, was born in Cape Girardeau, Mo., February 21, 1889; graduated from Lincoln High School, Sedalia, Mo.; attended Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma; and George R. Smith College, Sedalia, Missouri; graduate of International Council of Religious Education; expert Christian Endeavor worker; past district president of the California Branch, Woman's Mite Missionary Society; past Conference Branch president of Puget Sound Conference; president of Missouri Conference Branch and delegate to General Conference of 1940 at Detroit, Michigan.

HUGHES, Rev. Henderson Randolph, pastor of St. John, Birmingham, Alabama; son of Silas Mitchell and Hattie M. (Brooks) Hughes; born December 23, 1908 in Hemmingway, S. C.; educated public school, Avery Institute and Allen University; A.B. Allen University; B.D., Oberlin College 1936;

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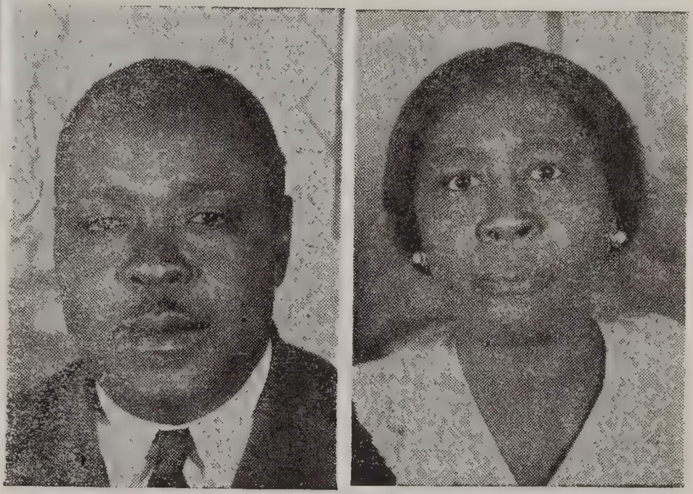
honorary D.D., Daniel Payne College, June, 1941; licensed to preach by Rev. T. J. Miles at St. James in 1927; admitted to Columbia Annual Conference at Columbia in October, 1929; ordained deacon by Bishop Ransom at Winnsboro, S. C., in 1931; elder by Bishop Ransom at Columbus, Ohio in 1933. Pastored Leesville, S. C., 1932; Mt. Horr Circuit, 1936; Shiloh, Charleston, S. C., 1932; St. John, Birmingham, Ala., 1940-44; paid mortgage on Shiloh and St. John; received 500 members into the church and had 200 conversions. Delegate to the General Conference 1944; secretary of the Publication Board, 1940-44, and served as president of Daniel Payne College 1941-44; published articles in church periodicals; Fraternal Council of Negro Churches.

HUGHES, Mrs. Ruth G., (Henderson), wife of Rev. H. R. Hughes, daughter of John L. and Carrie (Graves) Henderson; was born in Columbia, S. C., educated in the public schools of Columbia, S. C., Allen University and Atlanta University; member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority; married June 26, 1940; taught in the Columbia public school system 1933-40; instructor at Daniel Payne College 1941; Sunday school teacher, supervisor of missionary society of St. John, Birmingham; state treasurer of 9th Episcopal District Missionary Society.

HUNT, Rev. Isaiah H., Chaplain, U. S. Army; was born in Arkansas, 1902, son of Louis Edw. and Angeline (McDuffie) Hunt; attended Little Rock, Arkansas; received academic degrees from New Orleans University and Wilberforce University; served as steward, superintendent of Sunday school and trustee in local church. He was licensed to preach at Mt. Pleasant AME Church by Rev. Wm. Lampkin in Arkansas, 1919; admitted to West Arkansas Annual Conference at Hot Springs, Ark., 1921; ordained deacon at Augusta, Arkansas in 1923 by Bishop I. N. Ross; elder at Little Rock, 1925 by Bishop Ross; served as pastor of the following: Meto Circuit, Arkansas, 1921; Wrightsville, Ark., 1922; Woodsville, Ark.; St. Andrews, Little Rock, Arkansas; Ward's Chapel, Little Rock, Ark.; St. Mary, Shreveport, La.; St. John, New Orleans, La.; Mt. Olive, Slidell, La.; Little Bethel, New Orleans, La.; St. James, Meridian, Miss.; Zion Chapel, Natchez, Miss.; Bethel, Vicksburg, Miss.; served as trustee of Campbell College, Jackson, Miss.; served as Chaplain in the U.S. Army, 1941 to date; member of Masons, K. of P., Odd Fellows, Woodmen, Elks, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Sir Knights.



REV. AND MRS. H. J. HUNTER

HUNTER, Rev. Henry James, deceased; born in Smithville, Pa., October 12, 1891; son of Reuben Edwin and Cornelia Sims Carter Hunter; attended Smithville public school; held the following local church offices: class leader, exhorter, local preacher, steward, trustee, Sunday school superintendent; licensed to preach at Smithville Church by Rev. A. Cooper, March, 1912; admitted to Southwest Annual Conference at Buenavista, Ga., in November, 1913; ordained deacon at Columbus, Ga., in 1915 by Bishop Flipper; ordained elder at Talberton, Ga., by Bishop Flipper; served as pastor of Charles' Circuit, 1923-1924; Columbus Circuit, 1924-1928; Arlington Sta., 1929; Blakely Sta., 1930-1931; Tennille Circuit, 1938-1939; Swainsboro Circuit, 1940-1943; built Bethel Church at Columbus, Ga., 1926; received 600 members into the church and had 200 conversions; alternate to the General Conference in 1928; served as trustee of Morris Brown, 1928-43; Payne College, 1926-28; published articles in the Christian Recorder; member of the Good Samaritans, Lincoln Memorial League, Kiwanis Club, Foreign Legion, American Red Cross, Ministerial Brotherhood of Ga. married Miss Minnie Lee White, Nov. 14, 1916, and had 12 children—8 are still living. There are 5 sons and 3 daughters. The oldest son, a student of Paine College, Augusta, Ga., served in World

War II. Miss Gertrude Vivian, the oldest girl is an agent for the Atlanta Life Insurance Co. The others are students of the Swainsboro High and Industrial School. From Columbus he went to Arlington Station, pastoring there 1 year and was sent to Blakely Station, 1930-1931; Donaldsonville Station, 1931-1932; Ellaville, 1933-1934; Wrightsville Circuit, 1935-1936; Augusta, Ga., Conference, Vidalia Station, 1938; Swainsboro Circuit from 1938 until his death in 1944. The children are Mrs. Gertrude V. Hunter Robinson, Pfc. Alexander W. Hunter, Joseph B. Hunter, William V. Hunter, Minnie L. Hunter, Charles W. Hunter, Carl F. Hunter, Ruby E. Hunter. Rev. H. J. Hunter died March 2, 1944 at University Hospital, Augusta, Georgia.

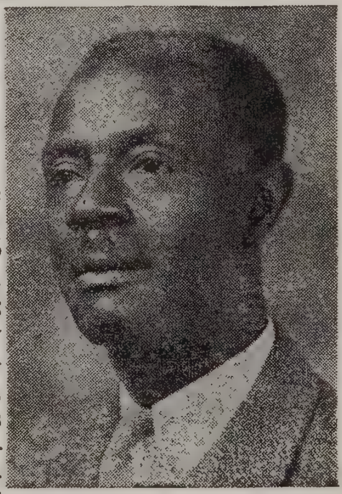
HUNTER, Mrs. Minnie Lee White, widow of Rev. H. J. Hunter; born May 12, 1895, at Smithville, Georgia, the daughter of Marey and Nuttie White; graduated from Smithville public school and Albany Normal, Albany, Georgia; she was converted and joined the Church at Smithville, Ga., June, 1911.

HURLEY, Chaplain, James Robert, United States Army; son of Henry and Alice (Hardin) Hurley; born September 4, 1908, Washington, Ga. Schools attended: Morris Brown College, Turner's Seminary and Harvard University; a successful teacher and a safe pastor; delegate to General Conference 1940; a member of the Southern Christian Recorder Board; trustee of Morris Brown College; member of Masons.

IRVINE, Rev. Arthur J., born in Tennessee; attended the public and high schools of Columbia, Tennesse; Walden University in Nashville, Tenn.; and the University of Chicago Divinity School; served local church as class leader, steward, local preacher, of St. John AME Church, Nashville, Tenn. licensed to preach by same church, 1915; admitted to the Annual Conference at Columbia, Tennessee, 1916 under Bishop Lee; ordained elder by Bishop Carey, 1920, and was appointed to the pastorate of Bethel AME Church, Knoxville, Tennessee; served the following: Bethel, Richmond, Ind.; St. Luke, East St. Louis, Illinois; Allen Chapel, Detroit, Michigan; Battle Creek, Michigan; Allen Chapel, Indianapolis, Ind.; Coppin Chapel, Chicago, Ill.; St. Peters, Minneapolis, Minn.; member of the Board of Directors of the Minneapolis Church Federation, The Comity Committee, World Brotherhood Committee and The National Conference of Catholics, Christians and Jews. He is married and has two children, Arthur James Irvine, Jr., and Clarence Willard Irvine.

HYSMITH, Rev. Hudy H., pastor and post office clerk; born Millville, Ark., April 30, 1909; son of Manuel and Annie L. Hysmith; attended Merrill at Pine Bluff, Ark., Frances E. Willard in Chicago; Tilden Tech. High School; served as Sunday school teacher, class leader, clerk; licensed to preach at Hyde Park Church by Rev. Robert Thomas, March, 1931; admitted to Chicago Annual Conference in Chicago, September, 1931; ordained deacon at Chicago, in 1933 by Bishop Parks; elder at Chicago in 1935 by Bishop Parks; served as pastor of Purington AME Church, August, 1940 to September, 1942. Celia Gregg Mission, September, 1942 to present; was trained in many manual arts and trades, was bricklayer for years.

IRWIN, Rev. Ralph Wellington Eldridge, son of Alexander and Savanna (Frye) Irwin; born Tennille, Ga.; married Lucille A. Jones of Louisburg, North Carolina, July 6, 1911; six children: Mary L. A., Rupert F. A., Helen M., Ralph, Jr., Charles W., Anna L.; educated in the public schools of Tennville, Ga., and Georgia State College, Savannah, Ga.; converted in Sept. 1896 and joined Jordan Station AME Church; served as Sunday school teacher, assistant superintendent, president League, class leader; teacher in public school of Washington Co., Ga.; principal Wrightsville graded school, Wrightsville, Georgia, 1913-1916; St. John grade school near Chauncy, Ga., 1917. Licensed to preach at Wrightsville, Georgia, by Rev. F. R. Sims, 1914; admitted to Philadelphia Conference, June, 1924 at Media, Pa.; ordained deacon by Bishop Heard, May, 1926, at Philadelphia; elder by Bishop Jones, Philadelphia, Pa., 1929; pastored St. James, Norwood, Pa., 1930-1932; Ebe-

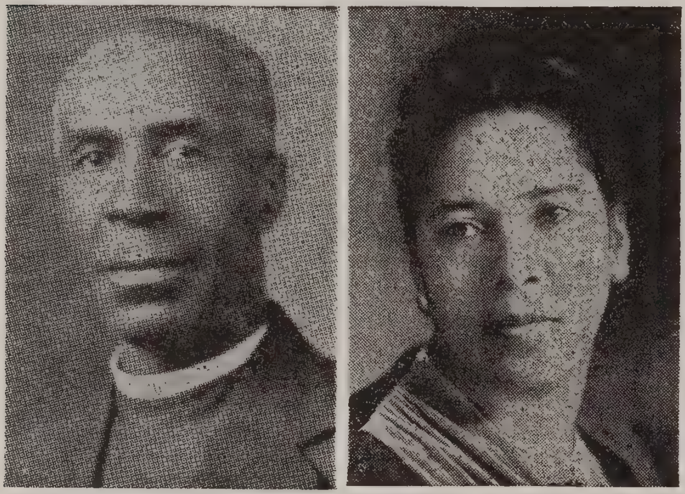


nezer AME Church, 1934-35; Little Bethel, Philadelphia, Pa., January, 1935 to 1938; Tyree, Philadelphia, Pa., May 15, 1938 to May, 1943; Emanuel, 1943 to present date; reduced indebtedness of St. James; secured new home site for Tyree; installed pipe organ, $1,000.00 value; cleared mortgage debt of $2500.81 in six months; member of the Philadelphia Preachers' Meeting.

REV. AND MRS. J. B. ST. FELIX ISAACS

ISAACS, Rev. John Benjamin St. Felix, pastor Second AME Church, Los Angeles, California; son of Simon A., and Phyllis (Douglas) Isaacs; born July 29, 1887, Victoria, Demarara, British Guiana, South America; educated in the public schools of Georgetown, British Guiana; Lincoln University, Pennsylvania, A.B., 1910; A.M., and B.D., 1913; University of Oregon, A.M. (Sociology) 1918; Lincoln University, D.D., 1929; University Southern California, A.M. (Religious Education) 1939; Ph.D. (in course, 1944); was converted and joined St. John Episcopal Church July 9, 1896, Victoria British Guiana; served local church as Sunday school secretary, teacher and superintendent, president of the Young People's Forum, Pres. of the C. E. League. He was licensed to preach at Victoria, British Guiana, by Rev. J. E. London Isaacs, April 17, 1897 at the Congregational Church; ordained elder, April 16, 1913 at the Presbyterian Church at Lincoln University; received into the AME Church by Bishop Coppin at Trinity AME Church, Baltimore, Maryland, May, 1914; transferred to the South West Missouri Conference, September, 1915; ordained elder and re-obligated by Bishop Parks at Allen Chapel, Kansas City, Missouri, October, 1915; pastored Victoria Congregational Church, British Guiana, 1898-1905; Gilbert (Presbyterian), Wilmington, Delaware, 1912-14; Payne Chapel, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 1916-17; Bethel, Portland, Oregon, 1917-1919; Allen Chapel, Kansas City, Mo., 1919-23; 1st AME Church, Kansas City, Kansas, 1925-27; St. James, St. Louis, Mo., 1927-29; 8th and Towne, Los Angeles, California, 1929-35; Bethel, Los Angeles, 1935-37; Parks Memorial, Los Angeles, 1940-42; Second AME Church, Los Angeles, 1942 to date; was presiding elder of Kansas City District, 1923-1924; Springfield District, 1924-25; Professor of Theology-Sociology, Western University, Kansas City, Kansas, 1915-16; Dean of the Academy, Western University, 1923-27; organized Gilbert AME Church, Kansas City, Mo.; St. Luke AME Church, Kansas City, Mo.; Pendleton AME Church, Pendleton, Oregon; Parks Memorial, Los Angeles, Calif.; paid mortgage on Payne Chapel, Colorado Springs, 1916, $2600.00; Bethel, Portland, Oregon, 1918, $2250.00; Allen Chapel, Kansas City, Mo., 1920, $1200.00; 8th and Towne, Los Angeles, 1930, $1400; Bethel, Los Angeles, 1937, $1300; 2nd AME Church, Los Angeles, 1934, 2800.00. He received into the AME Church 2433 persons; had 671 conversions; he published the following books: "An Evaluation of the Literature of the AME Church in the Discovery and Training of Leaders" (University Press), 1939; "The Usher" (Hynes Corporation) 1942; "Worship Services" (Jefferson Press), 1943. He was the first pastor in African Methodism with a membership of 1200 or more to report $1.08 Dollar Money per capita, $1.02 for Education and $505 for Missions (1920-23). He was a delegate to the General Conferences of 1924, 1928, 1932. He was secretary to committee on Temporal Economy; served on Education Board, 1920-28. Fraternal delegate to the Methodist Church (Atlantic City) 1932; to the CME Church (Kansas City, Mo.) 1922; responded to fraternal delegate from the AME Zion Church (Chicago) 1928. He preached the baccalaureate sermon at Western University, 1922, 1925; Paul Quinn College, June, 1934; was awarded the Obdyke Debating prize at Lincoln University, 1909; University medal in oratory (Lincoln University), 1909; awarded the Phi-Chi-Phi key in scholarship (University Southern California), 1939, (first Negro to win that award); elected in 1939 to Phi-Chi-Phi at University of Southern California, an honor fraternity in religious education; member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Masons, Elks. He was married to Esther B. Hill of Baltimore, Maryland, July 29, 1915.

ISAACS, Mrs. Esther B. Hill, wife of Rev. John B. St. Felix Isaacs, daughter of Rev. Daniel Grafton and Margaret (Peck) Hill, was born in Georgetown, District of Columbia, August 9, 1902; educated in the public schools of Baltimore, Md., Douglas High School, Coppin Teachers College, Howard University, A.B.; University of Southern California, B.S.; Northwestern University, B.S. She taught school at Baltimore, Md., assistant principal Carey School; instructor in chemistry, social sciences, national lecturer and instructor in narcotics education for WCTU; secretary-treasurer of the YPD, WPMMS of the AME Church; member of the executive board of the WPMMS; Pierian Study Club; editor and compiler of literature for YPD; published: "The Reminder", 1936; "The Guide", 1936; "Pathfinder", 1936; "The Leader", 1936; Lesson Study Plans, 1938-44; contributed articles to the Union Signal, Southern California White Ribbon, Chicago Defender, California News-Guardian, Woman's Recorder, Journal of Religious Education of the AME Church; member of the Inter-Racial Committee of the Los Angeles Council of Church Women, department director and member of the executive board of Southern California State WCTU; chairman of committee on budget and finance of the Womans Missionary Society.



REV. AND MRS. A. W. JACKSON

JACKSON, Rev. Andrew W., born in Wayne Co., Tennessee, May 31, 1882 son of N. C. Jackson and Winnie (Culp) Jackson; attended Pearl High School, Nashville; Central Tennessee College, B.D., 1901; and Wilberforce University, B.D., 1910; D.D. 1924; licensed to preach at Nashville, by Rev. C. B. Mason, 1898; admitted to West Kentucky Conference at Bowling Green, in 1900, and ordained deacon the same year by Bishop Tanner; elder at Shelbyville, 1904, by Bishop Shaffer; served as pastor of churches in Kentucky: Wicliff, 1900; Birmingham, 1901, Deda Creek, 1903; Scottsville, 1904; Jonesville, 1905-1906; Newport in 1910-1915; Richmond, 1915-1917; Mayfield, 1917; Lancaster 1918-1920; Frankfort, 1923-1926; Danville, 1927-1928; served as presiding elder in West Kentucky; Louisville, 1928-34; West Louisville, 1934-37; Paducah, 1937-39; West Louisville, 1939 to date; paid the mortgage at Newport, $2,000; Richmond, $4,000; Frankfort, $7,000; Somerset, $4,000. Delegate to the General Conferences of 1928, 1936, 1944 and 1948; alternate in 1932. Served as trustee of Wilberforce, 1915-1917, and church periodicals, Louisville Leader, etc. Published Turner College, 1924-1926; published articles in all "God's Dichotomic World", 1942, "Universal Brotherhood", 1917; "Hamitic Christ" 1918, "The Jericho Road", 1936. He married Miss Laura James Bruce January 12, 1923. He was voted for bishop in the 1944 General Conference.

JACKSON, Mrs. Laura Bruce, wife of Rev. A. W. Jackson; daughter of Laura and Harvey Bruce; was born in Junction City, Ky., July 1, 1902; moved to Somerset, Kentucky, in infancy; educated in Dunbar High School, Somerset, and Central High, Louisville; finished commercial course, and W.S.B. Matthews musical course in Louisville; married Rev. A. W. Jackson, in 1921; delegate to the quadrennial convention in 1927, Columbus, Ohio, and 1935 Baltimore, Maryland. As a minister's wife, she has served in many capacities in the Sunday school, ACE League, junior church. YPD, and choirs; served as organist of many churches. At present a member of Asbury AME Church, Louisville; delegate to many district and annual conferences, and a delegate to the General Conference in 1944.

JACKSON, Professor Arthur Smith; financial secretary of the AME Church; son of Smith and Amanda Jackson; born January 1, 1873 in Waco, Texas; educated in the public schools, A. J. Moore High School, Waco, and Paul Quinn College; B.S. Paul Quinn College; was professor mathematics, and president of Paul Quinn College; member of all General Conferences since 1904; served as Secretary of Education of AME Church in 1912-40; Secretary of Finance to date; trustee Paul Quinn College 1900 to date; published articles in all church periodicals and Houston Informer, and others; published "Diary of Travels in Europe", 1922; "Diary of Travels in West Indies Islands", 1922; president of State Teachers Association of Texas, Vice Grand Chancellor of Knights of Pythias of Texas and over 30 years delegate to Supreme Lodge of K. of P. Member of the Ecumenical Conference in London in 1921, Washington, 1931 and Springfield, Massachusetts, 1947; married Miss Margaret C. Denham, (deceased) of Texas, in 1897; one daughter, Louise A.

REV. AND MRS. B. J. JACKSON

JACKSON, Rev. B. J., presiding elder, Greenville District North Mississippi, annual conference; son of Robert and Martha Jackson; born June 9, 1874 in Greenwood, South Carolina; he attended Brewer School in Greenville, S. C., Princeton University, New Jersey; he joined the North Miss. Conference in 1902; ordained deacon by Bishop Coppin, 1904;

elder, by Bishop Salter, 1907. Pastored: Bethel, Quitman, Ga.; Nelson Vernon, Palestine, Texas, and Bethel, Alexandria, La.; raised $22,360.00 at St. Paul and erected a six-room parsonage at a cost of $3,000; lifted Mt. Vernon's debt by raising $3,000; at Bethel, Alexandria, La., he remodeled a four-room parsonage into a six-room bungalow and burned the mortgage of fourteen years standing within ninety days. He is now presiding elder of the Greenville District. He married Miss Mabel Ousley of Cleveland, Mississippi, May 19, 1901. The Jacksons live in their own home in Renova, Miss., an all Negro village, founded over 50 years ago by Mrs. Jackson's father Mr. G. E. Ousley.

JACKSON, Mrs. Mabel Ousley, wife of Rev. B. J. Jackson; daughter of G. E. and P. C. Ousley; was born in Leota, Mississippi, March 17, 1897; attended Tougaloo College, Mississippi, and Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; was conference branch president of the Missionary Society of the Central Louisiana Conference and second vice president of the state. She attended the General Conference in Philadelphia, 1944, and all quadrennial conventions since 1915. She taught in the public schools in Mississippi and Georgia a few years ago. She is now conference branch president of the Women's Missionary Society of the North Mississippi Annual Conference.

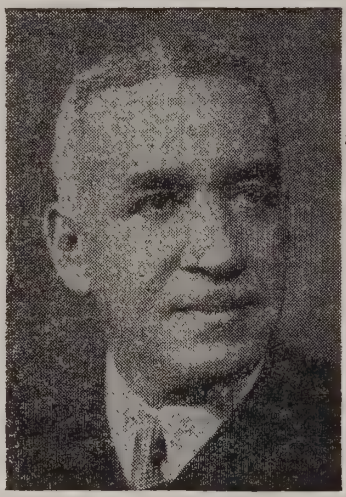
REV. AND MRS. C. H. JACKSON

JACKSON, Rev. Charles Hamilton, pastor of Bethel AME Church, Lafayette, Ind.; son of Thos. and Caroline Jackson; was born October 23, 1871, Decalb County, Tennessee; was married to Mildred Catlet of Harrisburg, Illinois March 27, 1889; two children were born: Olive May, January 3, 1891, Ralph W., April 15, 1892; was married to Mayme L. Foust, 1918. Educated in the public schools, Galatia, Illinois; Southern Normal University, Carbondale, Illinois. Converted January 18, 1888; joined Moses Chapel Church, Galatia, Ill., Jan. 18, 1888; served local church as Sunday school secretary, teacher and superintendent, steward, class leader; licensed to preach at Galatia, Januay 23, 1891 by Rev. P. C. Cooper; admitted to Illinois Annual Conference, September, 1892; ordained deacon by Bishop Wayman, September, 1894 at Cairo, Ill.; elder by Bishop Arnett, September, 1896, at Peoria, Ill. Pastored: Equality and Carrie Mills, 1893-1895; Carbondale, Ill., 1895-1897; Lebanon, 1897-1899; Centralia and Elkville, 1899-1900; Shelbyville and Tuscola, 1900-1902; Terre Haute, Ind., 1902-1904; Plainfield, Ind., 1904-1906; Crawfordsville, Ind., 1906-1908; Allen Temple, Marion, Ind., 1908-1910; Mt. Vernon, Ind., 1910-1914; Kokomo, Ind., 1914-1917; presiding elder, Indianapolis District, 1917-19; Richmond District, 1919-25; Indianapolis District, 1925-26; pastor of Bethel Church, Marion, 1926-29; Muncie, 1928-36; Allen Temple, Marion, 1936-37; Lafayette, Ind., 1938 to date. He organized Elkville, Ill., AME Church, 1896; repaired church at Sparta, Ill.; built parsonage at Terre Haute, Ind., 1903; cleared Crawfordsville of debt, 1909; straightened cut the debts and took up three notes, Allen Temple, Marion, Ind., 1910; cleared Mt. Vernon, Ind., of all debts and repaired church and parsonage; straightened out the obligation at Kokomo, Ind.; paid $2000 on mortgage, Bethel, Marion, Ind., cleared up debts and left $1066 on new building; Muncie, paid all debts, repaired church and parsonage; at Lafayette, paid mortgage, repaired and renovated property. He received approximately 300 people into the AME Church and had 200 conversions. He taught public school in Locust Grove, Willinson County, Ill., 1891-1892. He was an alternate to General Conference 1900-08; trustee of Wilberforce University, 1918-24; treasurer, Indiana Conference 1912 to date; trustee of conference, 1917 to date and treasurer of the board. Member of the Masons, Fraternal Council of Churches. He has a son, Ralph W., who is the pastor of the AME Church, Peru, Indiana.

JACKSON, Mrs. Mayme Lorain (Foust), wife of Rev. C. H. Jackson; daughter of Richard H., and Julia Ann (Martindale) Foust; was born in Kokomo, Indiana, April 1, 1885; educated in the public schools of Kokomo, and joined Wayman Church in 1905; she took leadership training courses in Marion, Muncie and Lafayette, Indiana. She was married March 27, 1918; served in local church as secretary of the Sunday school, president of the ACE League and organist; was superintendent of the cradle roll department at Kokomo, 1920-25; class leader, Bethel, Marion, Ind., 1926-1929; supervisor of the ACE League in Bethel, Muncie, Ind., 1933-1935; member of the committee of management of the Phyllis Wheatley Branch YWCA, Muncie, Ind., 1929-1936. She served on the religious education committee, committee of management at Allen Temple, Marion, Ind., 1937; organized the "Anna Mae Wortham" Junior Missionary Society. In Lafayette, Ind., Bethel Church, she served as stewardess, secretary of the board, member of the Federated Council of Protestant Church Women of Tippecanoe County and secretary, 1943- to date. She serves as advisor to date.

JACKSON, Rev. J., presiding elder of the Shreveport District, Louisiana; served as pastor and presiding elder in the North Louisiana Annual Conference and Central Louisiana Conference for 42 years; member of all General Conferences since 1920; served on the episcopal committee; member of the trustee board and executive board of Campbell College, Jackson, Miss.; served as presiding elder: Minden, Monroe, Alexandria, Lake Providence and Shreveport Districts.

JACKSON, Rev. Edward Junius, presiding elder, seventh child of John and Charlotte Jackson; was born in Gadsden County, Florida in 1878; later moved to Leon County and studied at night, under Mrs. Eliza Ferrell. At an early age, he was taken out of school and put to work in a tobacco field. He moved to Franklin County, where he was converted; was licensed to preach by Rev. Frazier Labett, presiding elder of the Quincy District, Florida Conference. In 1900 he was appointed to McIntyre Mission; served as pastor of Pinetop Mission and Popeville Mission; Presiding Elder A. J. Kershaw secured from the Florida Conference a scholarship to Wilberforce University. After five years at Wilberforce he went to Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia; receiving his bachelor's degree. He returned to Florida and pastored at Monticello, Tallahassee, Ocala, Daytona Beach, Palatka, West Palm Beach, and Ft. Myers. He has been presiding elder over 24 years; a member of all the General Conferences since 1912, and was twice voted for, for bishop; married Miss Mabel M. Flanagan, Atlanta, Ga., in 1910, and reared one son and two daughters, all of whom were educated at Wilberforce. Dr. Jackson has built and remodeled many churches and parsonages and brought many souls to Christ.



JACKSON, Rev. Mansfield E., pastor of St. James AME Church, Newark, New Jersey; son of Rev. G. L. and Hattie S. Jackson; born April 4, 1892 in Nashville, Tenn.; educated public schools of Nashville, Pearl High School; Fisk University, A.B. 1916; honorary D.D., Wilberforce, June, 1938; served as class leader; licensed to preach by Rev. J. W. Sexton at St. Paul Church in September, 1913; admitted to Tennessee Annual Conference at Pulaski, October, 1917; ordained deacon by Bishop Lee at Nashville in 1917; elder by Bishop Lee at Nashville in 1919. Pastored Shelbyville, Tennessee, 1916-1917; St. John, Nashville, 1916; presiding elder of the Columbia District, Tennessee Conference, 1921-24; North Nashville District, 1924-25; built Bethel AME Church, Buffalo, N. Y., 1927; purchased Bridge Street AME Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., November, 1938; St. James, Newark, N. J., in 1944; received 2,118 members into the church and had 315 conversions; delegate to the General Conferences of 1924, 1936, 1940, 1944, and 1948; alternate, 1928; served on the Missionary Board 1924-26, and the General Conference Commission 1936-1943; the Pension Board, 1944-1948.

JACKSON, Rev. Prince F., pastor of St. James AME Temple, San Antonio, Texas, the twelfth child and fifth of seven sons of Henry and Clara Jackson; was born in Branchville, Milan County, Texas on his father's farm; attended public schools Paul Quinn College, and Samuel Houston College, where he was president of his class all during entire stay at institution. He was married to Miss Willa Lee Thomas, a graduate of Paul Quinn and Samuel Houston College; to them was born one daughter, Minnie Nell, a graduate of Paul Quinn College and Wilberforce University, who is at present teaching in the Dallas public school system. Rev. Jackson has pastored: Milan Mission, built a church and tripled membership; Anderson Chapel, Sengoville; St. James, Denton, Texas, bought 2 lots and built a most beautiful church, moved and remodeled the parsonage; Edwards Chapel, Waco, remodeled church; Allen Chapel, Taylor, Texas, bought adjacent ground for the parsonage, prepared and painted both church and parsonage and furnished each with the latest furniture and fixtures; Bethel, Cameron, Texas, built an eight-room parsonage, remodeled church; St. James Temple, Dallas, Texas, where he remained seven years and reduced the

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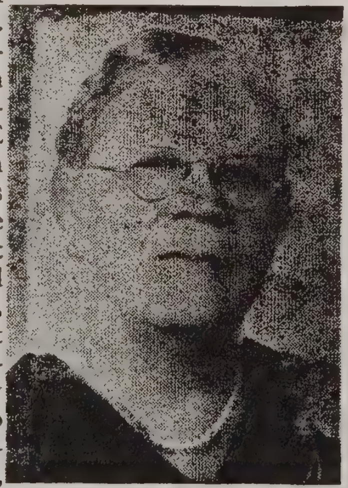
mortgage from $51,000 to $29,000, re-roofed the church, replaced hail-damaged windows, painted and put a new roof and steps on the parsonage and added many other needed repairs and facilities to the plant; St. James Temple, San Antonio, Texas, re-roofed church, new windows and doors, new side entrance, new pulpit and choir stand to seat three choirs, two new departmental rooms, floored and ceiled the choir room, and vestibule, installed three ceiling fans, papered and painted all departmental rooms, and auditorium, etc.; also remodeled parsonage. Finances have been increased ninety percent, all bills paid to date, salaries increased fifty percent, etc. The membership has been increased twenty-five percent. Rev. Jackson has been active in civic and political affairs in San Antonio. He has served as presiding elder of his church, and as treasurer of Paul Quinn College.

JACOBS, Rev. Walter W., Sr., pastor AME Church, Media, Pa., a native Pennsylvanian; educated in Philadelphia public schools; having shown a marked interest in Christian leadership at the early age of seven, preparation was made and the foundation laid for the ministry; received religious training at the Philadelphia Bible School; graduated from Miller College, Philadelphia; 3 years at the Evangelical School of Theology, Reading, Pa.; a correspondence course from the American Institute of Sacred Literature, Chicago, Ill.; received honorary D.D., from Shorter College, Little Rock, Arkansas, May, 1939; he has given special attention to religious work as it affects the youth, and has specialized in vacation church school work. His great-grandfather, John Miller, was a delegate to the first annual Conference which was held in Philadelphia in 1816. Records show that he was a steward, at that time, at Bethlehem AME Church at Attelborough, Pa., now called Langhorne. His grandfather, David Miller, was a local preacher at Langhorne Church. During the last twenty years, Rev. Jacobs has served: Holmesburg, six months; Arnett Mission, six months; Okeola, five years; Oxford, one year; Paschall, one year; Reading, five years; Langhorne, two years; Norristown, eight years; Ward, two years, and recently went to Media. The immediate family of Rev. W. W. Jacobs includes his mother, Mrs. Susie Jacobs; wife, Ivy Jacobs; a daughter, Mrs. Hazel Norman; and a son, W. W. Jacobs, Jr., and his wife, Eunice. His grand children are, Patricia Norman, and W. W. Jacobs, and Vernon Jacobs.

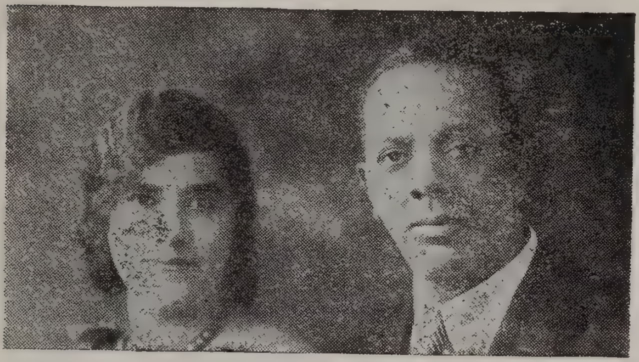
JANERETTE, Chaplain Verseal Arthur, born in Sumter, S. C., August 16, 1906; son of Jackson James and Annie Elizabeth Janerette; attended Howard and Booker T. Washington Schools, Allen University in Columbia, S. C.; received the following degrees: LL.D., Allen University in 1925; B.D. from Dickerson Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.; 1930; was a class leader in local church; licensed to preach at St. James by Rev. E. A. Adams in 1927; admitted to Columbia Annual Conference at Spartanburg in 1937; ordained deacon at Bethel, Columbia, 1929 by Bishop John Hurst; ordained elder at Allen Temple, Greenville, 1931 by Bishop R. C. Ransom. Pastored the following churches: Pine Grove Circuit, 1929; St. Paul, Cokesburg, S. C., 1930; Fairview Circuit, 1930-1932; Bethel, St. George, S. C., 1933-34; Bethel, Summerville, S. C., 1935-36; Wayman, Winnsboro, S. C., 1937-38; Bethel, Union, S.C., 1939-40. Built the following churches: Fairview, Denver, S. C., 1931; Bethlehem, Belton, S. C., 1932; paid the following mortgages: on parsonage, Union, S. C., 1940 and on church 1942; member of the Masons and entered the U. S. Army November 5, 1943.

JEFFERSON, Rev. Isaac Thomas, pastor AME Church, Hollow Rock, Tennessee; has pastored over 40 years; had over 2500 conversions; built seven churches and repaired and beautified six churches; built three parsonages and regained two churches; served as secretary of West Tennessee Conference for eight years, and is now the conference reporter and historian for the State; born at St. Joseph, La., November 10, 1879; son of Silas and Katie Blackman Jefferson, an expert bricklayer and minister. Attended the St. Joseph public school, Delhi Institute, Delhi, Louisiana; and Campbell College in Jackson, Mississippi; D.D. degree from Turner College, 1920; licensed to preach at St. Joseph, by Rev. J. A. Gibson, 1902; admitted to North Louisiana Conference at Natchitoches, November, 1905; ordained deacon in 1908 by Bishop Lampton; elder at Chattanooga, Tennessee in 1911 by Bishop Parks; served as pastor of Byron Pierre, 1905; Elm Grove, 1906; Marthaville, La., 1907; Ashwood, La., 1908-10; Sparta, Tenn., 1911; Algood, 1912; Pittsburgh, Tenn., 1913; Shepherd, Tenn., 1914; Kelso, Tenn., 1914-15; Bladon Spring, 1917; Springfield, Tenn, 1918; Lewisburg, Tenn., 1919-21; St. James, Memphis, 1922; Pulaski, Tenn., 1923; St. Peters, Clarksville, Tenn., 1924; Payne Chapel, Nashville, 1924; Union City, 1928; Ward Chapel, Memphis, 1929; Mt. Zion, 1930-31; Greater Bethel, Jackson, 1932; Union City, 1933-34; St. James, Dickson, 1935; Allen Chapel, Memphis, 1936-39; St. Peters, Clarksville, 1940; Salters Chapel, Waverly, 1941-44; Hollow Rock, 1944 to date; organized Grant Chapel, Bolyn, La.; built Grant Chapel, Bolyn, La.; Old Ridge, Ashwood, La., 1907; Algood, Tenn., 1912; Kelso, Tenn., 1915; Allen Bethel, Lewisburg, 1920; alternate to the General Conferences: 1920, 1924, 1928, 1932; trustee of Turner College, 1918-1924; published articles in: The Christian Recorder, Southern Christian Recorder, AME Review, Western Advocate, The Goal, etc.

JEFFERSON, Mrs. Lucy Crump, was born in Jackson, Mississippi, brought to Vicksburg at an early age and has resided there ever since. She was reared in the home of her uncle, Professor W. H. Reynolds, who planned her early education and directed her attendance at Bethel AME Sunday school, of which he was for many years the superintendent; she taught in Cherry Street school until she married Mr. W. H. Jefferson, member of a prominent Vicksburg family. December 1, 1894, they opened the first Negro undertaking establishment in Vicksburg, "The Jefferson Undertaking Company". Though beset with many difficulties, by their industry, integrity, business acumen and determination the business grew and flourished. The severest test to her character came when her husband died August 26, 1922, and she had to conduct the business alone, which she did with great success; she has served as president of the Mississippi Funeral and Embalmers Association. Success in business has given her many opportunities to work for the good of her fellowmen. She is a sincere church worker and official who attends the services regularly, looks after the business affairs of the church carefully, contributes liberally to its support, and accepts responsibility as delegate to many of the church conventions. She is now president of the State Missionary Department of the AME Church and has filled this position for the past five years. She is grand secretary of the Heroines of Jericho of Mississippi, and a member of practically all of the charitable organizations of her city. Each year she gives prizes to students in schools of Vicksburg and, also, the schools and colleges of this and other states to inspire these students to high endeavor; for six years she was president of the State Federation of Women Clubs. She has traveled in every part of the United States and in Canada and Mexico, Germany, France, England.



JEFFERSON, Rev. R. J., born April 14, 1875 in South Carolina, the son of T. A. and Lottie Jefferson. They moved to Columbia in 1876. At the age of 14, he went to Savannah, Ga., where he was converted and joined St. Phillips AME Church, Charles and West Broad Streets; serving as class leader, assistant superintendent of Sunday school, local preacher and was admitted to the Georgia Annual Conference in 1904, where he served in the missions and many of the leading appointments: Savannah, Covington, Forsyth, Athens, Marietta, Columbus, presiding elder of the Griffin District; Allen Temple, Atlanta, Ga.; St. Paul, East Macon, Ga.; Milledgeville; was transferred to the Central South Carolina Conference and served at the following charges: Miller Chapel, Newberry; Elloree; Williams Chapel, Orangeburg, S. C., and Bethel AME Church, Columbia, S. C.; educated at Morris Brown College and Turner Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia.



REV. AND MRS. N. H. JELTZ

JELTZ, Rev. Nathaniel Hawthorne, was born in Topeka, Kansas, fifty years ago, the seventh child of a family of 16, son of Dr. Curtis Elam and Elizabeth (Smith) Jeltz; both born slaves in Jackson, Mississippi. They married and moved to Kansas ten years before Nathaniel was born. Later they moved to Oklahoma where Nathaniel spent his early boyhood. But at 14 years of age he returned to Kansas, where at the age of 20 he was converted and at the age of 25 he was called from a wheat ranch to preach the gospel. He was admitted to the Kansas Conference and ordained deacon by Bishop Parks in 1920; after his ordination as elder by Bishop Coppin he set forth to make evangelism his life's career. In this field he was immediately successful. He met and married Miss Lucelia Wright of Michigan 20 years ago, and she entered fully into her husband's life work, and soon they became a famous and beloved "married Gospel team." They toured in several Gospel automobiles, every state in the Union and six Canadian provinces, conducting 500 successful revival campaigns in the largest AME Churches; and winning more than 25,000 converts. Dr. Jeltz was elected chaplain and Mrs. Jeltz chorister of the Connectional Council in 1929, and he is still chaplain. Mrs. Jeltz has passed. Over a period of quite sixteen years he led the fight among the evangelists of the church for the establishment of a bureau or department; which resulted in the setting up of the Commission of Evangelism in the AME Church in 1940. He is the secretary of that commission and also, the only Negro evangelist on the National Christian Mission to Army Camps by the Department of evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

REV. AND MRS. G. HORACE JENKINS

JENKINS, Rev. G. Horace, pastor of Burks Chapel, Paducah, Kentucky; son of Horace and Sarah Jenkins; born July 8, 1884 in Lexington, Ky.; educated public school Cincinnati, Ohio; State College, Louisville, Ky.; Howard University, B.D., May 31, 1912; honorary D.D., Shorter College, 1924; D.D., Wilberforce, June 13, 1940; held church offices of superintendent of Sunday school, trustee and choir member; licensed to preach by Rev. G. W. Wyatt at Antioch in October, 1907; admitted to West Virginia Annual Conference at Elkins, September, 1913; ordained deacon by Bishop Shaffer at Wheeling, W. Va. in 1913; elder by Bishop Shaffer at Parkersburg in 1915. Pastored: Virginia Chapel, Elkins, W. Va., 1913-15; St. Paul, 1915-17; Bethel, 1917-18; Wayman, 1918-24; Young Chapel, 1924-27; Wayman Chapel, New Brighton, Pa., 1927-30; Calvary, Braddock, Pa., 1930-32; Warren, Toledo, Ohio, 1932-37; Quinn Chapel, Louisville, Ky., 1937-46; Burks Chapel, Paducah, Ky., 1946 to date. Organized Bethel, Moundsville, W. Va., November, 1923; paid mortgage of $968.00 Virginia Chapel, Elkins, W. Va., 1915; Wayman $1,750.00 and Quinn Chapel $1,500.00, 1943; received 1378 members into the church and had 553 conversions. Delegate to the General Conference 1924-28-40-44; served on the Publication Board 1940 to date; served as trustee at Wilberforce University 1922-23; published articles in the Wheeling Advocate, McDowell Times and the Goal.

JENKINS, Mrs. G. Horace, wife of Rev. G. Horace Jenkins is a native of Virginia, having been born at Cascade. She is the daughter of Edward W. and Ellen McDaniels. The parents moved to Washington, D. C., where the subject of this sketch was reared and educated in the public schools. She was married to Rev. G. Horace Jenkins, June 4, 1913; was converted and joined Virginia Chapel AME Church, Elkins, W. Va., during the pastorate of her husband. Mrs. Jenkins is interested in all phases of church work and those agencies that have to do with human uplift and betterment. She is active in church work, especially missions. During her stay in Wheeling, W. Va., 1918-24, she was active in the social improvements of the community and was one of the organizers of the Blue Triangle Branch of the YWCA, February 11, 1921; was a member of the first committee of management and served as chairman of the educational committee. She served as secretary-treasurer of the YPD of the West Virginia

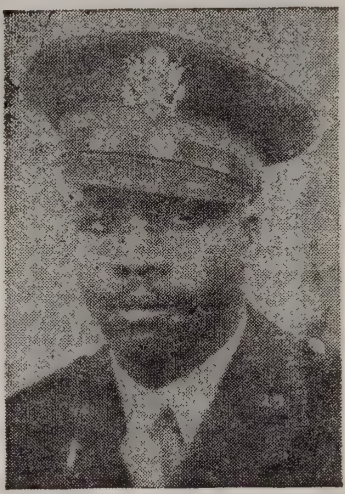
Annual Conference Branch, WMMS 7 years; served on the executive boards of the Pittsburgh, North Ohio and West Kentucky Conferences Branches of the Missionary Society; a member of the Women's Parent Mite Missionary Society of the AME Church since 1923 and was a delegate to the Quadrennial Conventions, Brooklyn, N. Y. 1923; Columbus, Ohio, 1927; Chicago, Ill., 1939; was fifth vice-president of the newly organized Connectional Woman's Missionary Society, 1944 to 1947.

REV. AND MRS. J. J. JENKINS

JENKINS, Rev. John Julian, pastor Richard Allen AME Church, Boston, Mass; born in Atlanta, Ga.; attended the public schools of Atlanta, Atlanta University and Morris Brown of Atlanta, Columbia University, (New York City). He studied theology at Union Theological Seminary, New York City and Boston University (School of Theology). Took post graduate work at Bucknell University at Lewisburg, Pa.; graduate of Chaplain's School at Harvard University, December, 1943; was assigned to active duty at Fort Riley, Kansas, where he served as the only Negro chaplain to thousands of soldiers; was licensed to preach at Bethel Church, New York City; ordained both deacon and elder by Bishop Heard in the New York Conference. He pastored: Elmhurst, New Rochelle and Olean in New York, Providence, R. I., and in Boston, Mass., Dover, Delaware, and Cranford, New Jersey. He entered the chaplaincy from Milton, Pa. Rev. Jenkins is the author of the Allen's Anchor idea, a home for infirm and unfortunate ministers and their wives. He served for a short time after leaving the U. S. Army in the third episcopal district, and since May, 1947, has had his present pastorate.

JENKINS, Mrs. Ruth Regina, wife of Rev. John Julian Jenkins; born in Johnstown, Pa., attended the public schools of Johnstown; she is a great aid to her husband as a singer, missionary president and an inspiration to youth; she has two daughters, Addis Eloise and Evangeline Judith. The elder studied at Wilberforce and the younger at the Manual Training School at Bordentown, N. J.

JENKINS, Chaplain Warren J., was born in Cairo, Georgia, April 4, 1907, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jenkins. He received his early training in the public school of his home town, then entered Morris Brown College where he received his A.B. degree in 1933 and the B.D. degree from Turner Theological Seminary in 1941. He has done graduate study at Atlanta University. He was an ordained minister in the Atlanta Georgia Annual Conference in 1938 and was serving as pastor of Trinity AME Church in South Atlanta when he was commissioned a first lieutenant in the U. S. Army in April, 1943. He completed the Chaplain's Course at Harvard University and was assigned in May, 1943 to Hale Mabry Field, Tallahassee, Fla., to serve the 870th Engineers Aviation Battalion. This outfit was sent overseas in August and Chaplain Jenkins is now stationed with it somewhere in Australia. He is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He was married in 1930 to Miss Susie M. Williams of Atlanta, Ga.



JENNINGS, Rev. Wayman Alexander, born in Greenville, S. C., on of Lewis Wm. and Charlotte Lottie Hill Jennnigs; attended the Newberry, S. C., public school and the high school, Clark University in Atlanta, Ga.; received the following degrees: A.B., Clark University, 1922; B.D., Gammon Theological Seminary, 1923; STD., Central University, 1930; received honorary D.D., degree from Edward Waters College, 1926; held the following local church offices: Sexton, class leader, Sunday school superintendent, steward and trustee; licensed to preach at Bleofton, South Carolina Church by Rev. E. H. Coit, May, 1917; ordained deacon at Decatur, Georgia, in 1921 by Bishop J. S. Flipper; ordained elder at Jacksonville, Fla., 1923, by Bishop John Hurst; served as pastor at the following places: Cornell Mission, 1918-1920; South Atlanta Mission, 1920-1921; Asst. to Dr. J. A. Lindsey, 1921-1923, Allen Temple; Mt. Zion, Green Cove, Florida, 1923-1925; St. James, Jacksonville, Fla., 1925-1927; St. Paul, St. Augustine, Fla., 1927-1931; Allen Temple, Baltimore, Md., 1931-1934; St. Paul, Raleigh, N. C., 1934-1936; Vernon Chapel, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1936-1938; Mt. Zion AME Church, Jacksonville, Fla., 1938-1943; paid the mortgage on St. Paul AME Church, St. Augustine, Fla.; received

1100 members into the church and had 422 conversions. Delegate to the following General Conferences: 1936, 1940, 1944; alternate to the 1932 General Conference; served as trustee of Kittrell College, 1934-1936; Edward Waters College, 1938-1943; published articles in the following: the Tulsa Call, the Oklahoma Eagle, the AME Review, the Southern Chrstian Recorder, the Christian Recorder; served in the World War I, home and abroad; member of the Negro Civic League, St. Petersburg, Pa., Negro Voters League, Republican Party, Masons, Elks, Phi Beta Sigma, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America; was the first Negro to preach in University Methodist Church, Tulsa University, Tulsa; first Negro to preach in a Jewish Temple in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Rabbi Abraham Shutermar in charge; 47th speaker over "Wings Over Jordan", Cleveland, Ohio.

JOHNSON, Chaplain Andrew L., born Memphis, Tennessee, September 14, 1911; son of Aaron and Sarah Johnson; attended the Rutherford B. Hayes public school, Central high school, and John Carroll University, all in Cleveland, Ohio; B.S. John Carroll University, 1933; B.D. Oberlin School of Theology, 1937; M.A., Oberlin College, 1938; B.E., Teachers College, University of Cincinnati, 1940; Chaplain School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., August-September, 1942; licensed to preach at St. James AME Church by Rev. John Irvin, September, 1942; admitted to North Ohio Annual Conference at Toledo, Ohio, September, 1936; ordained deacon at Toledo, Ohio in 1936 by Bishop Ransom; elder at Akron, Ohio in 1937 by Bishop Ransom; served as pastor of Gordon AME Church, Ashtabula, Ohio, 1936-1937; Lee Chapel AME Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1938-1940; assistant to Rev. D. O. Walker, 1935-1936; St. James AME Church, Cleveland, Ohio; chaplain Schenectady District, August, 1940-May 1941; C.C.C. New York; regimental chaplain, 366th Infantry, Ft. Devens, Mass., May 1941-Aug., 1942; assistant Division Chaplain 92nd Division, Ft. McClellen, Ala., Sept. 6 to date. Received 20 members into the church and had 5 conversions. Alternate to the 1940 General Conference. Published articles in the Voice of Missions; member of Chaplains Association of the Army and Navy of the United States, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, NAACP; promoted to Captain, February 1, 1942. Section leader over 40 Chaplains at Chaplain School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., 1942.

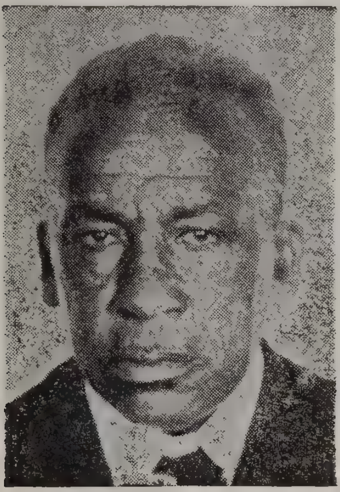
JOHNSON, Mrs. Eva L., born in Philadelphia; graduate of the U. S. Grant public school, Institute for Colored Youth and John Wanamaker Business College; in 1892 was employed by the AME Book Concern, Rev. J. C. Embry, manager; served as bookkeeper until 1900; 1900 to 1909 in charge of merchandise, store sales and conferences. In 1909-1912 was employed by the Armstrong Association. In May 1912 returned to the Book Concern under Rev. J. I. Lowe, manager; served under the following managers: T. W. Henderson, R. H. W. Leake, J. H. Collett, R. R. Wright, Jr., D. M. Baxter, R. R. Wright, 3rd, G. E. Curry, Wm. H. Dorsey and W. K. Hopes. Mrs. Johnson is known throughout the general church and was personally acquainted with the following array of personages who reached the highest offices in the gift of the church. Managers of the Book Concern: Revs. J. C. Embry, R. R. Wright, Jr., G. E. Curry; Editor of Christian Recorder: Rev. B. F. Lee; Editors of Review: Revs. L. J. Coppin, R. C. Ransom; Pastors: Revs. Wm. H. Heard, J. Albert Johnson; Church Extension: C. T. Shaffer; Financial Secretaries: Revs. J. H. Handy, M. M. Moore, John Hurst; Missionary Secretary: Rev. H. B. Parks, and W. W. Beckett; Sunday School Union: Revs. C. S. Smith, and W. D. Chappelle. In regard to the outstanding women of the church in foreign missionary work, she was personally acquainted with Sisters Amanda Smith, Sarah Gorham, Nora F. Taylor, Minnie Johnson and Fanny Coppin. Mrs. Coppin was the principal of the Institute for Colored Youth and through her influence Mrs. Johnson received her employment in the Book Concern. She carried on the book sales at seven General Conferences and the Annual Conferences of the First Episcopal District and the Ninth District, Alabama, under Bishop Lee. She joined Allen AME Church, Philadelphia, under the pastorate of Rev. J. J. Evans in 1896 and was taken in by Rev. R. M. Cheeks then Editor of the Southern Christian Recorder; she has served as chairman of the altar committee, chairman of the committee on chandeliers in the present church, secretary of the Sunday morning prayer meeting, Thomas Anderson Benevolent Association, Sarah Allen Auxiliary, Florida Grant Mite Missionary, treasurer of the Mortgage Fund, elected the first woman trustee and later treasurer of the Board; which office she is now holding; superintendent of the Intermediate Department of the Sunday school and secretary of Old Folk's Day. Her civic relationships have been president of the Board of Managers of Southwest YWCA, secretary of the Heroines of Jericho, Eastern Star; member of Kutera Tent and the Cyrenes and secretary-treasurer of the Liberty Christmas and Vacation Fund. She has given over 50 years service to the Book Concern, and holds the record for the longest term of service of any person in a general department of the AME Church.

JOHNSON, Rev. John Henry, Jr., born Aug. 25, 1907 at Loretta, Va., son of John H., Sr., and Mary Hunter Johnson; was converted August 27, 1919; attended public schools at his birthplace, Rappanhannock Industrial Academy, Ozeanie, Va. (from which he graduated in 1928 as salutatorian); Payne Theological Seminary, 1933-36, B.D. 1936, Wilberforce University, B.S. 1938 (Cum laude). He was licensed in St. James AME Church, Thorofare, N. J., Rev. George A. Johnson, (no relation) pastor, Dr. R. B. Smith, presiding elder; recommended by Camden-Trenton District Conference August 17, 1932, at Macedonia Church, Camden, N. J. Dr. Smith, presiding elder; he was ordained deacon June, 1936 at Payne Seminary by Bishop Davis; appointed to Mt. Moriah AME Church May 8, 1938; ordained elder May, 1939 in New Jersey Conference at St. James AME Church, Atlantic City, N. J.; married Miss Sara E. Ellis of Mt. Holly, N. J., daughter of Washington and Sara Ellis, March 29, 1940, Mrs. Johnson attended Mt. Holly schools, making a good record; was converted and joined St. Paul Church in Mt. Holly. They have one child, Barbara Janeice, born October 11, 1941. May 10, 1942 Rev. Johnson and family were sent to Campbell AME Church, North Woodbury, N. J., where they remained until December 26, 1943 when they were changed to their present charge, Bethel AME Church, Camden, N. J. Here he renovated the parsonage inside and outside; paid the mortgage, redecorated the basement of the church, put in envelope system and weekly bulletin, a lending library, several new auxiliaries, etc. Mrs. Johnson keeps busy with her home, missionary society, Sunday school, P.T.A. etc.; Rev. Johnson is P.E.R., G.R. Carter Lodge 696, I.B.P.O.E.W., Mt. Holly; member of Corinthian No. 37, FAM Woodbury, N. J. He has served every office in Camden-Trenton District Ministers meeting, now in his third year as president; been statistical secreary of the district since 1939 and of the New Jersey Conference since 1942; has served as president of the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance of Camden and Vicinity; chaplain and chairman of the juvenile delinquency committee, NAACP; member of Camden County Ministers Association; member of Board of Trustees, Camden County School of Christian education; Boy Scout organizer and extension work etc.

REV. AND MRS. J. H. JOHNSON, JR.

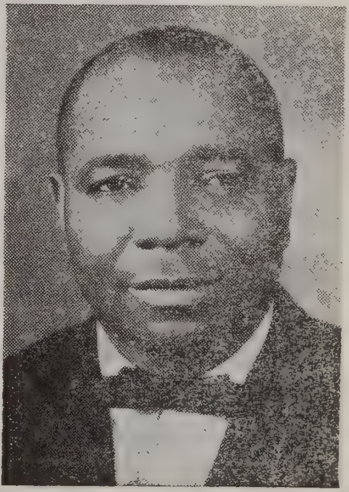
JOHNSON, Rev. John Mark, presiding elder, Texarkana District, North East Texas Conference; son of Green and Sarah Johnson, born at Nelsonville, Austin County, Texas, March 31, 1875; attended public school at Nelsonville, taught school and later entered the ministry at Somerville, under the pastorate of his brother Rev. S. J. Johnson, Dr. J. V. B. Goins, presiding elder; joined the West Texas Conference under Bishop Tyree, Nov., 1905; established a church at Wilkins. Addition, Brenham same year; advanced from the mission to the circuit, thence to Cueroy station and built the first parsonage for the church. Cleared the church of debt at Edwards Chapel, Waco, Texas; and graduated from Paul Quinn in 1918. Cleared the church of debt and improved the parsonage at San Angelo, Texas; was transferred by Bishop Jones and assigned the pastorate of St. Paul station, Uniontown, Pa. Cleared the church of debt—slate roofed the parsonage, and raised the first $200.00 ever reported for Wilberforce University from that congregation. Later transferred back to Texas, and served as presiding elder under three Bishops. In May, 1924 was taken from the presiding eldership of the Brenham District to save Metropolitan Church, Austin, Texas. In April 1925 by much travel, hard struggles, prayers and the aid of Dr. S. J. Johnson who was then Secretary-Treasurer of the Church Extension Board, $3,000 was procured as a beginning to save the $45,000 plant, that had been virtually abandoned by the congregation pressed (thread bare) under the strain of a $21,000 debt that they could not pay. The final success is considered one of the greatest accomplish-

ments in the ministry of Rev. Johnson. Later assigned Bethel, Corsicana, where the Church was cleared of debt; and then St. Paul, Beaumont, for only six months but he kept up the payments on a $10,000 bonded debt; later was assigned Pittsburg station there built the first church parsonage the church ever owned; attended every General Conference since and including Philadelphia, 1916; 32nd degree Mason.



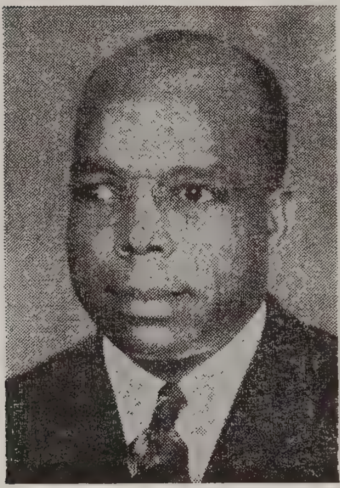
JOHNSON, Jr., Rev. John Samuel, son of John Samuel and Pleasant Elizabeth Johnson; was born in Bermuda on May 29, 1875 and converted June 15, 1895; his principal teacher was Miss Adulcie Eve, the first Negro student to go to England for higher education. In May 10, 1898, he was received in St. Paul's AME Church, Hamilton, a full member; Bishop Abraham Grant, presiding bishop, preached his farewell sermon, the doors of the church were opened and 18 person joined. Rev. R. H. Shirley, pastor, and presiding elder appointed Brother Johnson class leader, later steward and superintendent of a branch Sunday school; he was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of St. Paul's Church for local preacher's license, and attended a theological class conducted by Dr. R. H. Shirley for a period of two and a half years. On April 1899, he married Rosalie Blanche Saltus, daughter of James and Ariminta Saltus, Pembroke, Bermuda. He was admitted to the annual conference in 1908 and was ordained deacon at Bethel Church, Shelly Bay by Bishop Hurst, July 24, 1915; ordained elder also in Bethel, July 18, 1922 by Bishop Vernon. Pastoral appointments: St. Luke, St. David Island; Northshore Mission; Mt. Zion, Southampton West; St. John's, Baileys Bay; St. Phillips, Harris Bay; Vernon Temple, Southampton East; Heard's Chapel, Northshore, Pembroke East. In July 27, 1915, Rev. Johnson conveyed a lot of land to the trustees of North Shore AME Mission. The mission was organized by Rev. J. S. Johnson, approximately 47 years ago. Cornerstone was laid July 27, 1915; the building program was discontinued until 1930 when Rev. Johnson was appointed by Bishop Jones and the church was built by the mechanical skill of the pastor. Bishop Heard dedicated the church April 1933.

JOHNSON, Major Simeon T., Chaplain, U. S. Army; son of Bishop W. Decker and Mrs. Winifred Johnson; was born in Columbus, Georgia, on June 4, 1912; he received A.B., from Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Ga., in 1934, and B.D. degree from Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, in 1939. His first charge was Bethel AME Church in Madison, N. J., where he served 3 years, and was then appointed to Heard AME Church in Roselle, New Jersey, which he served four years. Major Johnson received his commission to the Chaplaincy of the United States Army in July, 1941, and was assigned to the 366th Infantry, Fort Devens, Massachusetts on September 18, 1941. He was transferred to the Reception Center, Fort Benning, Ga., in November of that year. On April 1, 1942, he left with the 24th Infantry for overseas service. After seven months with the 24th Infantry, he was assigned to the 77th Coast Artillery; member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; married Miss Teretha Moore, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Moore of Texarkana, Texas, June 16, 1935; now connected with veterans administration, as chaplain.



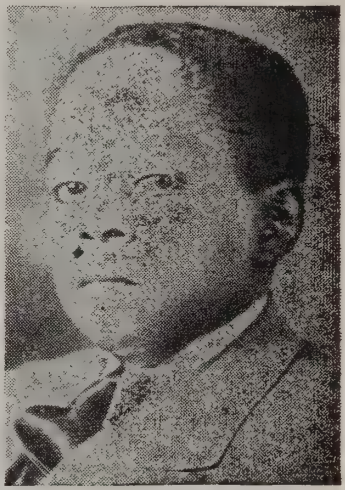
JOHNSON, Rev. John Samuel, pastor of Bethel, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; attended the public school at Chipley, Florida, high school at Tallahassee, Florida; Florida A & M College and Edward Waters College; received D.D. from Edward Waters, and LL.D., from Shorter College; admitted to the West Florida Annual Conference at Carabelle in December, 1909; ordained deacon at Pensacola in 1911 by Bishop Salter; elder at Marianna in 1912; by Bishop John Hurst; served as pastor of Saint John, 1910-1912; Bethel, 1913-16; St. Andrews, 1916-20; New Hope, 1920-22; Bethel, 1922-23; Allen Chapel, Grant Memorial, and Vernon, Oklahoma; served as presiding elder of the following Districts: Monticello, Florida, North Florida, and West Florida; organized Bethel, Bristol, Florida, and St. James, Century, Florida; built Brown Chapel, Orange Hill, Florida, and Bethel, Wewahitchka; paid the mortgages of St. John, Bethel ($8000.00), and Vernon, Tulsa, Oklahoma ($10,700.00); received more than 500 members into the church and had 2,875 conversions; delegate to General Conferences of 1924, 1928, 1932, 1936, 1940, and 1944, and served on the Sunday School Union Board; served as trustee of Edward Waters College, 1920-1940; Shorter College, 1940-1943; member of the Masonic W. M., Odd Fellows, K of P and Elks, YMCA, NAACP, Tulsa Council of Churches, Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, and Civic League.

JOHNSON, Rev. Lawrence B., pastor, St. Luke AME Church, Highland Park, Michigan; received first appointment at Michigan; Bethel Church, Saginaw, Mich., Sept., 1932, to Vernon Chapel, Detroit. On arriving at this mission, he found the membership without a church home, worshipping in an old frame building owned by the Board of Education. He bought land and moved the building on it, partially remodeled and thoroughly renovated; new pews were installed for $364 cash. During his 8 years here the membership was doubled from 56 to 120; many souls converted and the only indebtedness left was a special tax for about $1,200.00. Second charge was St. Luke, LaBelle and Trumbull Sts., Highland Park, September, 1940. Here he found almost the same condition existing and immediately launched a building and general program which is still in effect. From November 10, 1940 to December 13, 1942 there was raised for building fund $7,835.77. Of this amount the membership (140) gave fully 97 percent. The old building has been demolished and in its stead is a magnificent brick edifice. On July 12, 1942, the first unit of this edifice was opened for worship. The plan we adopted is pay as we go on a building that will cost about $11,500.00 (first unit) when completed and we have paid over $8,000 of this amount. Membership has steadily grown and souls have been converted. It is his eleventh year as pastor and his second charge.



JOHNSON, Mrs. Cleo Patra (McCall), wife of Dr. U. S. Johnson; born in Dublin, Ga., June 18, 1900; daughter of Jackson and Elvenia McCall of Dublin, Ga.; educated in the public school of Dublin and a graduate of the Washington St. High School; married September, 1920 taught in the public schools of Laurens County for the last twenty-two years; joined AME Church in 1923; president of the Hawkinsville District Branch of WMS; president of local WMS; member of the choir and Sunday school teacher; active in all departments of the church.

JOHNSON, Jr., Rev. William Decker, presiding elder; son of Bishop and Mrs. William Decker Johnson, Sr., (deceased); born in Albany, Ga., Jan. 31, 1900; attended Albany Normal, Morris Brown College, Wilberforce University and Paul Quinn College. Received B.S. from Paul Quinn, 1923; B.D. from Campbell College, 1929; D.D. from Campbell in 1932; served as sexton, Sunday school teacher, steward, trustee, local preacher; licensed to preach at St. Mark Church by Rev. A. Bell, May, 1915; admitted to Southwest Georgia Annual Conference at Cuthbert, Nov., 1915; ordained deacon at Waco, Texas, in 1923 by Bishop Johnson; elder at Blakely, Ga., in 1923 by Bishop Flipper; served as pastor of East Albany Mission, 1923-24; Jackson Grove Mission, 1924-25; Pretoria and Dover, 1924-25; Damascus Station, 1925-27; Coleman Circuit, 1927-28; Meridian station, Miss., 1928-29; Taft Circuit, Oklahoma, 1933-34; Okmulgee Station, Oklahoma, 1934-35; McAlester Station, Oklahoma, 1934-36; Red Hill Circuit, South West Georgia, 1937-38; served as presiding elder of the: Muskogee District, North East Oklahoma Conference, 1936-37; Albany, Americus Georgia Conference, 1938-41; Cuthbert, Souhtwest Georgia Conference, 1941. Organized East Albany Mission, Albany, Ga. 1923; built East Albany Mission church and had 98 conversions; delegate to the following General Conferences: 1924, 1928, 1932, 1936, 1940, and 1944; served on the Educational Board, 1932-36; served as trustee of Wilberforce University, 1930-32; Morris Brown College, 1921-27; 1938-1943; Campbell College, 1927-32; Flipper Davis College, 1932-36; Shorter College, 1936-37; published articles in the Christian Recorders, Review, Georgia African Methodist, Pittsburgh Courier, Kansas City Call, Afro-American, Missionary Recorder, Atlanta Daily World, Chicago Defender, Negro Digest, and others. Volunteered for Chaplain U. S. Army (Reserved). Volunteered for Chaplain U.S. Army T. Johnson, Chaplain in Veterans Administration; member of: Red Cross, NAACP, Democrat, Mason, International Benevolent Society, Independent Fraternal Union, Mutual Aid, AME Connectional Council, vice-president, AME Connectional Council, 1936-40; parliamentarian of same, 1940-44; program committee of same, 1940-44; secretary committee on



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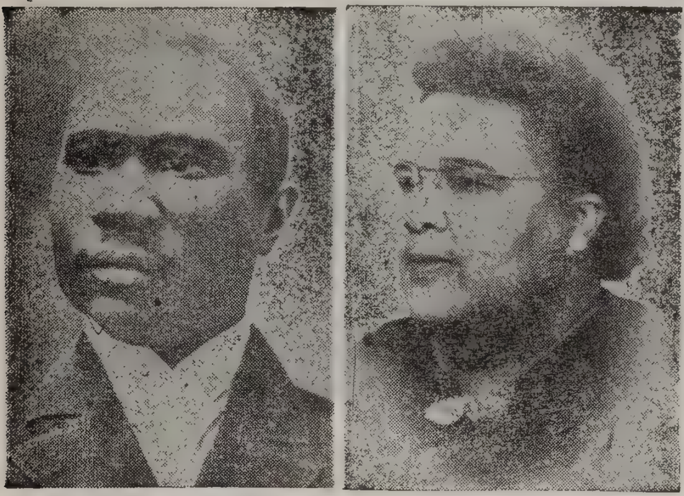
JOHNSON, Rev. Dr. Ulysses S., presiding elder of the Hawkinsville District of the Americus, Ga. Conference, and physician; son of Henry and Elizabeth (Bland) Johnson; born July 18, 1887, Clinton, Jones County, Georgia; married (Miss) Josephine Hutchings of Clinton, Georgia, November 30, 1909, who died 1911; one child was born, (who died four months afterwards); educated in public schools of Jones County, Georgia State College, Savannah, 1895-97; Claflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina, B.S., 1899; Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee, M.D., 1908; taught in public schools in Georgia 13 years while attending college; converted at 14 years of age and joined White's Chapel AME Church in Jones County; served as Sunday school superintendent; president ACE League, and steward; licensed to preach at St. Paul, Dublin, Ga., 1922, March 17th. Joined the Americus, Georgia, Annual Conference in 1923, under Bishop Flipper; ordained deacon by Bishop Flipper, October 20, 1923; elder by Bishop Flipper, October 24, 1925; at Dublin, Georgia. Pastored Cadwel, Mississippi, in 1922, Dexter, Miss. April 23, 1923, Neeler Chapel, Wrightsville, Georgia, 1923-27; Strawberry Circuit, 1927-29; Smithville Station 1929-30; Eastman Station, 1934-36; presiding elder of the Hawkinsville District, 1937-38; Dublin District 1938 to 1940; pastor of Hawkinsville 1941, presiding elder, Hawkinsville District, 1943 to present; lay delegate 1916 General Conference, ministerial delegate from 1924 to 1944. He had 316 conversions; also practised medicine and finds it fits in well with the ministry. Raised nearly $1,000 for the repair of the Hawkinsville parsonage (1944) and church; put beautiful modern windows in the Wrightsville Church, repaired Eastman Church, also the Dinkins Chapel Church. Made liberal donations to build Smith Chapel; trustee, Morris Brown College, 1916 to present; member of Masons, K of P, Woodmen of World; Georgia State Medical Association; National Medical Association (Vice Chairman of Executive Committee); his second wife was Miss Cleo P. McCall; they have one son, a student at Morris Brown College.



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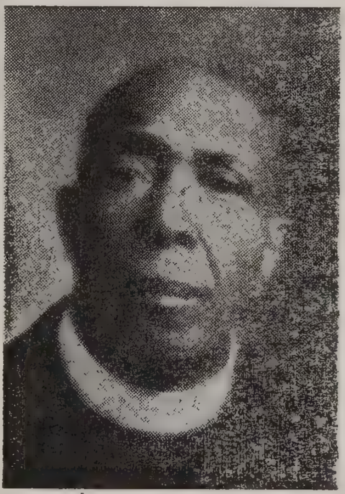

JOHNSON, Rev. Wm. L., son of Dan and Lucendia Douglas Johnson; born in Kansas City, Kansas, December 10, 1887; attended Lexington, Mo., public school, Cleveland, O.; graduate school, University of Honolulu Th., 1922; held the following local church offices: trustee, steward, class leader, superintendent of Sunday school, president of ACE League, local preacher. Licensed to preach at Glencoe Church by Rev. U. H. Payne, Mar. 1907; admitted to North Western Annual Conference at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, September, 1923 by Bishop Coppin; ordained elder at Minneapolis, Minn., Sept., 1929, by Bishop Carey; served as pastor of the following: St. Peters AME Church, Dubuque, Iowa, 1929-32; Bethel, St. Paul, Minn., 1932-33; Allen, Minneapolis, 1933-36; Coppin Chapel, Dodge, Iowa, 1936-43; organized the following churches: Parks Mission, West St. Paul, Minn., 1934; Payne Chapel, East Dubuque, Iowa, 1932; paid the mortgage on Coppin Chapel AME Church—it was lost, paid it out of debt January, 1938; received 300 members into the church and 300 conversions. Published articles in the following: Messenger, Fort Dodge, Iowa; Minneapolis Journal, Minneapolis, Minn. He was in the U. S. Army, April, 1910 to July, 1927; has a son in the army, 1942; member of the Masonic Lodge-Chaplain, Elks Lodge-Chaplain, O.E.S.-patron, president of Dubuque, NAACP, 1930-32; member of YMCA. Wife: Mrs. Inez M. Jackson; daughter, Mrs. Anna Reasby; son, R. R. Johnson.

JOHNSON, Mrs. Winifred, widow of Bishop W. D. Johnson, Sr., was born in Russell County, Alabama, December 25, 1872; daughter of Washington and Eurania Simon. The family altar in this home was a guide which caused Winifred, as a child and young woman, never to miss Sunday school; educated in the public schools of Ga., Payne High School, Cuthbert, Ga., and Albany Normal school of Albany, Ga.; she married Wm. D. Johnson in 1891, both were teachers, he a licentiate in the AME Church, the son of an AME minister. Five children were reared by this union, William D. Jr., Fannie E. D., Winfred K., Simeon T., and Alvan N., each given to the Lord at eight days of age. Three sons are ministers, the daughter the wife of a minister, the other son a layman in his local church. She is noted for her efforts at establishing the fact of power through prayer. Her first effort to show this power was when she was singled out of a congregation by a sinner and requested to pray for the conversion of said sinner. The successful culmination of this effort led her to begin praying for sinners and as a result thousands have been led to Christ, at the following places: Albany, Ga., (6 weeks) 100 souls added to her church and she moved around the city for eight weeks with additions to all churches of the city. Again at Albany under the pastorate of Rev. G. W. Williams 100 souls were converted, fifty at one time. Moving on to Columbus, Ga., for eleven weeks with services held six times daily about the city, in slums, alleys and gamblers' dens where gamblers and drunkards congregated all night, the places were closed not by law but by prayer. Men were added to every department of St. James Church. She organized "The World Prayer Union" while in Texas. Through the gifts of the this Union thousands of tracts and pledge cards have been given throughout the United States. Her first printed tract was "God Calls the Race to Prayer." State meetings have been held in Texas, Birmingham, Ala.; Jackson, Miss. Many meetings have been conducted in the States of Mississippi, Louisiana, California, Oklahoma, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvnia, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Virginia, Maryland and Georgia. She is the originator of the famous slogan: "Prayer Changes Things," and "Stop, Take Time to Pray."

JOHNSON, Rev. William Lester, presiding elder in the Philadelphia Conference; son of John Wesley and Lucy Johnson; born April 20, 1881 at Hot Springs, Ark.; educated public school Hot Springs, Ark., and Shorter College; received D.D., Wilberforce, June, 1939; held church offices: class leader, superintendent of Sunday school, president of ACE League, and local preacher; licensed to preach by Rev. P. W. Wade at Visitors Chapel Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas; admitted to West Arkansas Annual Conference at Camden, Arkansas, in November 1907; ordained deacon by Bishop J. S. Flipper at Malvern, Arkansas in 1908; elder by Bishop Wm. D. Chapelle at Hot Springs, Arkansas in 1915. Pastored Manchester Circuit, 1915-16; St. Paul, Hot Springs, 1916-17; Bethel, Hot Springs, 1917-18; St. Paul, 1919-23; Bethel, Williamsport, Pa., 1924-25; Wilkinsburg, Pa., 1925-28; Harrisburg, Pa., 1928-32; Allen, Philadelphia, 1934-37; Ardmore, 1945-47; served as presiding elder of the West Philadelphia District of the Philadelphia Conference, 1933; Philadelphia District, Philadelphia Conference, 1937-45; pastor, Ardmore, Pa., 1945-47; presiding elder 1947. Received 1000 members into the church and had 1000 conversions. Alternate to the General Conference 1920; member of General Conference, 1948; trustee of Wilberforce 1920-23; published articles in the Christian Recorder, Review, Harrisburg Telegraph; member of the Philadelphia Preachers' Meeting, AME Ministers Political and Civic Alliance of Philadelphia; Director NAACP, Philadelphia, Pa.; Federal Council of Churches of Christ and member of Board of Evangelism.

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JONES, Rev. Charles Peyton, the son of the late Andrew and Sally Ann Jones; was born in Churchill, Virginia, August 7, 1879. When 8 years old his parents migrated to Iowa, where he completed his elementary and secondary school training. At the ageof ten he joined the AME Church, was baptized and began to serve as assistant librarian of the Sunday school. From that time on he has served in every capacity of the church from assistant librarian of the Sunday school, Sunday school superintendent, steward, trustee, class leader, up to the pastorate and presiding eldership. From 1915-1918 served as local minister under Rev. S. L. Bert, St. Paul AME Church, Des Moines, Iowa. In 1921 was ordained elder by the late Bishop Levi J. Coppin. His first appointment was the circuit of Osceola, Iowa. He pastored a number of charges in the Northwest Conference including Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Was among the pioneer pastors of the Northwest Conference. In 1929 was transferred to Ontario and Quebec Annual Conference and was assigned to Chatham Ontario, where he is now pastoring, after an interim of seven years pastorate, at Oakville, Ontario, and having also served as presiding elder of the Toronto District. He is a graduate of Turner Seminary of Morris Brown University. He paid the indebtedness of churches and parsonages and built a parsonage in Chatham which it was said, never could be done on the church premises. Delegate to two General Conferences. Now serving on the War Chest fund and Civilian Committees also a member of the Chatham Ministerial Association, Alternate Sundays he broadcasts over station CFCO known as the voice of Praise. His wife, Evangelist Lillie A. P. Jones, has constantly stood by his side for these many years. They have gone side by side to General Conference. Mrs. Jones was a life member of the Parent Women's Mite Missionary Society and has been a successful gospel preacher and pastor. She has built one parsonage and has finished two churches in Western Canada. His daughter, Alberta Mae, is a graduate of Wilberforce University, June, 1942, and is now head of the Science Dept., Campbell College, Jackson, Mississippi. Mrs. Jones finished high school in Lebanon, Tennessee, and Moody Bible School of Chicago, Ill., and studied in the University of Minn.

JONES, Rev. Cary Samuel, joined St. Paul Rising Sun, Mississippi. Organized AME Church in Greenwood, Mississippi; built Turner's Chapel; built churches at Moorhead, Miss., at Sunflower, Kates, Phillip, Shaw, Shelby, Burdett, and pastored Sheriff Ridge, Hill House, Stovall and Jefferson Chapel, making 24 years of pastoring. Served as presiding elder 24 years and now this is second year pastoring at Belzoni, Miss.. Presided over the Vicksburg; Lealand, Belzoni, Sunflower and Mound Bayou Districts. A member of General Conference for 20 years. Joined the Conference under Bishop W. B. Derrick, 1895; ordained deacon by Bishop M. B. Salter in 1899; ordained elder by Bishop E. Tyree, in 1903; appointed presiding elder by Bishop W. H. Heard in 1918. Schooling received in public schools of Greenwood and Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi.

JONES, Rev. D. Forest, pastor Shelbyville, Tenn., son of Benn Hill and Jeanetta (Smith) Jones; attended Lookout Mountain grammar school and Swift Memorial College; served local church as: superintendent of Sunday school, trustee and treasurer; licensed to preach at St. Paul Church, Chattanooga, by Rev. J. M. Brown, 1936; admitted to East Tennessee Annual Conference at Fayetteville, 1937; ordained deacon at Knoxville in 1938 by Bishop E. J. Howard; elder at Chattanooga, 1941 by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. Pastored: Howard Chapel which he organized with his wife and a few others in a store front in Chattanooga, 1938-40; Parks Chapel, 1940-41; Shorter Chapel, 1941-43; Wayman Chapel, 1943-44; Quinn Chapel, Chattanooga, 1944-45; organized the following churches: Howard Chapel, Chattanooga, 1938; received 87 members into the church, had 45 conversions under preaching. Visited General Conference, 1944. Published articles in the following: The Goal, Christian Recorder, Southern Christian Recorder, Chattanooga Times, Chatta-

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nooga Observer, Chattanooga Free Press. Served as 1st class private in World War I. Member of Free and Accepted Masons, Ancient Scottish Rites of the World, K of P Lodge, Royal No. 117, Interdenominational Ministers Alliance of Columbia, Tennessee, (secretary.)

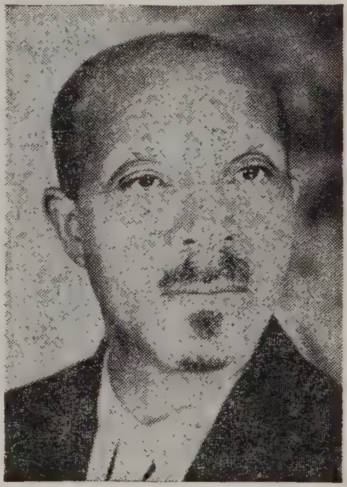
JONES, Mrs. Grayce, wife of Rev. D. F. Jones; born Rome, Ga., 1907; daughter of Moses M. and Agnes (Knox) Towers; attended Chattanooga public school; Howard high school, Chattanooga, Tenn. and East Tech. high, Cleveland, Ohio; served local church as stewardess, president of ACE League and choir member; served as president of the Methodist Ministers Wives Alliance, Columbia, Tennessee; member of NAACP, and YWCA, and Columbia Federation Club of Tennessee. Acted as assistant book steward for the East Tennessee Conference 1943, and delegate to General Conference in 1948.

JONES, Mrs. Helen L. (Byrd), wife of Alva S. Jones, Mortician, Pueblo, Colorado; born in Bellefontaine, Ohio, September 28, 1896; daughter of Winston and Lenora Bray; educated public school, Bellefontaine; graduated high school 1912; Wilberforce University, 1914 Commercial; secretary J. W. Holley, president Georgia Normal College, Albany, Georgia, 1914-1919; married September 2, 1919; established Jones Mortuary, Pueblo, Colorado, 1922, joined St. Paul AME Church, Pueblo, 1922; secretary-treasurer Sam Nelson Furniture Co., 1922-32; president trustee Helpers Club, St. Paul 1930-1944; secretary Missionary Society; steward; Captain Community Chest Drive; captain Needle Work Guild of America, past president American Legion Auxiliary Unit 163, Colo.; Secretary Lincoln Home Board of Directors.

JONES, Mrs. Inez Kelly, the daughter of the late Charles and Alice Kelly; was born in Brunswick, Georgia, November 3, 1899. At the age of twelve she was converted and joined the St. Stephens' AME Church, Whitesboro, New Jersey, of which her father, Rev. Charles Kelly, was the founder; she served in that church as stewardess, Sunday school teacher, organist, director of the choir and Evangelist. Since 1935, she served as District superintendent of Sunday school of the Atlantic City District of New Jersey Conference; graduated valedictorian of Whitesboro Grammar school, in 1912, Salutorian of Middle Township High School (mixed school) in 1916, and valedictorian of Morgan State College, class of 1920. She taught one year at Salisbury, Maryland in the High School, and at present is completing her 26 years as principal of the Whitesboro grammar school; was married in 1927 to Rev. Cleveland L. Jones, late pastor of Bethel AME Church, Othello, New Jersey. Two girls were born of this union, Alice E. Jones now attending State Teachers College at Glassboro, and Cielito L. Jones, pupil of Whitesboro Grammar School.

JONES, Evangelist Lillie A. P., wife of Dr. Charles Peyton Jones; attended the high school of Lebanon, Tennessee, and was awarded the Teacher Diploma by the Iowa State Association at Davenport, Iowa; graduated from the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., and took a teacher training course at Chatham, Ont., Canada. Built a parsonage at Iowa City. Pastored in Western Alberta, Canada; built church at Junkins and Pine Creek in 1924-25.

JONES, Rev. Alex. H., dean, Campbell College; born on the campus of Claflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina, son of Bishop Joshua H. Jones; attended Central high school, Columbus, Ohio, Wilberforce University, A.B.; Yale University, B.D., and Th.D.; Pennsylvania University, A.M.; Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill.; Illinois University, Urbana, Ill.; Kansas University, Lawrence, Kansas; and Chicago University. Has been in educational work in Wilberforce University, principal of Dunbar High School, Metropolis, Ill.; dean of College, Western University for 11 years; instructor in summer school of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, for 8 years; instructor at Morris Brown College 6 years, and dean of Campbell College. Pastored: Haddonfield, N. J., First AME Church, Kansas City, Kansas; Temple AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bethel Church, Bryn Mawr, Pa.; Bethel Church, West Chester, Pa.; Mt. Zion AME Church, Norristown, Pa.; Amityville AME Church, L. I., New York; published "Factors of Human Adjustment," "Summer Sketches", "Idyls of a Pilgrim", "Musings of a Pilgrim", "The Green Goblet." Has published



articles in both church and secular papers. He is listed in "Religious Leaders of America", Vol. 11, 1941-42; contributed to several anthologies edited by Margaret Nelson, Avon House Publishers. Was member of the 8th Illinois Regiment, Company M.

JONES, Dr. King Solomon, physician and surgeon, Michigan City, Indiana; son of Benjamin J., and Florence (Hart) Jones; born January 29, 1900, Lake City, Florida; married Grace S. Watkins of Northfork, West Virginia, February 12, 1925; one child was born, Charles E. Jones, September 7, 1928. Dr. Jones was educated in the public schools of Lake City, Florida, Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida; he received his B.S. from Howard University, Washington, D. C., 1922; M.D. Howard University, 1925; he was converted in 1912, joined AME Church, Lake City, Fla.; was a delegate to the General Conference, 1940-44; served as pastor's steward of Bethel AME Church, 1926 to date; past president of the ACE League; member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, exalted ruler of Elks, Michigan City, National Medical Society, past president of the Northern Indiana Medical Society, chairman of Boy Scout Troop 50 and Cub Pack No. 7, Civilian Defense Council, Clinic Hospital Staff, Michigan City, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

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JONES, Rev. John Garth, son of Matthew and Martha (Moore) Jones; born November 14, 1909 in Huntsville, Alabama; received training from Marked Tree public school; Manassas high school, Memphis, Tennessee; Shorter College, Little Rock, Ark. Held office in most every department of the local church; licensed to preach by Revs, J. A. Roberts, pastor and V. M. Townsend, presiding elder, at Marked Tree, Ark, in 1933; admitted to Missouri Annual Conference at St. Louis, Missouri in 1938; ordained deacon by Bishop Williams at St. Paul AME Church, 1939; elder by Bishop Williams 1941; pastored Pacific Circuit for one year 1940, and Washington Circuit for two years, 1941-42; served as president of college class for four years, at Shorter College; vice president and president of the Campus YWCA, Shorter College; president of the Civic organization, Marked Tree, Ark.; associate member of the Booker T. Washington Trading Stamp Association, St. Louis, Mo.; 32 degree Mason, Worthy Patron of the Eastern Star; member of St. Louis Rooming House Bureau. Rev. Jones entered Bishop Williams' School of Religion on Feb. 1, 1944 to complete his training for the ministry.

JONES, Mrs. Julia, joined St. Matthew AME Church, Greensboro, Alabama; member of the Sunday school, chief librarian, teacher, member of the choir; married AME minister and joined the Missionary Society; has served the following offices in the Society: Local president, recording secretary of the WH&FM Society, Ensley District, North Alabama Conference four years. Recording secretary of State WH&FM Society, 6 years, and also of the East Alabama Conference, four years. Superintendent of the YPD, Montevallo District, East Alabama Conference. She served as superintendent of the YPD of the WH & FMS, West Alabama Conference.

JONES, Rev. Matthew H., pastor of Wesley AME Church, Swarthmore, Pa., son of Geo. T. and Cherry M. Jones; born June 8, 1897, Norfolk, Va.; married Marjorie P. Souther of Blenheim, Va.,

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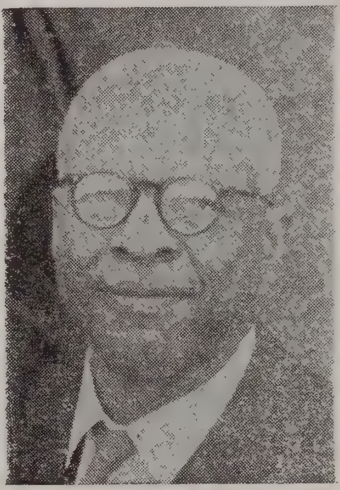
March 15, 1919; 5 children Milby H., born March 31, 1920; Carl M., born April 11, 1921; Leslie H., born July 1, 1924; Matthew H., Jr., born December 11, 1925; died October 6, 1927; Marjorie Jewell, born October 9, 1927; educated in public school of Sea Bright, N. J., Hampton Institute, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa.; converted 1917; joined Congregational Church at Hampton Institute; joined AME Church in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1918; moved to West Philadelphia, 1922; joined St. Matthews same year. Class leader, Sunday school superintendent, steward; licensed to preach at St. Matthews AME Church by Rev. W. L. Johnson, 1935; admitted to Philadelphia Annual Conference and ordained local elder by Bishop Wm. H. Heard in 1935. Status changed to itinerant deacon at Mid-Year Conference 1936; ordained elder 1937 by Bishop D. H. Sims. Assistant to Rev. H. F. Tyree and Rev. M. M. Lewis at St. Matthews until annual conference 1940; appointed pastor Wesley AME Church, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania; mortgage of $2000 paid off and church repaired. Junior and senior choirs organized and robed. Alternate delegate to General Conference 1944; member of the Blue Lodge of Masons.

JONES, Mrs. Marjorie P. (Souther), wife of Rev. M. H. Jones; daughter of H. H. Souther and Lucy (Lewis) Souther; was born in Blenheim, Va., January 31, 1896; educated in public school of Blenheim and Hampton Institute, Va. Taught school Eastern Shore, Virginia, 1919 and 1918. Sunday school teacher, member of choir, organizer and president of Women's Progressive Club of St. Matthews AME Church; member of conference branch missionary society in the 1st Episcopal District.

JONES, Parthenia Foster, daughter of Parthenia and Gus Foster; born April 17, 1866, Florence, Ala.; married Isaac Portlock of Florence Alabama December 7, 1887; two children, Eric Foster, born September 5, 1892 and Isaac Charles, born July 5, 1895; educated in the public schools of Florence; converted 1884. joined St. Paul AME Church the same year in Florence, Ala.; held offices of president of auxiliary board No. 1, class leader, trustee of said Church; trustee for forty years and is at present. Husband Isaac died 1907, single seven years and married Erastus Jones in 1914; no children, lived happily together for eight years then Erastus died in 1922.



JONES, Rev. Wallace, admitted in North Mississippi Conference December 11, 1905; ordained deacon in 1906; elder, 1910 by Bishops M. B. Salter and E. W. Lampton; received from Campbell College, B.D. in 1910 and B.A. in 1912; served as pastor of Port Gibson, Hattiesburg, Greenwood and Greenville; presiding elder of Tunica two years; Senatobia four years and now for the fourth year on the Mound Bayou District; dean of Theology in Campbell College; he is the only practicing optometrist of color in Mississippi, holding the degrees of that profession; has prescribed for the many bishops and general officers; he is also the author of the book "Salvation's Twin Highway", copyrighted in 1941, with appreciations and introductory words by Bishops S. L. Greene and Frank Madison Reid, Dr. F. D. Jordan and Prof. N. H. McGee, former teacher. The book attempts to point every step of the way of salvation for the infant as well as the adult.

JONES, Rev. William Henry, pastor Evanston, Illinois; was born in Chatham, Ontario, May 7, 1887, the second son of Fred and Jane Montgomery Jones, who were married 1884 in Chatham. His training was received from the public schools of Ontario, high school in Pontiac, Michigan, and Wilberforce University; received degree B.D. from Payne Theological Seminary in 1912, honorory degree D.D. from Payne, 1921; served as steward, class leader, Sunday school superintendent of Tanner Chapel, Windsor; also district superintendent of Sunday schools for the Province of Ontario; was licensed to preach May 20, 1907, by Rev. A. W. Hackley at Windsor; was admitted to the Ontario Conference at Hamilton, Ontario, September, 1907; ordained deacon at Chatham 1910 by Bishop C. T. Shaffer; ordained elder, Hamilton, Ontario, 1912, by Bishop W. B. Derrick; served following churches; Central Grove and New Canaan in Ontario, 1908; South Charleston, Ohio, 1911-12; Woodstock, N. B., 1912 to 1914; Hamilton, Ont., 1914 to 1917; Toronto, Ontario, 1917 to 1921; Windsor, Ontario, 1921-1925; Jackson, Michigan, 1925-1931; Grand Rapids, Mich., 1931-1944; Evanston, Ill., 1944-to date; received over 500 members into the church, 370 conversions; delegate to General Conference, 1920-1924, 1944; alternate, 1936; served as member of Church Extension Board 1920-1928; trustee of Wilberforce University for two years; published Conference Book containing history of the Michigan Annual Conference; articles in Jackson Citizen Patriot, the Christian

Recorder; married Miss Nina Lee Kelly December 25, 1912; have one son, W. H., Jr., who served in the U. S. Army in the Pacific; also adopted daughter, Milgar Lee Jones. Member: Masons, Elks, former State Chaplain, Odd Fellows, K of P, American Woodmen, NAACP; has addressed noon luncheon clubs, Exchange, Kiwanis, Y's Men, has spoken in 70 churches of the other group. One of the Incorporators and Trustees of the Borough Community Association of Grand Rapids, President of the Colored Ministers' Union.

JONES, Rev. William Nicholas, born British Guiana, South America, December 31, 1899, son of James Augustus and Susan Jones; attended the Cove and John Angelican, British Guiana, S. A.; Morris Brown, Atlanta, Georgia, high school and college; received A.B. degree from Morris Brown, 1928; B.D. degree from Turner Theological Seminary, 1928; licensed to preach at St. Peter's AME Church by Rev. D. P. Talbot, 1921, Georgetown, British Guiana, S. A.; admitted to Atlanta Annual Conference at Atlanta, 1922; ordained deacon at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1923 by Bishop Flipper; ordained elder at Jackson, Georgia, in 1915 by Bishop Flipper; served as pastor of the following places: St. Paul, 1925-1928; Elberton-Bethel, 1929-1930; Jefferson, Paradise, 1930-1932; Athens, St. Luke and St. Mark, 1932-1935; Athens, St. Mark, 1934-1944; built St. Mark, Athens, 1939; received 48 members into the church and had 623 conversions; trustee of Morris Brown, 1934-1935.

JONES, Mrs. Grace S. (Watkins), wife of Dr. King S. Jones; daughter of Peyton E. and Nannie (Roane) Watkins, was born Northfork, West Virginia; educated in the public schools of Northfork, West Virginia; Bluefield State College, Bluefield, West Virginia; A.B. Howard University, Washington, D. C. She married February 12, 1925 and taught in high school in Northfork, West Virginia, Sunday school teacher in Northfork. She is a member of Bethel AME Church, Michigan City, Bethel missionary society, trustee aid, National Association of College Women, Auxiliary of National Medical Society, Northern Indiana Medical Society, Auxiliary of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

JORDAN, Rev. Frederick Douglass, pastor First AME Church, Los Angeles, California; son of Prof. D. J. and Carrie (Thomas) Jordan; born Atlanta, Georgia. August 8, 1901; attended Kittrell College, North Carolina, A & T College, Greensboro, N. C., Howard University; received A.B. degree from Northwestern University, 1924; B.D. degree from Garret Biblical, 1925; graduate work at Northwestern University, 2 semesters; and also at University of Chicago, two and one half years; received honorary degree, D.D., from Wilberforce, 1938; licensed to preach at Ebenezer Church by Rev. R. E. Wilson, Evanston, Ill.; admitted to Chicago Annual Conference at Keokuk, Iowa, Sept., 1922; ordained deacon at Keokuk, in 1922 by Bishop Levi J. Coppin; ordained elder at Chicago in 1924 by Bishop A. L. Gaines; served as pastor of the following: St. Paul, Chicago, 1923-24; St. Paul, Moline, Ill., 1925; Bethel, Leavenworth, 1926-28; Carey Temple, Chicago, 1929-31; First AME Church, Gary, Ind., 1932-34; St. Mary, Chicago, 1935; Bethel, Kansas City, 1939-40; First AME Church, Los Angeles, 1940; built the following churches: Bethel, Leavenworth, 1928; reduced mortgage, First AME Church, Gary, Ind., from $48,000 to $4,500; Bethel, Kansas City, Mo., $26,000 to $4,600; burned mortgage on $10,000 rental properties and $4,500 parsonage at First AME Church, Los Angeles, Calif. Delegate to the General Conference of 1940; served on the following Connectional Boards: Religion and Education; served as trustee of the following schools and colleges: Wilberforce, Western. He was a student of the Army Training Corps, August, 1918; member of the Alpha Phi Alpha, secretary of Beta, organizer, Alpha Mu Chapter, AF&AM, executive board NAACP, Kansas City and Los Angeles; advisor's section, International Council of Religious Education; organizer and first dean of AME Leadership Training School, Chairman Citizen's Advisory Committee; graduate Nurse's Association, Los Angeles, Church Federation, Commission of Religious Education, Chicago Church Federation (Boult) Sigma

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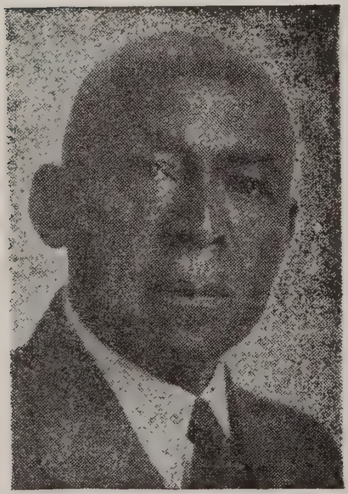
Pi Phi, Los Angeles, dean of the College, Western University, 1927-1928; organizer of the Bishop Williams School of Religion at Western University. President, Western University, 1936-1940; member of Committee on African Affairs. Elected host pastor of the General Conference for 1948.

JORDAN, Mrs. Artishia Wilkerson, wife of Rev. F. D. Jordan; born Louisville, Ky.; daughter of Atty. B. O., Sr., and Dr. Artishia G. (Gilbert) Wilkerson; attended the Dunbar public school, and Central high school, Louisville; Howard University, and University of Chicago, 1923; served as director choir, Sunday school teacher, class leader, junior missionary society president; senior society president; delegate to the General Conference in 1944; member of Committee of Management of YWCA, in Louisville and Kansas City. President of the Southern California Conference Branch; vice-president Chicago Conference Branch, vice-president, Southwest Missouri Conference Branch; Secretary of Nebraska Conference Branch; member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Order of Eastern Star, Study Clubs in Chicago and in Kansas City; elected to executive council of Southern California Council of Church Women—1st Negro elected director of Los Angeles Chapter of American Mission to Lepers; dean of school of missions of Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society at convention, 1943; contributing Editor of the Afro-American Woman's Journal; organized AME Minister's Wives Alliance of Los Angeles and vicinity. Completed work for Master's in Mathematics at University of California in 1924; teacher of Mathematics at Central high school, Louisville, teacher at Western University; served as editor of Women's Missionary Recorder 1940-1944.



JORDAN, Prof. D. J. (deceased) taught at North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham for 22 years. He then returned to the Church School work as dean of College at Shorter College in Little Rock, Ark., He subsequently served as President of the College, holding that position until ill health forced him to resign. He ended his illustrious career as an educator, as he began, in the schools of the AME Church. He died at his home in Durham, North Carolina in October, 1943.

KATES, Adah Gertrude, born Hawkins Village, November 9, 1885; daughter of Joseph W. Wilson and Matilda A. Wilson; attended Moody Bible School, 1912; McKay Bible School, 1929; served as stewardess, trustee, president of choir, Sunday school teacher. Licensed to preach at Rossford, Ohio by Rev. E. Rartice, 1922; admitted to the annual conference at Warren, Ohio, 1922. Served as assistant pastor of Rossford, Ohio, 1927; Quinn Chapel, 1941-to date. Paid the mortgages on Quinn Chapel; received 450 members into the church and had 592 conversions. Mother of the Cub Scouts, Deputy of the Heroines of Jericho; has one son 12 years old.

KEEYS, Rev. K. G. A. P., was born in Centerville, Fredrick County, Maryland, September 20, 1895; son of John Albert and Georgia L. Keeys; attended the public school from which he graduated. In 1909 he was converted at Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church, Maryland. In January 1910 he received his exhorter's license. In 1911, local preacher's license. He served in each office of his local church. In 1916 he came to Philadelphia where he attended Pennsylvania Bible School and graduated. In 1916 he also joined Morris Brown AME Church, Ridge Ave and 25th Street, Rev. P. P. Gaines, pastor. In 1917 he was inducted into the Army of World War I; spending 16 months in France, honorably discharged on September 2, 1919. He returned to Maryland and met Miss Yaitsy E. Kenny. On June 30, 1920 they were married, and have had 7

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children. He studied Hebrew and Greek under Bishop P. A. Boulden, of the UAME Church. In 1926 he was appointed to Bethany AME Church, Holmesburg; and in three years he added 22 new members and remodeled the church. In 1927 he was ordained deacon by Bishop Heard. In 1929 he was appointed to Josie D. Heard AME Church, Manayunk, and served 4 years, building a new church and added 70 new members. In 1933 he became pastor of Temple AME Church, Philadelphia; purchased the property under the name of Trinity AME Church for the sum of $7,000.00. He served this congregation for 7 years. In 1939 he was appointed to Bethel, Germantown. On April 1942 he burned the mortgage and also added 126 new members. In 18 years of service he has taken in 323 new members, built a new church, and met each and every claim of the general church.

KEEYS, Mrs. Yaitsy E. Kenny, wife of Rev. Kelsey G. Keeys, was born in Portsmouth, Virginia, in 1895. Her preparatory education was received in her home town, and Hampton Institute, where she graduated in 1919. In 1920 she was married to Rev. Kelsey George Keeys. To this union seven children were born. She has furthered her education at the Philadelphia School of The Bible, William Penn High School, Germantown High School, and a social service course was taken at Temple University, and in Girl Scout Leadership. She is now the superintendent of Leagues of the Philadelphia Annual Conference.

KELLY, Rev. Eugene Harrison, Jr., was born in Paris, Missouri, May 3, 1912; son of Eugene Kelly, Sr., and Essie Mae Major (who died in 1940); attended Bartlett public schools in St. Joseph, Mo., Western University and Smith Business College in Kansas City, Kansas and Missouri; Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio. Received B.D. Payne Theological Seminary, June, 1937; served local church, Bethel AME, Kansas City, Mo., as class leader; licensed to preach at Bethel Church by Rev. T. H. Wiseman in 1934; admitted to S. W. Missouri Annual Conference at Kansas City in 1934; ordained deacon at Wilberforce in 1937 by Bishop Ransom; elder at Fort Scott, in 1938 by Bishop Williams. Pastored: Garden City, Kansas, October, 1937—August, 1937; Hutchinson, Kansas, August, 1937-September, 1942; Wichita, Kansas, 1942-44. Delegate to the General Conference in 1944; served as trustee of Bishop N. W. Williams School of Religion, 1944; Douglass Hospital, secretary and treasurer of the Wichita Interdenominational Association; treasurer of the Wichita Community Planning Council; local Parent-teacher Association; Executive Committee of NAACP; speaker's bureau; State Organization of NAACP, and YMCA; Mason, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity; Federal Council of Churches; adviser to the Kansas State Parole Board, 1939-1942, Hutchinson, Kansas; Phillis Wheatley Children's Home of Wichita, Kansas. He has two sisters: Mrs. Lloyd Cunn, Hill City, Kansas; Mrs. James E. Foster, Atlantic City, New Jersey; one brother: Joseph Henry Kelly, Kansas City, Mo.; maternal grandfather—H. H. Major, Shelbina, Mo. He is married to Helen Joan Kelly. They have two sons: Eugene H. 3rd, and Travis Leon.

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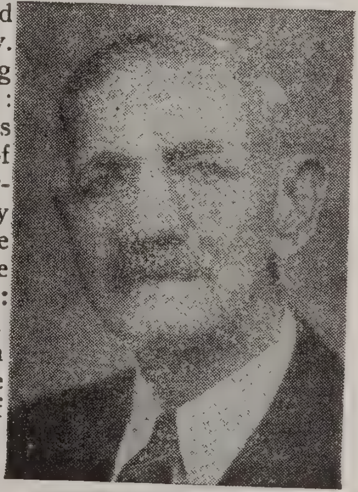
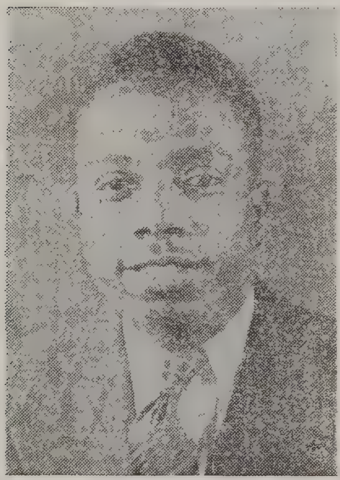
KELLY, Mrs. Helen Joan, wife of Rev. E. H. Kelly, Jr., daughter of Mrs. Fannie C. Haley of Wilberforce, Ohio; attended Yale elementary; Parker High School, Chicago, Ill., 1930; Moody Bible Institute; Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago; was an associate minister at the Cosmopolitan Community Church and pastor of the junior church there; was ordained at the Cosmopolitan Community Church by Rev. Joseph Evans. She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; recording secretary of the WMMS, of the Kansas Conference. She has 2 sons: Eugene H., III and Travis Leon.

KENNEDY, Mr. Thomas, born in Washington County, Ohio, May 6, 1862, son of Hugh and Nancy Elizabeth (Cook) Kennedy; he attended the Washington County public and high schools and Wilberforce University. He held the following local church offices: steward, trustee, class leader, treasurer of Sunday school, superintendent and Sunday school teacher. He was an alternate to the General Conference: 1892, 1900, 1924, 1928. He was an alternate in 1920 and 1936. He served as trustee of Western University, 1916-1931; published articles in Zanesville Advocate, Ohio; Kansas Advocate, Witchita, Kans.

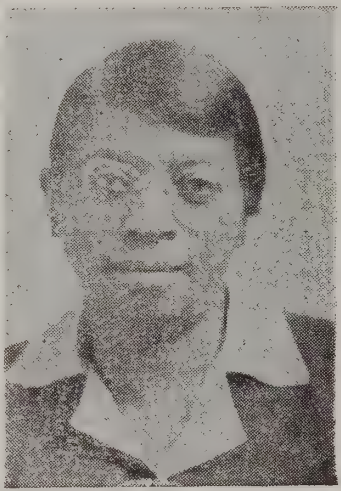


KEYS, Martha Jayne, evangelist, born in Mayfield, Kentucky; the seventh child of Thomas Jefferson and Lizzie A. Keys; converted at an early age under Rev. William R. Ward, baptized by Rev. George Henry Burks, presiding elder; attended public schools of Mayfield; Lane College, Jackson, Tennessee; in 1913 entered Wilberforce on the annual conference scholarship to Payne Theological Seminary; received D.D. from Payne in 1930. At the age of 12 she began to travel in the evangelist field; has traveled throughout the United States and Canada. More than 30,000 souls have been brought into the AME Church through her preaching; served as president of the West Kentucky Conference Branch, 5 years, for more than 12 years a member of the executive board of the Parent Body of the WMM; she preached the Quadrennial sermon of the WMMS, at St. Paul AME Church, Columbus, Ohio in 1927; she has pastored five churches successfully, two of which were paid entirely out of debt and the mortgages burned under her administration. At Trinity Church, Louisville, Kentucky, she burned the mortgage and entertained the annual conference during the first eighteen months of her four years; led the lay delegation to the General Conference three consecutive times, and introduced the bill for the ordination of women in 1935 and 1940; she is a property owner in Louisville, Ky. She has been chaplain of the Connectional Women's Missionary Society, since 1944.

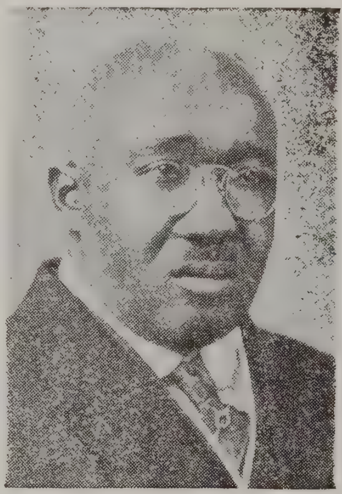
KIDD, Prof. James F., teacher and farmer; born in Lowe Peach Tree, Ala., August 20, 1916; son of Florence (Brantly) Kidd; attended the Mt. Sinai Junior High and the Dunbar High School, Mobile, Ala.; Alabama State Teachers College, B.S, 1943; served as Sunday school superintendent, steward, trustee, class leader, chorister, president, church secretary, delegate to the General Conference of 1944; trustee of Daniel Payne College, 1942-44; published articles in the Southern Christian Recorder and Press Forum Sun; member of the United Order of Brotherhood, NAACP, county (Monroe), State, and National Teachers Association, Literary Guild of America, Inc.; County, State, National Congress Parent and Teachers Association; sent by church to the Sesqui Centennial Celebration, Memphis, Tenn., 1937; elected delegate to American Teachers Association, July, 1941, Charleston, W. Va.; erecting a high school to be named in honor of him at Lower Peach Tree, Monroe County, Alabama.



KIGHT, Mrs. Cora, member of St. Paul AME Church, Carrollton, Georgia; daughter of Luke Colquitt and Liza Colquitt; born December 3, 1892, Randolph County, Alabama; married Hubert Kight of Randolph County, February 28, 1909; educated in the public schools of Randolph County; joined Bethany ME Church at early age and joined Kights Chapel AME Church, 1915; held the following offices: Chairman of stewardess board, president of the missionary society of St. Paul AME Church.



KING, Sr., Rev. L. Daniel, born near St. Paul, South Carolina, September 14, 1897; he attended Kendall Institute, Stone Hill grade school and Lincoln high school, Sumter. In 1914 his parents moved back to Clarendon County, located at Summerton, S. C. and entered the contracting business. In 1915 he entered Voorhees Normal and Industrial Institute, Denmark, South Carolina, after two years there he enlisted in the U. S. Army and saw service in World War I. He was wounded in September, 1918, honorably discharged March, 1919; attended Allen University, 1922-1925; he taught 14 years in Florida as principal, Avon Park, Sebring, Nalacca, Arbuckle, Agricola, Groveland, Gainesville, Shamrock, Monticello, and Quincy schools; licensed to preach in February, 1925 by Dr. R. L. Lemon, pastor of Bishop Memorial AME Church, Columbia, South Carolina; was admitted into the Columbia Annual Conference in Newberry, South Carolina in October, 1925; has held the following pastorates: Frostproop and Babson Park Missions one year; Mount Pleasant, Nalacca, Florida, two years, Mt. Olive, Hi Cola, Florida, one year; New St. John, Fort Mead, Fla., one year; Mt. Pleasan, Groveland, Florida, two years; Mt. Zion, Clearmount, Florida, one year; Greater St. Paul, Shamrock, Florida, three years; and Bethel, Monticello, one year. Presided over the Monticello District ten months, carrying out Dr. C. H. Burgess years' work, he being



disabled and in the hospital in New York City. Arnett Chapel, Quincy, Florida, eighteen months; Mount Olive, Tarpon Spring, Florida, four months. In 1939 he transferred to South Carolina and accepted pastorate of New St. Philips in Charleston, South Carolina; from there to his present charge, St. Paul, Creston, South Carolina, for the fourth year. During these pastorates he built, remodeled and paid mortgages on churches and parsonages. He once served as District manager for the Douglas Life Insurance Co., with office in Lakeland, Fla. In 1931 he was married to Miss Mary C. West of New Brookland, South Carolina, to this union three children were born, Larraetta Elizabeth, Larry Daniel, Jr., and James Rurant. In connection with pastoring he is director and owner of the only funeral parlor in Summerton, South Carolina; also an aggressive farmer in Clarendon County, and was the first appointed Negro notary public in Clarendon County in the last ten years. He is aspiring to be Secretary-Treasurer of the Church Extension Department of the AME Church.

KING, Chaplain Ralph Reginald, was born in New Orleans, La., August 26, 1900, and Mary Landry King; attended elementary schools in New Orleans, and Oakland, Calif., and high school in Oakland; B.D. Payne Seminary, 1926; A.B. (cum laude), Wilberforce University, 1927; licensed to preach by Rev. Nelson Pryor, presiding elder, in the First AME Church, Oakland, Calif., pastor, Rev. J. M. Brown; admitted to the Ohio Conference, ordained deacon and elder by Bishop Jones. His first pastorates were student charges in the vicinity of Wilberforce. In October, 1927 the late Bishop Parks appointed him to Bethel AME Church, Los Angeles, which had been organized a few years by Chaplain George W. Prioleau, Major U.S.A., retired, and already had outgrown its original building. Chaplain King, supervised the completion of an edifice within a very few months. On Easter 1928 Bishop Parks, formally opening it, and before its altar in October, 1928 Chaplain King was united in marriage to Miss Mary Stafford Prioleau, the daughter of Bethel's organizer; after pastoring Bethel 4 years, he was appointed to Bakersfield, California; then to Riverside, California; Portland, Oregon; Santa Barbara, California; and St. Luke, Lawrence, Kansas. At Santa Barbara for 6 years and paid off the mortgage of 14 years standing, made numerous improvements and installed and paid for an electric organ. In 1940 he led the California delegation to the General Conference and was appointed a member of the Historical Literary Society; trustee for Western University; he has added many members to the church and had scores of conversions; a Mason and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; was appointed Chaplain, 1st Lt. in the U. S. Army in May 1943 and served with the 364th Engineer's Regiment on the European battlefront. Chaplain and Mrs. King have two daughters, Mary Ethel and Anna Lynell.

KINGINS, Rev. Presley Daniel, pastor of Quinn Chapel, Chattanooga, Tenn.; was born in Stewart County, Tenn., ten miles north of Old Ft. Donelson, now Dover, Tennessee; attended the rural schools and while in his teens entered the State Normal School of Frankfort, Ky.; after his school days he taught schools for fifteen years, from the small country schools to the high school of Clarksville, Tenn.; the first Negro school to get "A" rating in Tenn. There stand today to the credit of his vision creditable school buildings in Stewart County, Tenn.: Bethel, Legate, and Dover, Tennessee. At an early age he professed Christianity and felt the call to preach. He laid aside all other duties and threw himself whole-heartedly into the ministry. During 5 years at Ebenezer AME Church, Clarksville, Tenn., he built a fine modern church edifice; two years at Erin, Tenn., he re-roofed the church to meet the present day requirements; in 2 years at Lee Chapel, Nashville, Tenn., he brought the $3000 debt down to $600.00, and left $100.00 in the trustee treasury; in 2 years at St. Luke, Nashville; was admitted to the Central Tennessee Conference in 1912, at Paris, Tenn.; ordained deacon, 1915, Clarksville, Tenn., by Bishop Joshua H. Jones; ordained elder, Memphis, Tenn.; 1919 by Bishop F. F. Lee; he reduced the $5,497.33 debt to $2300.00, at St. Paul, Columbia, Tenn.; he adjusted $7,000 debt the first year; in 4 years at Bethel Chattanooga, Tenn., he greatly reduced the mortgage and beautified the interior and surroundings; in 9 years at Allen Temple, Chattanooga, he cleared the church of all indebtedness, and repaired and beautified the church, installing water and lavatories and placing in art glass windows. In 1946 he was appointed to his present charge. He counts his converts and accessions to the church by the thousands; he has served on the board of directors of Payne Theological Seminary, Secretary of the Interdenominational Ministerial Leadership Training School of this city, chairman of the Welfare Committee, Chairman of the Education Committee of the Chattanooga Branch

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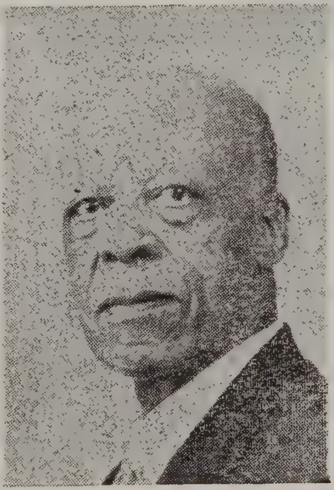
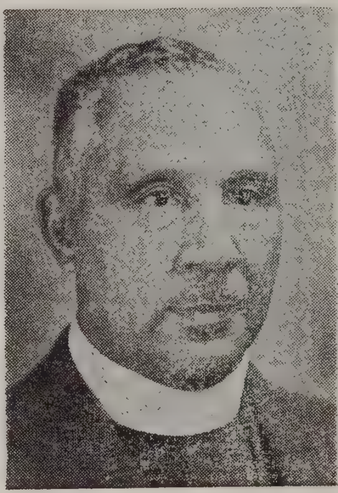
of the NAACP, and has appeared on the Radio program over Station WDEF. He is dean of the Chattanooga Branch of the "R. R. Wright, Jr., School of Religion." Through thrift and industry Rev. Kingins pays taxes on thousands of dollars worth of property. He married Miss Allen, the daughter of Dixsie and Annie Allen of Weaver's Store, Tenn., who attended Fisk School of Music, Nashville, Tennessee; she has conducted choirs, organized choruses and been a great help to her husband; a member of two Quadrennial Missionary Conventions, formerly president of the North Chattanooga District of the East Tennessee Conference, and also president of North Nashville District of the Tennessee Conference 1926-27.

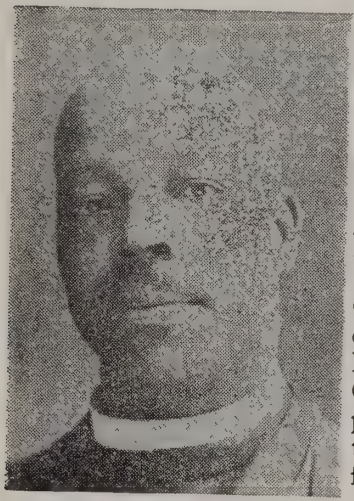


KING, Rev. W. H., born Philadelphia, Pa., March 24, 1875; son of Dennis R., and Henrietta Ballard King; attended the Philadelphia public schools, Central High School in Philadelphia, Institute for Colored Youth, Reformed Episcopal Seminary, Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning in Philadelphia; was Sunday school teacher, class leader, local preacher; licensed to preach at Haven Church by Rev. J. L. Blake in Philadelphia, 1898; Admitted to Philadelphia Annual Conference at Harrisburg in May, 1901; ordained deacon at Harrisburg in 1901 by Bishop Derrick; elder at Harrisburg in 1903 by same; served as pastor at the following places: Payne Memorial, Philadelphia, 1 year; Bensalem, 2 years; Downingtown, 2 years; Malvern, 1 year; Green Castle, 1 year; Laurel, Del.; Parkesburg; Steelton, 3 years; Israel Memorial, Newark, 10 years; served as presiding elder of the Newark District, New Jersey Conference, 7 years; organized the Elmwood Church, Pa., June, 1903; built Malvern, in Pensylvania; paid the mortgage of Parkesburg, Pa.; Laurel, Del.; Steelton, Pa.; and Israel Memorial, Newark, N. J. Delegate to the General Conference of 1936; alternate in 1916; published articles in the following: Christian Recorder, AME Review; published book, "Light on Bible Difficulties." Editor of the Department of "Biblical Exegesis"; also doing work for Ph.D. in Biblical Philology at Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning, (Majoring in the Greek and Masoretic version of the Hebrew text. O. T.)



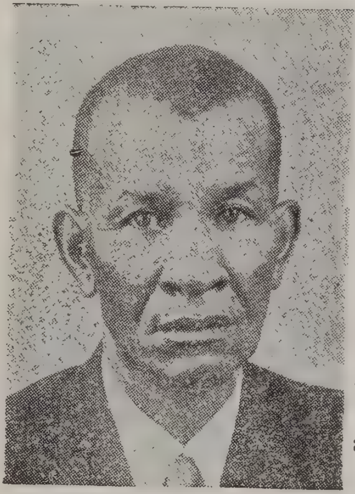
KNIGHT, Rev. M. C., presiding elder of the Topeka District of the Kansas Conference; was born in Montgomery, Alabama in 1882, of ex-slave parents, Mr. and Mrs Jordan Knight; attended the rural elementary schools of the county and state. He spent 2 years at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; was licensed to preach at Seattle, Washington, 1913, by Rev. C. N. Douglas, presiding elder, Puget Sound Conference, Rev. John L. Williams, pastor; entered Puget Sound Conference in 1914 at Spokane, Washington, under Bishop Parks; ordained deacon in 1915 at Portland, Oregon; ordained elder in 1919 at Spokane, Washington, and received a four-year scholarship from this Conference to Schaffer Theological Seminary, at Western University, Kansas City, Kansas; graduating from this Seminary, B.D. 1923; took special studies at the Universities of Nebraska, Arizona, and Kansas, majoring in psychology, minoring in sociology; had two years correspondence law course from the law school, Chicago, Ill.; received D.D. from the Bishop Williams School of Religion, June, 1943. He served as trustee of Western University over a period of twenty years; he is now, general and special trustee of Bishop Williams School of Religion, at Western University 1939, and served until the School ceased functioning; he pastored in the State of Washington, Montana, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Arizona; building and remodeling churches, and parsonages, gathering in many souls for the "Kingdom of God". He is now closing his fifth year as presiding elder of the Topeka District.

KNIGHT, Mrs. Rosa Emmadell, wife of Rev. M. C. Knight; was born in Humanville, Missouri; attended the public school of her home; studied shorthand, typewriting and penmanship at the Wilson Business College, Seattle, Washington; finished Sunday School Training School, Schaffer Theological Seminary, at Western University, Kansas City, Kansas in 1922; served as president of the Conference Branch, Woman's Mite Missionary Society, Nebraska Annual Conference 4 years. Twice elected to the Quadrennial Missionary Convention, Parent Mite Missionary Society. Also served as 2nd vice president of the Kansas Conference Branch, Mite Missionary Society, Kansas Conference. She travels and serves with her husband.



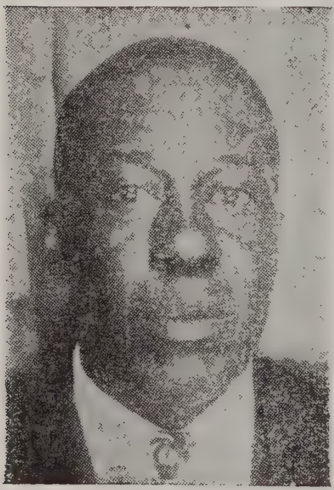
LACEY, Rev. William H., was born in Nashville, Tennessee, over 60 years ago; was educated in the public schools of Topeka, Kansas, Topeka High School, Clark University, Atlanta, Georgia. After finishing the B.S. course he graduated from Gammon Theological Seminary in 1895; took three years of graduate work at Yale University; was converted in St. John's Church, Topeka; licensed to preach in Big Bethel Church, Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. Thomas pastor; admitted into the North Georgia Conference, Nov. 1892; ordained deacon at Athens, Georgia under Bishop A. Grant in 1894; elder at Somerset, Kentucky in 1896 under Bishop Salter; two years as president of Wayman Institute in Harrodsburg, Kentucky; 5 years in Bermuda Islands where he was married to Miss Amelia Parker, music teacher and organist of St. Paul's Church, Hamilton. The family returned to America and Dr. Lacey pastored in Olean, Glen Cove, Brooklyn and Chatham, New York for twelve years. The next fourteen years were spent in various pastorates in New England; five years in New Haven, Conn.; five years in Lynn, Mass.; three years between Providence, R. I. and New Bedford, Mass. In coming to Missouri he served as pastor at Springfield, Cape Giradeau, seven years at Quinn Chapel, St. Louis; four years at Wellston; is now serving his fourth year at Oliver Chapel, Kirkwood. Two daughters survive the several children born to the family; the elder, Mrs. Queenie Lacey Carter, specialized in vocal music; while the younger, Mrs. May Lacey Carroll specialized in violin and piano. Both daughters are graduates of Lynn, Mass. High Schools. Mrs. Carter is also a graduate of the State Normal Schools, Salem, Mass. Mrs. Carroll attended the State Normal School at Salem, and also Brown University, Providence, R. I. Morris Brown University conferred the D.D. upon Rev. Lacey 1905.

LAMPLEY, Mr. Roosevelt, a freight tally-man of Chicago, Illinois, was born in Louisville, Mississippi, on July 20, 1904, the son of George W. Lampley and Harriet Donalds Lampley. He attended the public schools of Louisville and held the offices of steward, Sunday school superintendent, trustee, treasurer of trustee board and class leader in the local church. Mr. Lampley publishes articles constantly in the Southern Christian Recorder and the Christian Recorder. He is a member of the AME Laymen's League and the Citizen's Betterment League. He is a staunch government supporter and buys war bonds and stamps regularly.

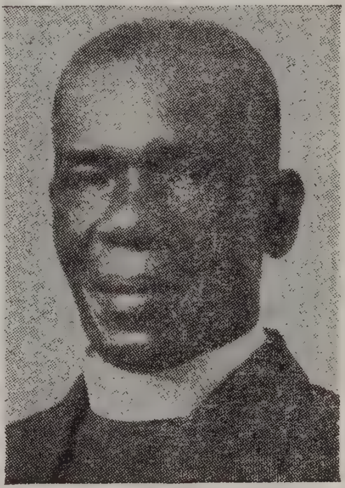


LANCASTER, Rev. G. B., was born in Eatonton, Georgia, in 1882, the son of Samuel and Rachel Lancaster; he attended the public school of Eatonton; high school and college at Morris Brown College; A.B. 1913 from Morris Brown, and D.D. in 1931 from same; served local church as class leader, steward, Sunday school teacher; licensed to preach at Eatonton, by Rev. R. M. King in 1908, and admitted to the Macon, Georgia Conference at Sandersville, Ga., in November, 1908; ordained deacon at Eatonton in 1910 by Bishop Smith, and elder at Forsythe, Ga., in 1912 by Bishop Flipper. Since then he has served as pastor of Mashville, in 1909; Mt. Carmel, Atlanta, 1910; Macedonia, Atlanta, 1911; Jonesboro Circuit, 1912-13; St. Peters, Ft. Valley, 1914-15; Bethel, Athens, 1915-16; Stimsonville, Macon, 1916-18; Wesley Chapel, Milledgeville, 1918-22; Trinity, Atlanta, 1923-26; Jackson Chapel, Washington, 1927-1930. He is presiding elder of the Hawkinsville District at Americus, Georgia, now and has served as presiding elder of Eatonton, Griffin, and Washington districts. He organized McTyd Church in 1916; built Spring Hill at Ellaville in 1908; paid mortgages on Wesley Chapel, Spring Hill; and has received 500 members into the church, and has had 300 conversions; delegate to the General Conferences of 1928-1932-1940; alternate in 1936; he published articles in the Christian Recorder; is a trustee of Morris Brown College, treasurer of Americus Georgia Conference and a staunch buyer of war bonds and stamps; married Miss Amanda Harris.

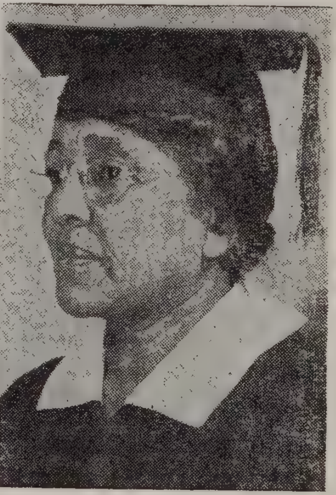
LANE, Mr. Rudolph Shirley, bookkeeper; born in Buffalo, New York, October 26, 1887; son of William A., and Martha Lane; attended Buffalo public schools and evening high and business school; (his father was chorister, and Mrs. Lane, organist of Bethel choir for many years; Mrs. Lane also superintendent of Sunday school and ACE League.) Rudolph Lane has been member of junior and senior choirs, superintendent of Sunday school, steward, now secretary of trustee board, former president of men's club, former chairman of board of management of Michigan Ave. Branch YMCA, also member of Metropolitan Board of Directors of Buffalo YMCA; lay delegate from New York Conference to General Conference, 1944; bookkeeper and cashier for one of the largest dispensing optical establishments between New York and Chicago; member of Saint John No. 16, F & A M, Bison Consistory, No. 29, AASR, Hadji Temple, 61, AEAONMS, and Court Douglas (A.O.F.)



LANIER, Rev. A., pastor of Black Bluff Circuit, Alabama Conference, Hybert, Alabama; delegate to the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., in May, 1944; finished four years as pastor of the Richmond Circuit where he built a new church and cleared the church of all indebtedness and reported more than $400.00 conference claims. He built a church on the Berlin Circuit, where he pastored 1938. Served with A.E.F. in France in 1918, Company A, 366, 92nd Division. Business manager for Owen-Gigget Florist, 1702 Lawrence Street, Selma, Alabama. He is also Child of the Temple.

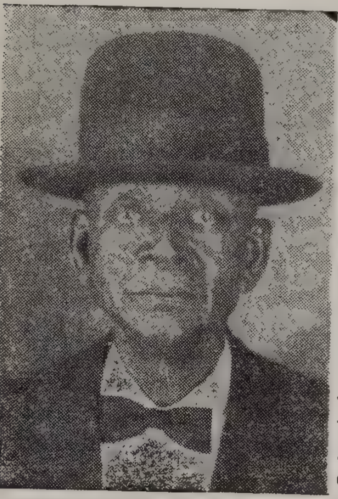


LAPSLEY, Rev. Frank Arthur, pastor of St. John AME Church, Baileys Bay, Bermuda; was born at St. Christopher, commonly called Saint Kitts, BWI, April 23, 1886; son of Henry and Eliza Lapsley; attended the Gingerland school at Nevis, West Indies, and St. Kitts at the Moravian Mission School where he became leader of the Christian Endeavor Society of that church; was a member of the International Society of Bible Reading of England; now a member of the World Brotherhood Society of England; serving at St. John AME Church in Bailey's Bay Bermuda. Licensed to preach in Allen Temple AME Church in 1921 by presiding elder, Rev. E. D. Robinson; ordained deacon in 1924 by Bishop Vernon; elder by Bishop Heard; pastored St. John's, Bailey's Bay, Mt. Zion, Southhampton, West; St. Phillips, Harris Bay; Vernon Temple, Southampton East, and Allen Temple, Somerset. Rev. Lapsley is considered the poet of the conference, and has made several poetical contributions to the church papers. He was joined in marriage to Miss Catherine Accerlina Chiverton in 1911 and there were born to them five children: Henry Charles, Ernest George, Donald Allinson, Gmearo Elmira, and Arthur Tennyson.



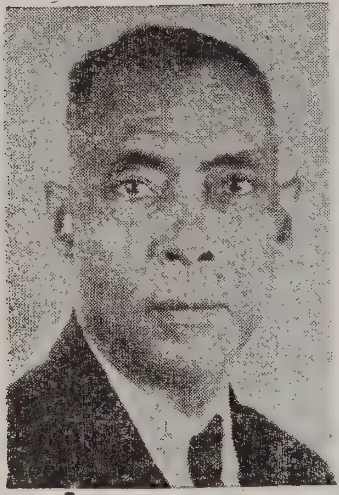
LASSITER, Mrs. Rebecca Thompson Prout, was born in Vineland, New Jersey, 1884; was educated there and received a certificate to teach vocal and piano music from the Mason School of Music. In 1898, she was converted and became active in church work. Creston Prout of Moorestown, N. J., in 1911. He died in October, 1918. She received evangelist license from She married Charles Bishop Tyree, May 10, 1915, and saved many souls throughout New Jersey. She was married to James William Lassiter, Sr., in January, 1921 and moved to Madison. In 1925, she entered Drew Theological Seminary as a special student, studying Biblical Literature, English Bible, Homiletics and Phonetics. During the past 17 years she has assisted Dr. Florence Randolph, pastor of the AME Zion Church, Summit, New Jersey. She served as music director of the church and assistant pastor. She teaches in the Lassiter School of Music, Summit, New Jersey; is a member of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; chairman of the interacial group of Madison, N. J., advisory board of the Madison Adult School of Education, chaplain of the New Jersey State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. She has composed over 200 poems and hymns and is a member of the country board literary and poetical group.

LAWLESS, Mr. L. H., retired railroad brakeman; was born in Oxford, Mississippi, September 28, 1871; son of B. T. and Maggie Lawless. He attended the public schools of Oxford, Mississippi. He married Jennie Jackson, March 11, 1908, and they had two children: L. H. Lawless, Jr., and Willie Lawless. He is a member of the NAACP, 32nd degree Mason (F&AM). He worked on the railroad 44 years, a member of the AME Church over 60 years, superintendent of Sunday school of the Lake Charles, Louisiana district; delegate to General Conference of 1940 and 1944, vice president of Laymen of Louisiana.



LEACH, Dr. Jesse Leonidas, was born in Nashville, Tennessee, December 24, 1892, the son of John H. and Deliah Leach. After the death of both parents, he was reared by an aunt, Maggie Malone Blade of Nashville, Tenn., and he worked his way through school, graduated from Pearl High School, Nashville; received A.B. from Walden University, and his medical degree from Meharry Medical College, Nashville in 1914. Prior thereto he finished the Cincinnati College of Embalming and specialized in Demi-surgery in 1910. Was instrumental in having a branch of Cincinnati College of Embalming established in Tennessee. As its president he conducted this school with a full faculty for more than two years, graduating 120 undertakers and embalmers. In 1913 he was elected as interne at Hubbard Hospital and served as first surgical assistant to Dr. J. H. Hale of Nashville, Tenn. In 1915 he was elected as the assistant professor in Post-mortem Pathology of Meharry. In the same year he was elected the first Negro medical inspector of colored schools and continued in this position until he entered the United States Army in World War I, and upon his discharge he again took up his duties as medical inspector of colored public schools, and assistant to the professor of pathology at Meharry until he took up his work in Michigan. In 1917 was among the first of the colored medical officers commissioned 1st Lieutenant and assigned to Des Moines, Iowa for training. Completing his course, he served as Bn. Surgeon of the 349th M. G. Bn. and Commander of Field Hospital 365, and, Surgeon 317 Amunition Train, 92nd Division with 11 months overseas service. He was promoted to Chaplain, Medical Corps, U. S. Army and was honorably discharged with 10 per cent permanent disability in April, 1919. Dr. Leach published the first Meharry Annual and Military Review, reviewing the contribution of the Meharry graduates to the World War, entitled: "Meharry's Gift To Her Country's Cause Is A Story Yet Untold." In 1919 he organized the first American Legion within the State of Tennessee and became assistant to the state adjutant of the American Legion, and, was honored for his services by being elected a full delegate to the 2nd American Legion Convention at Minneapolis, Minn., being the first and only delegate from the south to attend the American Legion Convention. In May, 1920 he moved to Flint, Michigan, resigning his position at Nashville, Tenn., and in 1922 he erected the Flint Community Building for colored people at Flint, Michigan, costing $100,000.00. In 1924 he was appointed assistant city physician for the City of Flint. Was the first member of his race to become a member of the Genesee County Board of Supervisors. Dr. Leach assisted in the organizing of the Michigan Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias; organized the first local lodge of Elks; later was State President of the Michigan Elks; he is a 33rd degree Mason, and 1924 a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the AME Church he has served as teacher in the Sunday school, superintendent in the Sunday school, class leader, secretary of the trustee board and member of the trustee board of the St. Paul AME Church at Nashville. Tennessee, for more than 10 years. In Flint, out of his personal funds, he financed and erected the Golden Leaf Church and assisted in the establishment of the Bethel AME Church. In 1924 he became a member of the American Medical Association, and for more than 30 years has been a member of the National Medical Association, and, for 10 years was a member of the executive board. He was elected president-elect in 1939 by an overwhelming majority. In Flint he is a member of the staff of Hurley, St. Joseph and Woman's Hospitals. In 1930 Dr. Leach was elected a member of the Plan-

ning Board for Michigan for the National Republican Committee and has served on the Speakers' Bureau since that date. He organized the first Negro American Legion Post in Flint, and has been a delegate to the National American Legion Convention. In May 1943 he was elected delegate to the General Conference. Is a member of Vernon Chapel AME Church at Flint. Dr. Leach married Miss Frances R. Pipes of Natchez, Miss., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pipes.



LEATH, Rev. N. H., pastor of St. James, Marianna, Florida; son of M. L. and Joanna Leath who were officers in the AME Church before his birth; was converted August 1895; licensed to preach by Rev. E. W. Johnson. Rev. Leath established the AME Church at Eleanor, Florida, before joining the conference; was admitted to the West Florida Conference in 1911 at Pensacola under Bishop Salter; sent to the Esto Mission; from there to Noma Mission where he put a new foundation under the church, a new top on it and sealed it. Then he was sent to South Port Mission to build a church; then to Bethel Mission in Pensacola; to a Station Church in Pensacola; to Pope Chapel Mission where he had another building job for two years, and was then transferred to the Mt. Olive Circuit. Rev. Leath was determined to make good and therefore preached in his overcoat through December, January, February and March under an oak tree and raised money to build a church, paid for it and added more than 50 members. After 3 years, he was sent to Cottondale Station where during 2 years he repaired the parsonage and church, added 67 members; he was appointed presiding elder on the Camp Brellton District by Bishop Hurst in December, 1923, and after 10 years he was sent to Apalachicola District for seven years building, repairing and taking many people into the church. After 16 years as presiding elder he went to St. James, Marianna, Florida; here he built a church costing $21,000, and paid for it in full. He has been a member of every General Conference since 1924. He married Lillian Birdie Heard. There were eight children: Lessie Boisy (school teacher), Joanna, Ettie Mae, N. H., Jr., Shellie B., James Franklin (Navy), Lillie B., Jr., and Theodis.

LAYMAN, Evangelist Helen E., born Lyons, Michigan, August 23, 1898; daughter of Chester and Grace (Case) Scully; attended the Linden high school and the Moody School of Evangelism. Served local church as assistant superintendent of Sunday school, teacher, president of the young people's mission, stewardess; lised to preach at Flint, Michigan, by Rev. W. A. Crider, March, 1942. Had five conversions under preaching. Was married November 2, 1924. Her children are: Mrs. Viola Carey, Mrs. Mary Palmer, Private Melvin Richards, Lyle Carl Harold, Wilson Richards, (deceased). Member of NAACP.

LEMON, Rev. R. I., pastor Morris Brown Church, Charleston, S. C.; was born in Davis Station, S. C., on June 21, 1896, the son of Jackson and Emma Lemon. He attended public school in Clarendon County and Allen University; STB June, 1923 from Boston University, and STM from the same in June, 1924; D.D. from Allen University, June, 1927; was licensed to preach at Chappelle Station, Columbia, S. C., by Rev. H. G. Owens in 1918, and admitted to the New England Conference at Boston in 1922. He was ordained deacon at Boston by Bishop Heard and elder in Columbia, by Bishop Chappelle. He has served at Blythwood Mission in 1924; St. James Station in Columbia, from 1926-1927; Emanuel Station in Columbia from 1928-29; Cumberland Station; Allen Temple Station in Greenville from 1934-35, and Morris Brown in Charleston, from 1936 to the present. During this pastorate he has paid off debts, repaired and beauti-

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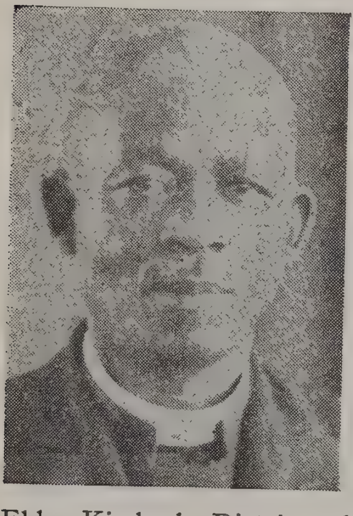
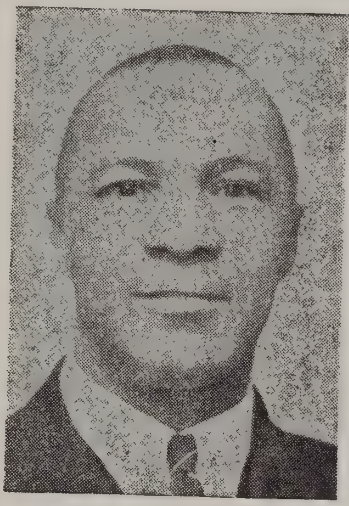
fied the church at a cost of $10,000; now putting in a pipe organ and a modern chair stand at a cost of about $4,500; he has received 1500 members and had 1,100 conversions; he paid in two years over $8000 on the mortgage of Allen Temple, Greenville, thereby saving the church from serious embarrassment. He was a delegate to the General Conference in 1936, 1940 and 1944. He also served on the Religious Education Board from 1936-40 and as a trustee of Allen University. Rev. Lemon publishes articles regularly in the AME Review, Palmetto Leader and Christian Recorder; taught at Allen University for nine years; he is a member and president of the Negro Community Council of Charleston, S. C.; president of the AME Ministerial Union of Charleston; member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; and one of the three Negroes who are members of the New Development Community Council of Charleston, South Carolina; which organization helps in planning to meet the new demands created by the defense program of Charleston.

LEMON, Mrs. Virginia Vance, wife of Rev. R. I. Lemon; married December 17, 1925 daughter of Rev. L. F. Vance and Lula Vance; graduated from Allen University 1924; she is an accomplished musician and assistant organist of Morris Brown AME Church and has a large musical studio; she is the mother of eight children; Emma Lula, Henrietta V., Laura E., Patricia V., Miriam E., Marrietta A., Lafayette F., and R. I. Lemon, Jr.

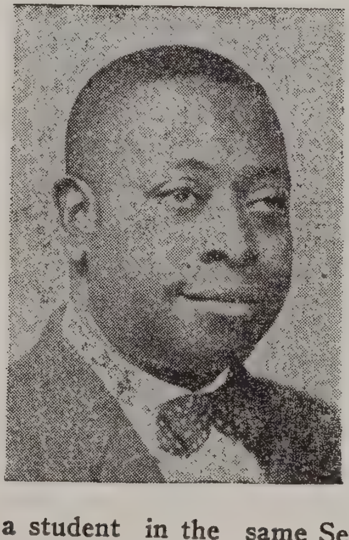
LESABE, Rev. Samuel L., Supt. Zambesi Annual Conference (South Africa), presiding elder Matebeland District, pastor Bulawayo; born Nov. 11, 1890, in Philippolis, O.F.S.; son of Andrew and Sarie Lesabe; educated to standard VI in private school, run by Revs. I. P. Samuels and Benjamin in Rondebosch, Cape Town; admitted to Annual Conference at Kroonstad 1915; pastored at Themussen 1917, Springfontein 1918. Barkley West, 1919-1922, Winburg 1923-1925; Pimville 1926-1927, Kimberly 1928-1935, Benoni 1936-1940, Bulawayo, 1941 to date. Presiding Elder Kimberly District which included all of the S. W. Africa territory, also presiding elder of Matebeleland District since 1941. Churches built at Themissen, Barkley West, and Benoni parsonage built at Kimberly; made marvelous improvements in Zambesi conference, a field where other ministers were unwilling to go. The Zambesi conference is most promising and will be the pride of African Methodism the Lord being our guide and helper.



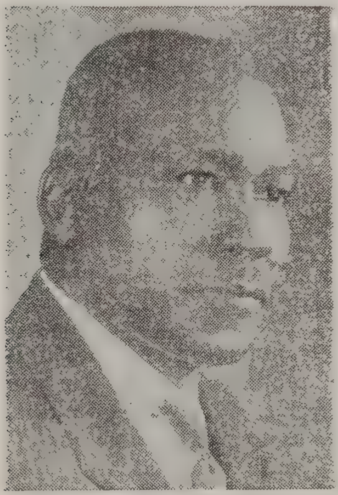
LEE, Rev. James Edward, pastor at Laurel, Del., son of Dr. E. W. Lee and Laura Martin Lee; was born in Griffin, Georgia; educated in Americus, Ga., public schools, Americus Institute, Morris Brown College, Lincoln University, and converted under the preaching of Rev. F. R. Sims, and licensed to preach by Rev. D. P. Seaton; ordained a deacon and elder by Bishop J. A. Johnson; served as an itinerant minister in the Baltimore, North Carolina and Virginia Conferences, and at present is the pastor of Mt. Pisgah Church, Laurel, Delaware; served as accompanist for the quartets of Morris Brown, Lincoln and Howard Universities; an authority on AME Church history and is a contributor to the church periodicals under the caption, "Some Thoughts."



LEAKE, Rev. Willard, evangelist, was born near Prescott, Arkansas on March 28, 1906, the 5th of 8 children of William and Elvira Leake. Early in life he suffered a very severe physical defect resulting from brain fever which impaired his sight. His God fearing parents dedicated him to the God in whom they trusted. He was ministerially sponsored and theologically trained by the late Dr. W. M. Lampkins, who was an early graduate of what was formerly Biddle University and the Thomas H. Jackson Theological Seminary of Shorter College. Willard was a student in the same Seminary taking lecture courses in 1921 and 1922. He was admitted to the West Arkansas Annual Conference in 1919 under Bishop Connor; ordained deacon in 1922 by Bishop Ross; elder in 1925 by Bishop Ross; given D.D. by Shorter College in 1935. He was licensed to preach at the age of nine years and has received into the fold of Christ more than 15,000 souls.



LEE, Mrs. Gertrude B., deceased, was an outstanding member of Mother Bethel Church, Philadelphia, born and educated in Philadelphia, an active worker in local Church, Conference and District. She was the first woman officer of Mother Bethel, on the board of stewards and also its treasurer. She was regular fund treasurer of the Philadelphia Conference Branch, President of the Laymen's League of the Philadelphia Conference, President of the conference claims committee and had the honor of being the first layman to be a member of the Finance Committee of the Annual Conference; she led the lay delegates of the Philadelphia Conference to the General Conference of 1932, 1936, 1940, and 1944, and was a member of the Episcopal Committee in 1940.



LEWIS, Abram Lincoln, deceased, born March 29, 1865, near Madison, Florida, of pious parents and humble surroundings, came to Jacksonville and worked 22 years for Dexter Hunter Lumber Mills, receiving meager wages but gaining the confidence of his employers by his honesty, thrift and faithfulness and dependability; was one of the owners of the first Negro shoe store in Jacksonville. In 1901 he was one of seven Negroes who founded a burial association; he saw this organization through 44 years grow from a small institution that provided doctors, medicine and burial to its members, to one of the largest and most successful life insurance companies, owned and operated by Negroes, in the world with two million dollars in assets, giving employment to hundreds of deserving men and women of the race, and affording welcome relief to thousands in time of dire distress. It is now the Afro-American Life Insurance Company in which Dr. Lewis served as agent, superintendent, manager, secretary, president, and at his death was Chairman of the board of Directors and Treasurer, the last survivor of the original founders. Dr. Lewis is a strong and practical promoter of Negro business, with personal investments in many of them. He enjoyed the intimate friendship and high esteem of Booker T. Washington, Major R. R. Moten, C. C. Spaulding and Major R. R. Wright, who were original founders of the National Negro Business League. He was an officer and one of the founders of the National Negro Insurance Association, today, composed of more than forty Negro life insurance companies. At his death he was the largest tax-payer of Negroes in Florida. In 1937 he toured the Holy Land, he was always actively affiliated with local, state and national bodies of Negro Fraternals, elevated to positions of trust, and the recipient of highest degrees. In 1936 Wilberforce University conferred upon him the degree of LL.D. He was generous in his philanthropy both to individuals and to institutions. He was superintendent of his Sunday school for more than fifty years, delegate to the General Conference, trustee of Edward Waters College, member of the Missionary Board, and the Financial Board.

LEWIS, Mr. Freddie William, co-owner of the Norfolk's only colored coal yard, "Lewis Coal Co"; was born in Horay County, about 3 miles from Hand, S. C.; son of the late Rev. J. R. Lewis and Mary L. Lewis. His father, Rev. Lewis built Bethel AME Church at Rose Land, N. C. Mr. Lewis was reared in Chadbourn, N. C.; he attended the Gould Academy and Johnson Industrial Schools. In 1927 Mr. Lewis confessed religion and joined St. Stephen AME Church, Wilmington, N. C., during the pastorate of Rev. C. M. Reid. He served his church as president of the ushers, class leader and treasurer of the steward board of St. John AME

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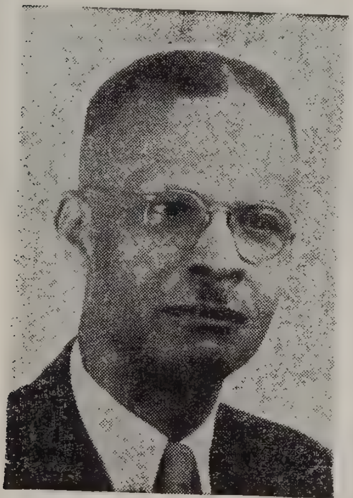
Church, Norfolk, Va. He is a member of the war price and rationing board No. 48-65-5 of Norfolk and a member of the board of directors of the YMCA (Hunton Branch and other civic organizations).

LEWIS, Mrs. Janie Murphy, co-owner with her husband, Mr. Freddie William Lewis of the Norfolk coal yard, "Lewis Coal Company"; daughter of Mr. Charles and Mrs. Lessia Murphy of Magnolia, N. C. She was a member of Bethel AME Church, Wilmington, N. C., at the time of her marriage. She is now a teacher in the Sunday school and is treasurer of the What-so-Ever Circle of St. John AME Church of Norfolk, Va.



LEWIS, Rev. John H., dean of Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio; was born March 8, 1886 at Americus, Ga. He is the eldest son of Harriet (Smith) Lewis and Sim Lewis; attended public schools of Americus, Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia; he received A.B. in 1905; Yale Divinity School, B.D. in 1913; and University of Chicago M.A. 1914. Honorary degrees, D.D. and LL.D. were conferred upon him by Wilberforce University in 1921 and 1936 respectively. In the local church he was Sunday school teacher and superintendent, and president of the ACE League; licensed to preach at New Haven, Conn., in 1912; admitted to the New England Conference at Lynn, Mass., in 1913; ordained deacon at Griffin, Georgia in 1914, and elder in Atlanta, Georgia in 1916 by Bishop Flipper; pastor of Trinity AME Church, Atlanta, Georgia, 1916; Benton Avenue AME Church, Springfield, Missouri, 1918-1919; First AME Church, Pasadena, California, 1919-20 and 1928-1929; Bethel AME Church, North Little Rock, Ark., 1929-1939; and Union AME Church, Little Rock, 1942-1943. While at the two latter charges he paid off a mortgage indebtedness of 20 years standing on Bethel Church, and rebuilt the Union Church. His chief work, however, has been in the field of educational administration. He served as president of Morris Brown College from 1920 to 1928, and as principal of the Dunbar High School and Junior College of Little Rock, Arkansas, from 1929-1943. It was during his administration at Dunbar that the fight for the equalization of teachers' salaries was waged in the Federal Courts. The success of this battle was due largely to the leadership of Dr. Lewis. After his resignation from Dunbar he served as President of Shorter College, North Little Rock, for one year (1943-1944). In 1944, Dr. Lewis was elected dean of Payne Theological Seminary. The chief emphasis of his administration has been upon a building program. He has renovated buildings and grounds, and is now in the midst of a campaign to raise $300,000 for the erection of an administration building and a men's dormitory on Payne campus. Dr. Lewis has served as delegate to the General Conference in 1920, 1924, 1928, 1932 and 1944. He is a former trustee of Morris Brown College. He is the author of articles published in the AME Review, the Arkansas Journal of Education and various local papers. He is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Sigma Pi Phi Boule, the Urban League and the NAACP. In 1915 he married Eva Brown Walker, who died in 1930. They have three sons who served in World War II: John H. Jr., now a student of Yale Divinity School; James W., and Milton D., graduates of Wilberforce University, 1947; and a daughter, Anita Lewis McClinton (Wilberforce, 1942). In 1931 he married Urnestine Bell of Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. Lewis is a graduate of Morehouse College and Atlanta University. They have one son, David Levering, born 1936.

LEWIS, Rev. Mahlon Montgomery, pastor of St. Matthews AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; son of Charles and Mary Ellen Lewis; born July 29, 1890 in Bedford City, Va.; married Cornelia Belle Reed, of Greenville, Darke County, Ohio, June 3, 1913; educated in the public school of West Virginia, Wilberforce University, A.B., 1912, Payne Theological Seminary 1916, B.D., D.D. honorary 1936; converted January 2, 1908; joined Lee Chapel AME Church, Wellesville, Ohio; served in every department of the local church. Licensed to preach by Rev. Chas. Bundy, presiding elder, July 31, 1910;

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admitted to North Ohio Annual Conference by Bishop Shaffer, September 1912; ordained deacon by Bishop Shaffer, St. John Church, Cleveland, Ohio, September 20, 1914; elder by Bishop Jones at Hamilton, Ohio, September, 1916. Supply pastor at Wellsburg, West Va., 1910; at Warren, Ohio, 1911. Appointed to Mt. Pleasant, Martins Ferry and Flushing 1911-12. Brought scattered membership together, roofed and painted the church at Martins Ferry. Painted the brick building at Mt. Pleasant, painted interior and exterior, installed electric lights, and laid concrete side walks, increased members; Long and Eaton, Ohio, 1912-13; membership at Long greatly increased, Delco lighting system installed, building renovised, and generally quickened, little was done at Eaton other than to hold the few persons there together; Wren and Carthagenia, 1913-14; Oxford and College Corner: 1914-16, membership increased, the abandoned parsonage renovised and paid for; London and Finley, 1916-1918; Bethel, Middletown, Ohio, 1918-1922; here the membership reached an all time high mark; church moved from the mission class to one of the best stations in the state, all indebtedness was retired, and the way paved for the purchase of a new parsonage; Allen, Dayton, Ohio, 1922-27; membership tripled, $7,500 parsonage paid for, the church building renovised, all indebtedness retired; Allen, Portsmouth, Ohio, 1927-30; completed the building erected by the Rev. Thomas Green; February 10, 1930, appointed by Bishop Jones to Ardmore, Pa., where the building was condemned, and the congregation scattered, with no money, no credit. The membership was brought to above 500, and new church built; served 4 months in 1938 as Presiding Elder of West Philadelphia District; reassigned to Bethel, Ardmore in 1938. Remained here 2 years longer; built organ chamber and installed first pipe organ; and reported to Annual Conference over $18,000 raised for the year ending May, 1939; appointed to Saint Matthews Church May, 1939; with a membership of approximately 1,600 members. After living in a rented room for six months, a parsonage was purchased and renovised. Beginning with only $270, the present $300,000 plant was erected, equipped, and paid for in full, the pastor serving as contractor, builder, financier, supervisor, time keeper, paymaster, extra laborer. The membership now is over 3,000. The Church and M. M. Lewis Community Center, open seven days and nights per week, have a staff of five expert workers for guidance, and supervise the physical, spiritual, moral and civic development of the hundreds of boys of the community who are members of the Mahlon Lewis Boys Club. Rev. Lewis is a 33rd degree Mason, Odd Fellow, Elk; delegate to General Conference of 1928, 36, 40, 44 and 48; alternate 1932. Host to General Conference in 1944 and received 88 votes for bishop. Awarded a bronze medal, and a Distinguished Citizen Certificate by the Slowe Post Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sunday, November 4, 1945.

LIGGIN, Rev. Clyde A., pastor Trinity, Louisville, Ky.; was born April 6, 1902 at Lyles, Gibson County, Indiana; converted in 1915 at Spruce Street AME Church, Terre Haute, Ind. In 1922 became junior steward and was presented steward's certificate by the Rev. A. J. Irvine, pastor. At age of 12 appointed Sunday school teacher later becoming assistant superintendent and taught continuously for ten years until leaving to become a teacher in the Louisville (Ky.) Normal School, March, 1924; president ACE League 1917-1920. 1924 appointed teacher of young men's class, Quinn Chapel AME Church, Louisville. 1924 appointed steward of Quinn Chapel. May 26, 1940 founded and organized present Youth Council at Quinn Chapel. This group purchased first mimeograph ever owned by Quinn Chapel on which church bulletins etc. are now published. May 7, 1941 licensed to preach at Quinn Chapel by Presiding Elder B. M. Hughes, Rev. Horace Jenkins, pastor; preached trial sermon during 103rd anniversary of Quinn on May 13, 1941; appointed pastor St. John AME Church, Louisville, Kentucky, October 23, 1941, and served till 1946. Had 5 conversions and 21 members added during two years pastorate. Exterior church painted for first time in fourteen years. Organized first Boy Scout troop in this church and second AME Troop in Kentucky. Set of new song books purchased for Senior choir; held first Youth Council in history of St. John Church; organized Louisville Booster's Club raising over two hundred dollars; dollar money increased from $32.00 to $40.00; new pulpit Bible purchased. Coal shed and toilet constructed. Five members added. Six infants baptized; service flag dedicated in honor of first member inducted from St. John, Private Roscoe Payne. Men's Club organized; Men's Day, Women's Day, Young People's Day regularly observed. Entire floor covered with battleship linoleum and pulpit floor covered with new carpet. Dedicated by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.,

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May 28, 1943. First Pastor's Council held in St. John, Bishop Wright, presiding. Farewell party given inductees Robert Blue, Gabriel Crutcher, Joseph Crutcher. Youth Council Outing at City Park. Two of the greatest years in the history of St. John. Rev. Liggin graduated in 1916 from the 8th grade Lincoln School in Terre Haute, Ind.; graduated in 1920 from Garfield Senior High School in Terre Haute; received an A.B. degree in 1924 from Indiana State College in Terre Haute and for post-graduate work received a Master of Arts degree in Education with Public School Administration as a Major in June, 1935.

LIGGIN, Mrs. Jennie B., wife of Rev. Clyde A. Liggin; born October 5, 1904 in Louisville, Ky.; converted in Lampton Baptist Church and became member of same in 1919; joined Quinn Chapel AME Church in 1939; educated Booker T. Washington Elementary School, senior high school, Louisville, Kentucky, 1923; graduated from Louisville Normal School 1925; attending Louisville Municipal College, 1943; taught in Jeffersontown elementary school, 1925-1927. Secretary of missionary society St. John AME Church; organizer and founder of first AME Girl Scout troop in Kentucky, sponsoring institution St. John AME Church. Director Youth Council, treasurer Booster's Club, choir member of St. John AME Church.

Ligon, Miss Alice Virginia; was born in Montgomery, Alabama, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene H. Ligon, Sr. She is a member of the St. John AME Church with the rest of the family; a graduate of Alabama State Teachers' College, B.S. 1940; having majored in English and minored in social studies. From September, 1940-January, 1943, she was employed by the Covington County Training School in Andalusia, Alabama, as instructor in English. She served as advisor of the Girls Reserve Club as well as Dramatics Directress. In October, 1942, she was appointed Conference Superintendent of the ACE League of Alabama by Bishop D. Ward Nichols. In February, 1943 she accepted a position as instructor of English at Daniel Payne College at Birmingham. She also served as College Librarian and co-advisor of the College Literary Club. Miss Ligon has done graduate work at Columbia University, New York City.

LINK, Rev. J. L., presiding elder, Delaware Conference; born in Milton, N. C., September 4, 1884; the son of Stephen and Susan Link; attended the public school of Milton and high school at Raleigh, North Carolina, Kittrell College, B.S., 1905; Lincoln University, A.B., 1909; M.A.; S.T.B., 1912; and Crozier Theological Seminary; studied one year in Neff's College of Oratory in Philadelphia, and studied Journalism in 1936 at Pennsylvania University. In 1925 he received D.D. from Wilberforce University. In the local church he served as steward, trustee, Sunday school teacher, class leader and local preacher. He was licensed to preach at Oxford, Pa., by Rev. F. T. M. Webster in 1909; admitted to the Philadelphia Conference in 1912 at Chester, Pa.; ordained deacon at Wilmington, Delaware, in 1913 by Bishop Tyree; and elder in Dover, Delaware, in 1915 by Bishop Tyree. Since then he has served at St. Peters, Shippensburg, Pa., 1913-1914; Downingtown, 1914-17; Columbia, 1917-1920; Media, 1920-1925; Murphy Church, Chester, 1925-1933, (all in Pennsylvania). He completely renovated Murphy Church from ceiling to basement, putting in metal ceilings and painting at a cost of nearly $2000; installation of stained windows, $1800; electric lights in both parsonages, repairs and painting costing, $775. All of these were paid for practically cash. In 1931, during the greatest of depressions, he installed a pipe organ at the cost of $4200. In two years, this was paid excepting a balance of $1,600. In 1933 he was appointed presiding elder of Wilmington District of the Delaware Conference. Rev. Link paid a mortgage of $8000 in four years in Media, Pennsylvania, with less than 150 members; received 625 members into the church and had 126 conversions. He was a delegate to every General Conference since 1924; alternate in 1920. He served on the Connectional Board of Education from 1932-36; ACE League Board from 1936-40; and the Board of Education from 1940-present; and has been a member of the Episcopal Committee. He publishes articles regularly in the Christian Recorder, AME Review, Chester Times, Afro-American, Tribune and edited the Zion Messenger. He is a member of the Masons, F&AM, AUO of OF, Knights of Pythias, NAACP; organized and served as president and all other offices in the NAACP; served as Chancellor Commander and Supreme Prelate of Knights of Pythias, helped organize the YMCA in Princeton, New Jersey, served five years as the vice-president of the Interracial Sabbath Association of Delaware County, Pa.

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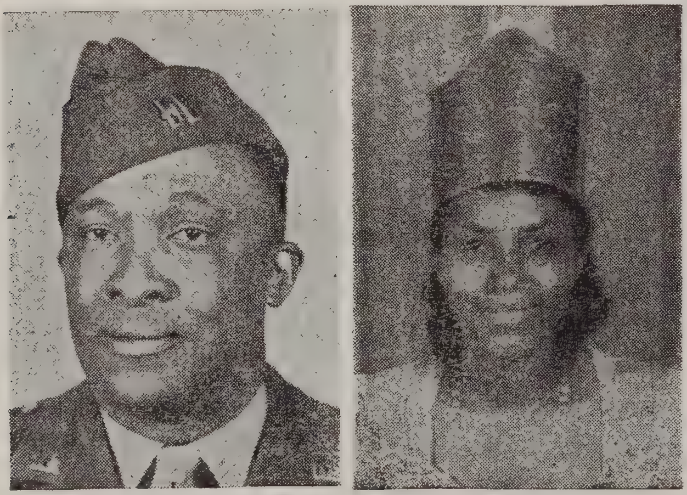
LINK, Mrs. Nora Helen Cameron Watson, wife of Rev. J. L. Link, secretary of WMS; was born in McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania, on May 12, 1890, the daughter of Isaac Newton and Eleanor Jane Caution Watson. She attended the public schools of McConnellsburg and high school there also. She attended the Normal School College of Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. In the local church she held the offices of Sunday school secretary, superintendent of Allen League, organist, treasurer, and missionary president. In 1942 Mrs. Link published, "Missionary Projects-Meeting the Budget." She is a member and past officer of the Heroines of Jericho, Media Court No. 43; past-officer of Martha tent No. 18, J. R. G. and J. U. and has been president of the Delaware Conference Branch since 1928; recording secretary of the Women's Missionary Society, elected in 1939 at Chicago, Ill; re-elected to merged societies; she is a public school teacher, seamstress and typist.

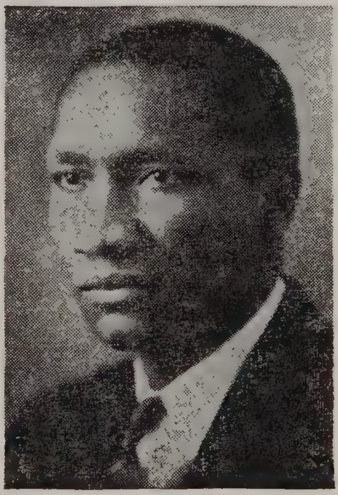


REV. AND MRS. J. H. LISSIMORE

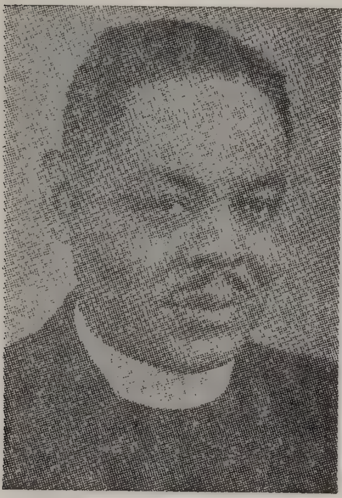
LISSIMORE, Rev. Joseph Hansell, born in Valdosta, Georgia, December 23, 1899; son of William and Carrie (Richardson) Lissimore; attended public schools, Valdosta Academy, Valdosta Colored High School, Georgia State College, and Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, A.B. 1920; M.A. same; in the local church he served as steward, usher, organist and choir director; was licensed to preach at St. Paul AME Church by Rev. J. H. Hall, August, 1934; admitted to the South Georgia Conference at Valdosta, October, 1934; ordained deacon at Moultrie, Ga., in 1935 by Bishop Fountain; elder at Tifton, Ga., in 1936 by Bishop Fountain; served as pastor of New Hope, Brooks County, Ga., 1934-36; Mt. Zion in Brooks County, 1936; Friendship in Brooks County 1936-38; Shorter Chapel, Ochlochnee, Ga., 1938-39; St. John, Poulan, Ga., 1939-41; Allen Temple, Tifton, Ga., 1941-42; appointed chaplain in the U. S. Army in 1942, and rose to rank of Major; served 10 months in Iran, North Africa; also saw service in Italy, France, Belgium and Germany in World War II. He is a trustee of Morris Brown College in 1937; published articles in the Southern Christian Recorder regularly; also served in the 1st World's War as Corporal in Personnel Corps at Camp Upton; a Democrat, member of Kappa Alpha Psi, Sigma Pi Psi Boule (graduate fraternity), NAACP, the Inter-Racial Committee, fellow of French Society and a graduate of the Humboldt Conservatory of Music.

LISSIMORE, Mrs. Willie Mae, was born in Nashville, Georgia on May 19, 1916; the daughter of William Jenerette, Sr., and Rachel (Wright) Jenerette; attended the public schools of Lowdnes County and Valdosta County Colored High School. Mrs. Lissimore is a club worker, beautician, usher in the church, choir singer and Sunday school teacher. She has labored untiringly in St. Paul AME Church, Macon, Georgia. She was recently crowned "Queen" of St. Paul AME Church at close of a financial effort in which she led all contestants.

LITTLE, Rev. John Franklin, was born in Rock Run, Alabama, March 5, 1908, the son of Hampton Willey and Lula Little; attended the public schools of Rock Run, Ala. and Newcomerstown, Ohio; and Bluefield (W. Va.) State Teachers College; received B.D. from Payne Theological Seminary in 1935 and B.S. from Bluefield State Teachers College in 1940; was licensed to preach at Newcomerstown Church by Rev. C. B. Brown and Presiding Elder T. W. Woodson in 1930; admitted to the Ohio Conference at Cincinnati in 1932 by Bishop Ransom; ordained deacon at Springfield, Ohio, in 1932; elder at Dayton, Ohio in 1934 by Bishop Ransom; served as pastor of Uhrichville, Ohio, 1931-32; Lebanon, Ohio, 1932-1935; Greenfield, Ohio, 1935-37; Bluefield, W. Va., 1937-42 and Charleston, W. V., 1942-to date. He bought and paid for the parsonage at Bluefield; has received 122 members into the church and has had 25 conversions; delegate to the General Conferences of 1940, 1944 and 1948. Rev. Little publishes news in the Greenfield Daily Times, Bluefield Daily Telegram, and the Charleston Daily Mail; member of Alpha Kappa Mu Fraternity; president of the Young Republican Club of Bluefield; member of NAACP; and of the Inter-racial Commission of West Virginia being appointed by the Governor. He married Miss Mabel Stearns. They have three daughters: Marjorie Loretta, Jo-Anne and Laura Jane.



LOVE, Rev. Clifford Wayne, pastor, St. James, St. Louis, Missouri; son of William Wayne and Minnie Bell Love; was born in La Junta, Colorado; attended high school at Willington Kansas; Phoenix, Arizona Junior College; Arizona State Teachers College, Tempe, Arizona; Western University, Bishop Williams School of Religion; received degrees of B.A. in religion and D.D.; licensed to preach in 1935 in Phoenix, Arizona by Rev. R. H. Harbert, presiding elder; admitted to Colorado Annual Conference in 1935 by Bishop John A. Gregg; appointments: Winslow, Arizona, Colorado Conference. Pastored Saint Luke, Kansas City, Kansas, 1 year; Campbell Chapel, Atchison, Kansas, 4 years; St. John, Topeka, Kansas; and St. James, St. Louis.



LYTLE, Rev. Harry L., born West Tennessee, October 8, 1895; son of LaFayette and Louise Wright Lytle; attended the Booker T. Washington High School in Tennessee; Medill High of Chicago; was married to Mrs. Beulah Mae Lynn; partial training in the following institutes; Tuskegee, (Industrial), Tuskegee, Alabama, 1913-1914; Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., 1938-39; served in the local church, as superintendent Sunday school, trustee, steward, asst. pastor; was licensed to preach in Bethel AME Church, Brookport, Ill. by the presiding elder, Rev. J. W. Wiley, July, 1926; was admitted to the Chicago Annual Conference, Quinn Chapel, October 1933; ordained deacon at Quinn Chapel, 1935, by Bishop Parks; elder at Quinn Chapel 1938, by Bishop Gregg. Served as pastor of Gaines Mission, Chicago, 1937-1939; Brown Chapel, Joliet., Ill., 1939-1941; St. James AME Church, Monmouth, Illinois, 1941-1944. **Also served as Pvt. Harry Lee Lytle,** No. 181-0-268, U. S. Army, 1st Div. Bn., 154th D. B., Camp Meade, Md.; member of the Negro Fraternal Council of Churches, and the Bi-County Ministerial Association, Monmouth, Illinois.

LYNEM, Rev. Sheeley, presiding elder of Lexington District, in Kentucky Conference; son of Sheeley and Laura (Fox) Lynem; born March 3, 1893, Harrison County, Kentucky; married Marie Hayes (deceased), of Lexington, Ky., April 9, 1914. 5 children: Carl I., born March 18, 1915; Marie E., (Mrs. Johnson) born July 25, 1916; Sheeley F., born January 22, 1918; Lillie Mae, born July 29, 1920; Laura E., (Mrs. Rates), born November 2, 1924; married Anna C. Burns, of Lexington, Kentucky, January 15, 1944; educated public school of Cynthiana, Ky., studied Wilberforce University 1913-1914; Kentucky State College, 1931; converted November, 1907; joined St. James AME Church, Cynthiana, Ky.; held offices of Sunday school teacher, president ACE League; licensed to preach at Cynthiana, Ky., by Rev. J. W. Frazier, November 10, 1927; admitted to Kentucky Annual Conference, October, 1928; ordained deacon by Bishop Davis, October, 1930, at Frankfort, Ky.; elder, by Bishop Davis, October, 1931, Danville, Kentucky; pastored Falmouth Circuit 1930-31; Harrodsburg, Kentucky, 1931-33; Ashland, Kentucky, 1933-36; Midway, Ky., 1936-42. Presiding Elder Danville District, 1942-1943; of Lexington District, 1943; delegate to General Conferences of 1944 and 1948; member of General Conference Commission 1944-1948. Published Quarterly Conference Record 1943; Member of Masons.

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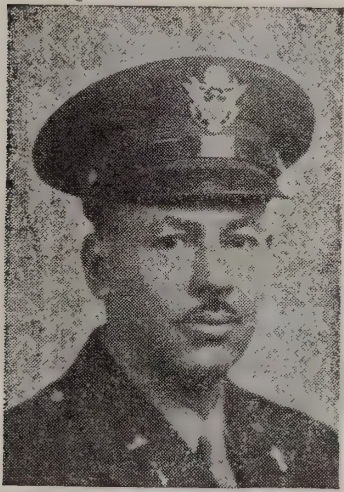
LOGAN, Rev. Lee A., born in Spartanburg, S. C., in the late 70's; the son of James and Adeline Young Logan; attended public school in Spartanburg and college at Allen University, L.I. in 1905; and Dickerson Seminary B.D., 1902; D.D. Allen; served as class leader and assistant Sunday school superintendent; was licensed to preach at Trinity Church by Rev. W. W. Clark in 1901 and admitted to the Columbia Annual Conference at Newberry in 1903; ordained deacon at Winsboro in 1906 by Bishop Coppin and elder at Abbeville in 1908 by Bishop Lee. Since then he has served in the pastorate of Johnston Mission, 1904; Leesville, 1906; Wyatt Park Mission; Carlisle Circuit; Taylor Chapel Circuit; Mt. Zion; Antioch Sta.; Allen Chapel Circuit; Friendship Station; Newbrookland Circuit; Walterboro Church and Statesbury. He also served as presiding elder of the Winsboro District in 1914, and the Lancaster District in 1924. Built Calvary Church in Leesville in 1908; received 3000 members into the church and has had 1000 conversions; delegate to the General Conferences of 1916, 1920, 1924 and 1932; alternate in 1928. He served on Board of Church Extension, 1916-1920; trustee of Allen University, 1908-1944. Articles are published regularly by Rev. Logan in the Christian Recorder, Southern Recorder, Columbia State and Palmetto Leader. He is chaplain of the Knights of Pythias and a Mason. Rev. Logan was once owner and editor of The Reformer and editor of The Standard, official publication of the AME Church in South Carolina.

McGEE, Rev. Joseph R., Pastor of St. James AME Church, Dallas, Texas; born, Florida, January 14, 1898; son of James Lewis and Anita McGee; attended the Florida public schools, Edward Waters College, and Bethune-Cookman College; served in local church as: superintendent of Sunday school, class leader, president of choir, trustee; licensed to preach at Mt. Zion AME Church by Rev. S. A. Harris, June 22, 1929; admitted to South Florida Annual Conference at West Palm Beach, Florida; ordained deacon at Miami, Florida in 1931 by Bishop J. S. Flipper; elder, at Payne Chapel, West Palm Beach, in 1932, by Bishop Flipper. Pastored: Mt. Moriah, Cocoa, Florida, 1933; Bethel, Abilene, Texas, 1934-1937; Brooks Chapel, Corpus Christi, Texas, 1937-1939; Israel Chapel, Port Arthur, Texas, 1939-42; St. James, Dallas, Texas, March 20, 1942-44. Delegate to General Conference 1944; alternate 1940; member of following: NAACP, executive board, Dallas; president AME Alliance, Dallas; past master Fraternal Lodge, No. 36, FRAM; past high priest, Elizabeth chapter—Royal Arch, Mason; past Rabban, AEAON, Mystic Shrine; 32nd degree Mason; past chancellor; Halifax River Lodge No. 60—Florida K.

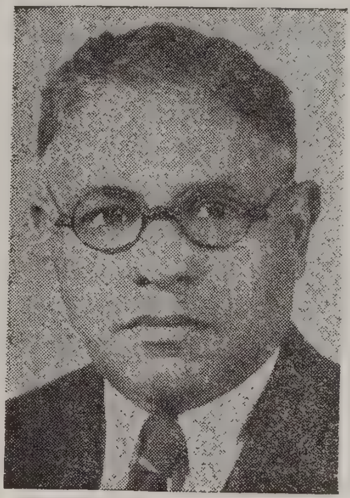
REV. AND MRS. JOSEPH R. McGEE

McCONNELL, Mrs. Claudia G., born in Greensboro, North Carolina; educated in Greensboro public schools; graduated from Immanuel Lutheran College at Greensboro; studied at Howard University, Washington, D. C.; taught school in Greensboro for 6 years. She was a life long member of Bethel AME Church in Greensboro and married there but came to Washington to reside. She joined Metropolitan A M E Church, Washington, D. C., August, 1922, Rev. C. E. Stewart, pastor; here she served as Sunday school teacher, pianist, assistant superintendent of primary department, leader of the youth for four years, and now district superintendent of Potomac AME Sunday Schools of which there are twenty-six. Her greatest contribution was the writing and directing the one hundredth anniversary pageant, "Metropolitan Triumphant", October 14, 1938. In less than four years through her efforts of presenting original plays more than twenty-five hundred dollars was reported to Metropolitan Church. Mrs. McConnell is now employed in the War Department as a clerk. She is the mother of one son, Joseph, who is in the service as a coast guardsman.

McEADDY, Mrs. Minnie A. L., widow of Rev. J. C. McEaddy, was born in Washington, D. C., August 1, 1875, the daughter of John T. and Ellen Columbia Lucas. She attended public and high school and graduated from Miner Normal School; studied at Howard University, and summer courses at Columbia University, University of Pennsylvania, and Morgan College; holds certificates for a four year reading course of Chautauqua, New York, and two years of institute work at Morgan College. She taught forty years in Washington public schools; served the local church as Sunday school teacher, assistant superintendent, first president of the YPSCE, and treasurer of St. Paul AME Church, president of the Baltimore Conference Branch WMM Society; alternate to the General Conference of 1944; member of NAACP; charter member of the Teachers' Benefit and Annuity Association; member of the Baltimore and Vicinity Ministers' Wives Alliance; president of the D. C. Mary Campbell Circle and member of the Interdenominational Ministers' Wives Council of Washington and vicinity.

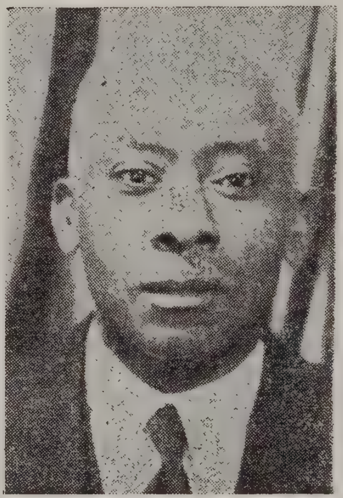


McGEE, Rev. Lewis A., Sr., U. S. Army chaplain, serving overseas with 95th Engineer Regiment; son of Rev. and Mr. Charles A. McGee; received B.A. at Carthage College; B.D., Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce; served as pastor of AME Church in Parkersburg, Freeman, Morganton and Charleston in West Virginia, and Collinwood, and Cleveland, Ohio; Clinton, and Keokuk in Iowa; St. James, Chicago; and First Church, Gary, Indiana; taught at Kittrell College one year and at Edward Waters College, two years; served overseas as U. S. Army chaplain with the 92nd Division, 1918-1919; and served overseas in World War II; father of three children: Lewis A. Jr., recently retired from U. S. Army after serving as Lt., Signal Corps in the Pacific; Charles E., Lt. in Air Corps, 332nd Fighter Group in Italy; Ruth M. Parker, Corps in WAC Detachment, Ft. Sheridan, Illinois. Rev. McGee married Miss Ruth Lewis of Springfield, Ohio, August 2, 1916 who died while their children were still small, in Cleveland, Ohio, April 8, 1922. Rev. McGee's later service for the church has been enriched by several years experience as a case worker and supervisor in social work in Chicago, Illinois. He has recently returned from the Army to the service of the church.



McGILL, S. D., deceased lawyer; was born near Quincy, Florida; the oldest of six children of Nathan and Agnes McGill. His father died when he was 14 years old. His mother later married, and McGill ran away to Sanford, Florida, where he joined St. James AME Church, which awarded him a scholarship to Edward Waters College, in 1900. He later attended Dummer Academy in South Byfield, Massachusetts, Harvard University, Boston University Law School; returning to Jacksonville, Florida, in 1908, he practiced law there until his death. He was a trustee of St. Stephens AME Church, Jacksonville; delegate to the General Conference in 1940, and 1944; trustee of Edward Waters College, and general counsel for the AME Church in Florida for more than 20 years; was elected to every Republican state convention since 1910; a delegate to the national conventions that nominated Harding for President in 1920, and Coolidge in 1924. He won some of the most famous cases ever represented by a Negro lawyer in Florida; was counsel for Abe Washington who was indicted, tried, convicted and sentenced to hang in 1924. After the sheriff had built the scaffold and prepared to go through with the execution, Attorney McGill objected to further procedure upon the ground that since the sentence, Florida passed a law substituting electrocution for hanging without any reservations for crimes already committed. The case was carried through all Florida courts and finally to the U. S. Supreme Court with the result that the prisoner is now a free man. Attorney McGill was also counsel for the four young Negro men (Florida's Little Scottsboro Case) charged, tried, convicted and sentenced to death for the murder of Robert Darcy, a white man in Pompano in 1933. This case was fought through all Florida courts, finally reaching the U. S. Supreme Court in 1940 where Mr. Justice Hugo Black rendered his famous "Second Emancipation Opinion" on Abraham Lincoln's birthday, reversing the death sentences passed by the Florida Courts. All four of the men were set free by a jury in March, 1942, at West Palm Beach, Florida.

McGREW, Rev. Warren N., Pastor of Israel Chapel AME Church, Port Arthur, Texas; son of Rev. William E., and Henrietta (Thompson) McGrew; born November 7, 1889, Milam County, Texas; married Lenora B. Colman, of Cameron, November 2, 1915; two children: W. N., Jr., and Lenora Belle Vivian McGrew; W. N. Jr., served in the U.S. Marines. Rev. McGrew attended public school at Mineola, Texas; received D.D. from Paul Quinn College; converted and joined the AME Church at seven years of age at Liberty, Texas, under the pastorate of his father; served local church as janitor, steward, trustee, Sunday school superintendent, teacher, secretary ACE League, secretary-treasurer, and class leader, and church secretary; licensed to exhort July 13, 1906, licensed to preach October 19, 1907, both by Rev. William Leake; admitted to the N. E. Texas Annual Conference, November, 1909; ordained deacon by Bishop Tyree, November 26, 1911, at Waxahachie, Texas; elder by Bishop Jones, December 1, 1917, at Pittsburg, Texas; pastored Brownsboro Circuit from May to November, 1910, and received a scholarship to Paul Quinn College; pastored South Corsicana mission, November, 1911 to November, 1913; bought the property where Grace Chapel now stands; conference evangelist, November, 1915 to December, 1917; Cowansville mission circuit, December, 1917 to December, 1918; Gaines Chapel and Pearl St. mission circuit, Dallas, Texas; paid $150 on a lot for the church at Pearl Street, December, 1918 to December 1920; Palmer circuit reduced the debt from $800.00 to $300.00, December, 1920 to November, 1924; Blooming Grove Station, November, 1924 to November, 1925; Bastrop Station; erected a church building at the cost of $3,500, and 25 persons joined at the opening, among them Bro. Kerr and his mother, over 80 years old. November 1925 to November 1926, Fannie Garth station, Dallas, Texas; November, 1926 to November, 1927, Sherman station, following Dr. C. H. Bell; December, 1927 to November, 1929, Wesley Chapel, Ft. Worth, Texas; November, 1929 to November, 1930, Texarkana station; November, 1930 to March, 1936, presiding elder of the Texarkana District; March, 1936 to December, 1938 presiding elder of the Waxahachie District; December, 1938 to November, 1939, presiding elder of the Corsicana District; Nov. 1939 to November, 1941, presiding elder of the Brenham District; November, 1941 to March, 1942, state evangelist; 1942, pastor of Israel Chapel at Port Arthur, Texas; member of all General Conferences (except 1940) since 1928. He has successfully conducted revivals for such men as Dr. G. B. Young (now Bishop); Dr. C. W. Abington, (now editor of the Journal of Religious Education, and Sunday School Literature) and many others.



LEE, Mr. James W., U. S. mail carrier, was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, June 8, 1886, son of James H. T. and Mary J. (Jackson) Lee; attended public school No. 23 in Indianapolis, Indiana, and Hampton Institute and The Religious Training School; in the local church he served as Sunday school superintendent and class leader; was licensed to preach at Quinn Chapel Church by Rev. B. U. Taylor in Chicago in 1942; is member of Religious Work Committee, YMCA, treasurer of the Inter-Church Laymen's Council; president of the Du Sable Negro History Club; vice chairman of the George Arthur Institution (School of Christian Education) and a member of the Postal Alliance. Mr. Lee, a widower, is the father of six children, three now living, Hortense Rhoda, Mary Geraldine, and Joseph Wilbur.

MASSIE, Rev. John Henry, deceased, former presiding elder, Paducah District, West Kentucky Conference; son of Steven and Emma Massie; born August 22, 1862, Fayetteville, Tennessee; married Daisy Heart of Xenia, Ohio, 1913; 2 children, William D., born August 2, 1914 and Bessie Mae Massie born January 18, 1917; Mrs. Daisy Heart Massie died 1924; second marriage November 30, 1926 to Malissia Elizabeth Lotterberry of Stanton, Virginia; educated public schools Fayetteville, Freemont, Columbus, Ohio, and B. D. Wilberforce University, 1913; converted May 4, 1879; joined Icie Bank

Church, Fayetteville, Tenn.; held offices of Sunday school teacher and superintendent, president ACE League, trustee, steward, class leader and preached 10 years before licensed; licensed to preach 1898 by Bishop Lee; admitted West Tennessee Annual Conference 1898; ordained deacon 1902; elder 1905 by Bishop Lee; pastored—South Charleston, Yellow Springs, Cedarville, Ohio, Eckman and Parkersburg 1924-25; Morgantown, 1925-26; Buchannon, 1926-1927; Worthington, 1927-28; Winding Gulf, 1928-1929; Bluefield, 1929-1930, all of West Virginia; Freemont, 1930-31; Newark, 1931-32; Wilmington, 1932-1933, Hamilton, 1933-1934; Delaware, 1934-35; Hilliard-Plain City, 1935-36; Marion, 1936-37; St. Claireville, 1937-38; Cleveland, 1938-39, all of Ohio and presiding elder Paducah District, West Kentucky Annual Conference, 1939-44; died October 19, 1944; taught public school in Ohio; a 33rd degree Mason and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

REV. AND MRS. J. H. MASSIE

MASSIE, Mrs. Malissia Elizabeth, widow of Rev. J. H. Massie; daughter of John B., and Lucretia (Arvenia) Simpson; born Stanton, West Virginia, November 3, 1878; educated public school of Stanton; married November 30, 1926; joined Bethel Church, Parkersburg, West Virginia 1905; served as Sunday school teacher, chorister, president of missionary society, stewardess, class leader, director of dramatic clubs, Worthy Counselor Court of Calanthe, and member of the executive missionary board, Paducah District, 1939-to date.

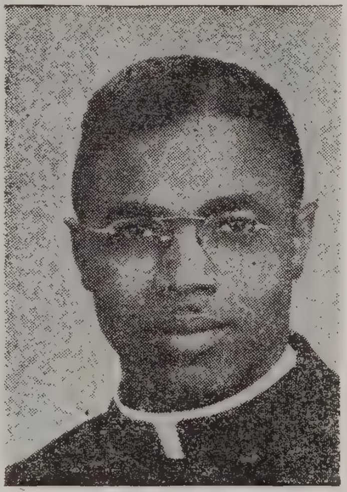
McPHERSON, Rev. C. H. O. P., Jr., was born in Charlotte, N. C., on April 22, 1895; the son of Chas. Henry O. P., Sr., and Mary Ann Green McPherson. He attended public school at Katie Grade School, Shorter College, A.B., 1919; and in 1923, B.D. from Wilberforce University. In the local church he was Sunday school superintendent, steward, trustee and class leader; licensed to preach at Bethel Church by Rev. A. E. Hubbard in 1914; admitted to the South Arkansas Conference at Dumas in 1915; ordained deacon in 1919 by Bishop Conner, and elder in 1919 by Bishop Conner. Since then he has served at St. James, New Kensington, Pennsylvania, in 1925; Quinn Chapel in Chillicothe, Ohio; in 1930; Bethel, Columbus, Ohio in 1934; Saint John, Louisville, Kentucky, in 1937; Jones Tabernacle, Cincinnati in 1941; and St. Paul, Cleveland in 1942. He built St. James Tabernacle in New Kensington in 1925. Received 1000 members into the church and has had 600 conversions; a Mason.

REV. AND MRS. C. H. O. P. McPHERSON

McPHERSON, Mrs. Wilhelmina Browning, wife of Rev. C. H. O. P. McPherson, is a piano teacher of several years experience. She has an A.B. and a B.M. degree. For her music she has studied at both the New England Conservatory of Music and the Chicago Musical College. She taught music in Shorter College, and at Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi. She also maintained a large class of private students at a studio in her home in Little Rock, Arkansas.

McLINN, Rev. Benjamin M., born in Greensboro, Georgia, 1892; son of Nathaniel and Mary Jane Amos McLinn; attended the Greensboro public school and high school, Normal College in Alabama, Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.; Wilberforce, 1917, B.D.; and D.D., 1939; licensed to preach in 1912, at Allen Temple Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, by Rev. T. D. Scott; admitted to Central Texas Annual Conference at Waco, Texas, 1918; under Bishop W. D. Johnson, was sent to Mexico, 1919; ordained elder at Austin, Texas, in 1920 by Bishop Jones; served as pastor at Belton, Texas, 1917; New

Brownsville, Texas, 1920; Lancaster, Ohio; Piqua, Ohio; Monongahela, Pa.; New Brighton, Pa., 1933; Scranton, Pa., 1935; Lexington, Kentucky, 1939; Washington, Pa., 1943; served as presiding elder of Allegheny District, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1934; built the following: parsonage in Belton, Texas, 1918; New Brownsville, Texas, 1934; paid the mortgages of Washington, Pa., $3,600.50. Received 300 members into the church and had 300 conversions; delegate to the General Conferences of 1944 and 1948; was in the Washington Defense Corps; has a son Harry McLinn in the dental corps at Washington, D. C.; member of the Elks, Masons, Odd Fellows; director of the American Red Cross, Chairman of Interracial Board. In Huntsville, Alabama, in 1917 he was married to Miss Clara Derrick; two children: Mrs. Sue McLinn Hair, a teacher in Campbell College, and the wife of Dr. Hair; Harry, in the United States Army.



MacMILLAN, Rev. James M., pastor of Wright Memorial AME Church, Brooklyn, New York; was born in South Carolina, February 5, 1913; son of James M., Sr., and Ida G. (Williams) MacMillan; attended the Aiken, S. C., public school, Voorhees Junior College, Denmark, S. C.; Tabernacle Baptist Religious School in Savannah, Ga.; 1 year National Institute, New York City; 2 years at Albany Bible School in New York; served as vice president of Eureka Union of the Eureka Missionary Baptist Association, Savannah, Ga.; licensed to preach at Aiken Church by Rev. Jesse Miles in October, 1931; ordained deacon at Emanuel AME Church, New York, in 1939, by Bishop Sims; elder at Buffalo, N. Y., in 1941, by Bishop Sims; served as pastor at: Mt. Olivet Baptist, Savannah, Ga., December, 1934; Goodwill Baptist, Savannah, Ga., October, 1936; assistant pastor, Macedonia AME, Flushing, September, 1938; Timothy AME, Coxsackie, N. Y., October 13, 1940; Mt. Carmel AME, New Rochelle, N. Y., October 13, 1943, and Wright Memorial since May, 1947; Organized: Goodwill Baptist, Savannah, Ga., 1936; Timothy AME, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., 1939; received 300 members into the church and had 350 conversions under his preaching. He was married to Miss Lucile Franklin Smith in 1934 at Bamberg, Ga.

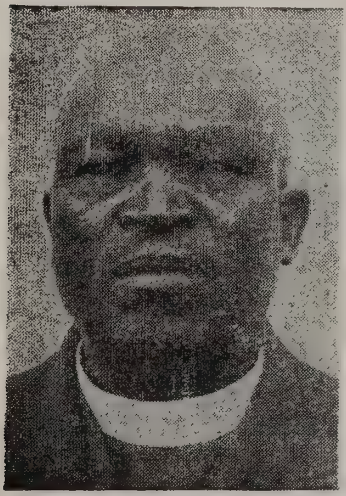
McNEIL, Rev. L. S., born in New York City, November 25, 1894; son of C. S. and S. A. (Heath) McNeil; attended Rhodes Prep. School, New York City, and Western University, Quindaro, Kansas, B.D., June 1938; licensed to preach at St. Mark's Church by Rev. C. W. Walton, May, 1934; admitted to New York Annual Conference at Jamaica in May, 1935; ordained deacon at Kansas City, Kansas, by Bishop Williams, 1937; elder at Leavenworth, Kans. in 1939 by Bishop Williams; served as pastor at Garden City, Kansas; Olathe, Kansas; Fresno, California; Spokane, Washington; Long Beach, California; Leavenworth, Kansas; organized Tucker Memorial Church, Bain City, Kansas, 1943; alternate to the General Conference, 1944; served as trustee of Western University, 1938-1944; published articles in the church papers; Pittsburgh Courier, Crisis; California Eagles, Fresno Bee. He is president of the NAACP, VP, Interdenominational Alliance, Inter-Racial (First Negro to be so honored) Leavenworth, Kansas, Inter-State Literary Society, Mason, Elk.

MASON, Mrs. Mabel Johnson, born March 19, 1891 in Gravity, Iowa; daughter of William Henry and Emma Johnson; was educated at Gravity, finishing high school, May 24, 1907. At an early age she united with the ME Church under Evangelist Billy Sunday. She moved to Des Moines, Iowa in 1918; September 19th, she became the bride of Frank P. Johnson and joined St. Paul AME Church, Rev. S. L. Birt, pastor. Mr. Johnson passed away April 10, 1924 and she married George H. Mason, a member and chorister of St. Paul. She served as steward, treasurer of stewards' Board, class leader; she is Past Matron of Prince Ozul Chapter, OES; Past Grand Auditor of Electa Grand Chapter, OES of Iowa, 1938; past president of the Lincoln No. 126, American Legion Aux. 1935-1937; Past D.G.M.N.G. District No. 21 of House Hold Ruth of Iowa; district deputy of Daughters of Elks, Iowa; Republican precinct committee woman; lay delegate of 1944 General Conference; member of the YWCA, NAACP, corresponding secretary of Iowa Association of Colored Women's Clubs.

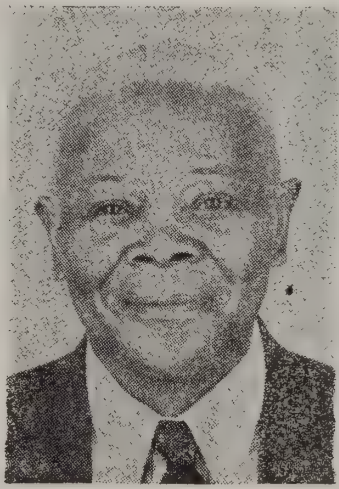
McRAE, Robert Lee, was born in Stamps, Ark.; reared on a farm and attended rural schools, to the eighth grade. He left Stamps and moved to Little Rock, where after two years he moved to Memphis, Tennessee and finished high school, working during the day and going to school at night. He is a member of St. Andrews AME Church of Memphis, where he is steward, class leader, teacher of the young men's Bible class in the Sunday school, and vice-president of the ACE League; delegate to the 1944 and 1948 General Conferences. He is a veteran of

World War II, having served with the 4202nd QM Supply Co., U. S. Army, is married and has 1 child. He is the only Negro shoe salesman in Memphis, having been associated with one of the leading men's shoe stores for past decade. October, 1947 he was licensed to preach by Rev. A. L. Gilmore, presiding elder at St. Andrew AME Church, Rev. F. D. Coleman, Sr., pastor.

MORRIS, Mrs. Mary Arnell, (A.B.) born in Columbia, Tennessee, and converted in childhood during the pastorate of Rev. Nelson McGavock; moved to Nashville, and at the age of 16, as Mary Arnell, her maiden name, she joined St. John Church; later joined Bethel Church, Nashville, where she has spent over 40 years, serving as teacher and assistant superintendent of Sunday school, member of missionary society, president of stewardess board for a number of years; she was treasurer of WH & F Missionary Conference Branch for nearly 20 years, and a tower of strength in the congregation of Bethel under all its pastors. She was married early to Brother A. B. Morris, and they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary a few years before his passing; she was a member of Phyllis Wheatley Club Relief Society, and South Nashville Civic League, and for years a member of the undertaking firms of Ransom and Morris.



MALEFETSE, Rev. Abel Job, of South Africa; born September 2, 1876 at Houtkopies, Vereeniging District, (South Africa); educated at Kilnerton Institution, passed 2nd year teachers course in 1895; was 3 years teacher at Pretoria; 4 years at Heidelburg; Vryburg 3 years; Kunana 5 years; ordained deacon in 1926 by Bishop Gregg; ordained elder by Bishop Young; pasotr at Chisti ana,, Potchefstroom, Springs, Randfontein, Krugersdorp, Vryburg, Kunana, Lichtenburg. Built churches at Nigel, and Litchtenburg; built parsonages at Motsitlane and Potchefstroom. His wife is second vice-president WMS.



McInnis, Rev. F. J. pastor of Ebenezer AME Church, Nashville, Tennessee; was born in Mississippi and was baptized in the AME Church when he was a month old; was trained for the ministry at Campbell College, Jackson, Miss.; Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Georgia; and Simmons University, Louisville, Kentucky; through his powerful preaching many souls have been added to the AME Church. His pastoral work has been in the Eighth Episcopal District and now in the 13th Episcopal District of the AME Church.

MADISON, Rev. J. L., pastor of St. Paul AME Church, Newport, Kentucky, was married to Janie Madison in 1902; to this union were born five children: Mrs. Naomi Rankin, a seamstress of Lexington, Ky.; Miss Gladys Madison, deceased; Mrs. Viola Cushnie, a registered nurse of New York City; Cpl. John Madison, somewhere in England in the U. S. Army; Miss Angelene Madison, principal of Travis High School, Monticello, Kentucky, a graduate of Columbia University; Rev. Madison has pastored for 28 years in the Kentucky and West Kentucky conferences. He has added more than 1,000 souls to the AME Church, paid off mortgages, purchased parsonages and renovated churches throughout the state of Kentucky.

REV. AND MRS. J. L. MADISON

MADISON, Mrs. Janie L., wife of Rev. J. L. Madison, is president of the Kentucky Conference Branch of Women's Missionary Society since 1946.

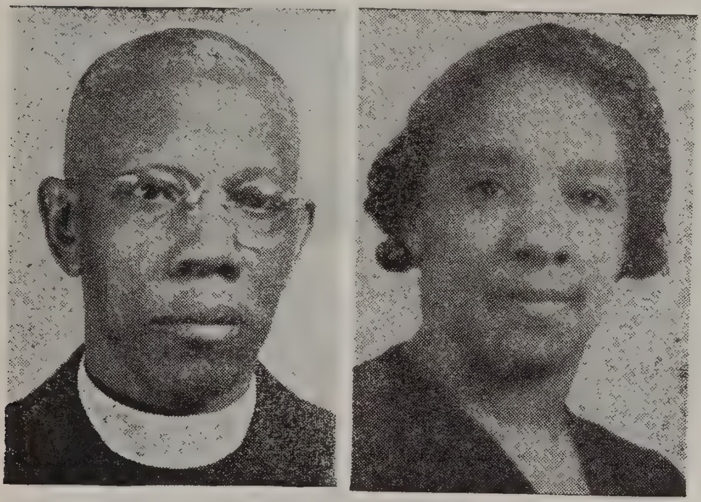
MALLARD, Rev. Benjamin Franklin, son of John R., and Nancy Elliotte Mallard, Sr.; attended Dorchester Academy, and Talladega College, A.B., June, 1903; B.D., Oberlin Seminary, May, 1906; M.T., American College, 1911; D.D., Payne University, 1920. Licensed to preach in Congregational Church in 1906; admitted to Central Alabama Conference at Uniontown in 1910; ordained deacon at Uniontown, Ala., in 1913 by Bishop Jones; elder at Uniontown in 1913 by Bishop Jones; served as pastor of churches in Alabama: St. John, Huntsville, November, 1913; St. Luke, N. Birmingham, 1914-1916; Allen Temple, Bessemer, 1916-19; St. James, Pratt City, 1919-1924; St. Paul, Birmingham, 1924-1927; St. Paul, Florence, November, 1927-31; Bethel, Rosedale, 1931-1936; Bethel, Mobile, 1936-1939; Brown Chapel, Selma, 1939-1940; Grant Chapel, Gadsden, 1940-41; served as presiding elder of the: Huntsville District and Birmingham District, both in North Alabama Conference; repaired St. James, Pratt City, and Grant Chapel, 1941-1943; paid the mortgage of: Allen Temple, St. John, Huntsville; Bethel, Mobile, and Grant Chapel, Gadsden, Ala.; received over 500 members into the church; delegate to the General Conference in 1924, 1928 and 1944; alternate in 1920, 1932, 1936; trustee of Payne University, 1920 to date. Published articles in Birmingham Age Herald, and the Recorders. A four-minute speaker in Alabama during the World War I; served on the Inter-racial Committee of the Civic League; AF&AM, Ruth Lodge No. 33, Pratt City, Ala.; won the oratorical scholarship contest at Dorchester Academy and one at Talladega College in 1903; won scholarship at Oberlin Seminary.

MANNING, Rev. James Alexander, born in Portsmouth, Va., December 18, 1876; the son of Capt. James E. and Josephine Scott Manning His father served in the Civil War and organized the Virginia National Guards shortly after; educated at the Chestnut Street Academy, Portsmouth, Va.; Norfolk Mission College, Norfolk, Va., and in New York City served as a steward, trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school in St. John AME Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and after 1910 class leader in Bridge Street AME Church, Brooklyn; licensed to preach August 10, 1912; ordained deacon July 2, 1916, and elder, May 25, 1919 by Bishop Tyree; served as pastor at Arverne, Elmhurst, Northport and Smithtown, and Port Washington, New York; presiding elder, 1936 to 1946; served in U. S. Navy, September 27, 1897 to October 9, 1904, serving in Cuba, Philippine Islands, and other foreign waters, during the war with Spain; subsequently awarded a "Good Conduct Medal"; member of the Masons, (Prince Hall); Long Island Consistory Scottish Rite, Thirty-second degree; GUO of O Fellows; Order of Elks; Society Sons of Virginia; and the United Spanish-American War Veterans; married Mrs. Letitia A. Downs, July 11, 1935. Mrs. Manning served as treasurer of the New York Conference Branch, WMMS, and supervisor of the Manhattan-Buffalo Districts.

REV. AND MRS. J. A. MANNING

MAREKA, Rev. Theophilus A., assistant general superintendent Fifteenth Episcopal District, South Africa, presiding elder of Johannesburg District; pastor Sophiatown; treasurer Wilberforce Institute, Transvaal Conference and Semi-centenary fund; son of M. Abel Mareka, brother of late Rev. A. A. Mareka; born in Mabalela, Mission School, trained as carpenter at Bensonvale Institution, Cape. Practised trade at Lindley, built several AME churches O.E.S. Licensed 1915; pastored: Smithfield, OFS, Winburg 5 years; ordained deacon and elder and registered marriage officer, 1921; pastored: Germiston, Tvl., 1924, remained; became presiding elder Pretoria District, and pastor Pretoria circuit 1928; appointed acting general superintendent, 1931; presiding elder Johannesburg District and pastor of Sophiatown from 1935 to date; appointed general superintendent 1940, assistant general superintendent 1941; superintendent, 1941; superintendent Tvl. Conference, 1944; elected delegate to General Conference 1944; married the daughter of Mr. Bernard Phirisi, 1913. Blessed with 8 children. 5 called home to heaven.

MARSHALL, Rev. Willie K., presiding elder Paducah District, West Kentucky Conference; was born in Grangeville, La., June 8, 1891, son of Willie and Mollie Steward Marshall; attended public schools of Louisiana; held the offices of Sunday school superintendent, class leader, steward and trustee in the local church; licensed to preach at Pine Grove Church by Rev. E. W. Goff in 1909; admitted to Central Louisiana Conference at Elizabethtown in 1919, and (1919) ordained deacon by Bishop Fountain, and ordained elder at Leesville in 1927 by Bishop A. L. Gaines; pastor at New Iberia, La., 1919-25; De Ridder, La., 1927-29; Alexandria, La., 1930-31; Lexington, Ky., 1931-37; Paducah, Ky., 1939-43; Taylor Chapel, 1943-46; presiding elder 1946 to present. He also served as presiding elder of the Danville District, Kentucky Conference from 1937-39; built Ambers Chapel in New Iberia, Fountain Chapel in De Ridder, and Allen Chapel in Monroe. He paid a mortgage on Bethel AME Church at Alexandria; delegate to all General Conferences since 1936; trustee of Lampton College from 1928-29; published articles in the Christian Recorder; an Odd Fellow and served as secretary of the Pine Grove, Louisiana District; secretary of the Masons' Lodge at Leesville, and a Knight of Pythias in Pine Grove, Louisiana.



REV. AND MRS. W. K. MARSHALL

MARSHALL, Mrs. Willie Katie, was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky on October 21, 1901, the daughter of Rev. J. C. and Oma Rowan Dean; he attended the public school of Owenboro and Louisville, Kentucky, and high school at Chandler Normal A&M in Lexington, Kentucky. She undertook college work at Kentucky State College. In the local church she held the offices of Sunday school superintendent, teacher, president of the WMMS and stewardess. Mrs. Marshall has a brother, Ernest Dean who served in the World War I, and she herself is a member of the American Legion Woman's Auxiliary.

McLAUGHLIN, Chaplain, Elmer A., born in Daytona, Florida; son of Ancil J., and Addie McLaughlin, staunch members of the AME Church; received B.A. from Howard; B.D., Gammon; was ordained at the Congregational Church in 1934, and pastored in the Congregational Church for 7 years; joined the AME Church in 1938 and in 1940 became pastor of Bethel AME Church, Gainesville, Florida. He later served during part of one scholastic year as assistant to Dean Alexander of the Edward Waters School of Religion in Florida. He entered the Chaplain's Corps, July 16, 1942, and was promoted to the rank of captain.

McLAUGHLIN, Mrs. Edna O. Dilworth, wife of Chaplain E. A. McLaughlin; was born in Tallahassee, Florida; daughter of Rev. B. S. and Mary L. (Herndon) Dilworth. Her father and grandfather were AME ministers. S. S. Herndon, maternal grandfather, was a pioneer educator and pastor in the AME Church in Florida, serving as presiding elder for years. She was educated and received her B.S. from Virginia State College, and has had a rather extended career as public school teacher in Florida, for a brief period in Virginia.

MASON, Rev. Franklin Howard, presiding elder, jeweler, optometrist, minister; was born on a farm in Indiana, February 24, 1891; son of John Okey and Aurie Jane (Okey) Mason; attended public schools in Spartanburg, Indiana and Wilberforce Universities; received Doctor of Optometry (O.D.) from Ohio State University in 1920; National School of Optometry, 1936; the Horological Guild, 1938; D.D. Wilberforce, 1942. He was licensed to preach at Wilberforce by Rev. J. W. Gazaway, 1911; admitted to Ohio Annual Conference at Portsmouth, Ohio, 1912; ordained deacon at Zanesville, Ohio, in 1913 by Bishop Shaffer; elder at Cincinnati, in 1915 by Bishop Shaffer. Pastor in Ohio: Cedarville, 1911-1913; Gallipolis, 1914-1920; Piqua, 1921-1923; Mt. Vernon, 1923-25; Trinity, Springfield, 1925-28; Cadiz, 1929; Altoona, Pa., 1930-1933; Allen AME Dayton, 1934; Washington Court House, 1935; Warren, 1936-1937; Bethel, Columbus, 1940-1944;

presiding elder of: Wheeling, West Virginia Conference, 1936-1938; Springfield, 1938-40; paid the mortgages on Cadiz, and Columbus; received 375 members into the Church and had 155 conversions; delegate to General Conferences of 1936-1944; contributed to the War through Civilian Defense. He has four optometry and jewelry stores operating with eight operators. Has trained nine colored young men in the business. Was twice married. His first wife was Mrs. Eliza Vanora Nash, 1915-1922, deceased. They had 4 children: Amaryllis, Vernon Roscoe, Ruby Bernadine and Chauncey Mortz Mason. His present wife was Miss Lily Mae Wilborn whom he married in 1924; they have 1 step child, John Wilborn Currie. He is a charter member of the Chamber of Commerce, Xenia, from 1916, made 30 degree Mason, Troy, O., 1922; made K of P Mt. Vernon, Ohio, (Prelate) 1924; joined the Eastern Star, Cadiz, Ohio, 1929; made an Elk in Springfield, Ohio, and was promoted to honorary chaplainship for life. Rev. Mason has operated optometry and horological or jewelry stores since 1915.

REV. AND MRS. F. H. MASON

MASON, Mrs. Lillian M., wife of Rev. Franklin H. Mason; born in Springfield, Ohio, May 19, 1883, daughter of John and Henrietta (Butcher) Wilborn; attended Springfield, Ohio, public and high school, graduating in 1901; was married twice having one son, John Wilborn Currie by her former marriage. August 6, 1924, was married to Rev. F. H. Mason. Step children are: Amaryllis, Chauncey M., Vernon R., and Ruby B. Member of Eastern Star, Franklin County Republican Club, Unity Charity Club, hostess committee of YWCA, president of Columbus Ministers' Wives Alliance, vice-president of Ohio Conference Evangelists, chorister of Ohio Annual Conference singers, Ohio State Cosmetologists. She is the niece of the late Granville T. Woods, a Negro, one of America's greatest inventors of the past generation.

MARTIN, Rev. George Franklin, was born at Higginsville, Missouri, July 18th, educated in Kansas City, Mo. public schools, Montana Wesleyan College and the Pacific Seminary; with post-graduate work at Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas; Reed College, Portland, Oregon; University of Washington, Seattle, Washington; joined the Southwest Missouri Annual Conference, from Ebenezer AME Church, 1941; member of every General Conference since 1920, always the first man elected by his conference; 1924-1929, president of Flipper-Key-Davis University of Oklahoma. He resigned to re-enter the pastorate. 1940-to present, president of Western University; and for the same period of time executive vice-president of Douglass Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas. He was in office when the mortgages were paid off all of these institutions. For twelve years a member of the Board of Managers the Parent Home and Foreign Missionary Society; pastored at Miami, Marshall and St. Joseph (Ebenezer) in Missouri; Helena, Montana; Pasadena, California; Seattle, and Spokane, Washington; Portland, Oregon; Trinity, Kansas City, Kans. Also served as presiding elder of the Spokane District of the Puget Sound Annual Conference.

MARTIN, Rev. Miles Madison, born May 4, 1861; son of Abraham and Lucidy Martin; attended school in Greenwood, S. C.; received D.D., from Princeton, Ind., October, 1920; served as class leader, steward, trustee; licensed to preach at Mt. Sinai Church by Rev. S. H. Jefferson, 1882; admitted to Columbia Annual Conference at Greenwood, 1882; ordained deacon at Greenville, by Bishop Shorter, elder at Abbeville, 1886; served as pastor at: Due West Station, 1884; Greenville, Miss., 1885; Lewisville Station, 1887; St. Mark Mission, 1889; Wedgefield, 1891; served as presiding elder of the Dillon District, N. E. (S. C.) Conference, 1914-15; organized Emanuel, Pilgen factory, 1884; St. Mark, Manning, 1888; Dillon, 1914; Bennett, 1915; built

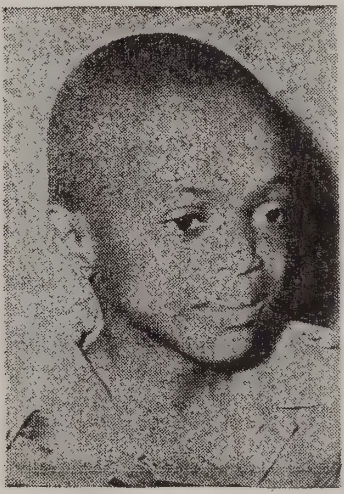
St. Mark, Manning, 1889; St. Mark, Summerton, 1906; Bethel, Summerton, 1903; paid mortgages on Seneca, $1000, 1886; Orange Hill Church, Sumter County, Wedgefield; Bethel, Sumter County; Waysville, Sumter County; received 3,500 members into the church and had 400 conversions; delegate to the General Conferences: 1916, 1928; alternate 1924; trustee of Allen University, 1900. Published articles in: The Light, The Standard, Watchman and Defender, Samaritan Herald, Christian Recorder and Western Recorder. Member of the following: Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Wise, K of P, YMCA.

MARTIN, Mrs. Clara A., wife of Rev. M. M. Martin, with whom she has lived happily 42 years. Has 9 children: 2 boys and 7 girls.

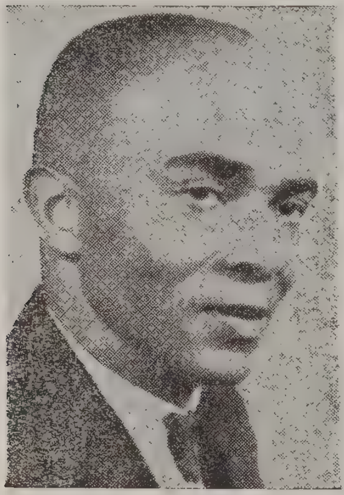
MASON, Rev. James Winsmore, pastor, Allen AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; son of David James and Henrietta (Fassett) Mason; born in Philadelphia, Pa.; married Alma J. Ford of Taft, Oklahoma, June 15, 1932; one child, J. W. Mason, Jr., (deceased); educated in Philadelphia public schools; B.D., Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University, 1925; D.D., Wilberforce, 1941; baptized in infancy in Mother Bethel Church; converted and experienced Christian growth and development in that church; served as Sunday school teacher, ACE League secretary and president, choir member, class leader and steward; licensed to preach October, 1921 in Mother Bethel Church, Rev. Harry P. Anderson, pastor, Rev. W. J. Oliver, presiding elder; admitted to the Philadelphia Conference, May, 1922 at Chambersburg; ordained deacon by Bishop Jones at Wilberforce University, June 1924; elder by Bishop Heard in Allen Church, Philadelphia, May, 1925. Pastored Bethel, Mechanicsburg, Pa., 2 years, one of the years with St. Paul, Oberlin, Pa., forming a circuit; Ebenezer, Middletown, Pa., 1 year; Union, Easton, Pa., 4 years; Bethel, LaMott, Philadelphia, 5 years; Bethel, Ardmore, Pa., 3 months; and now serving 11th year at Allen Church, where both church and parsonage have been renovated, interior and exterior; new heating system installed in both; more than $10,000 worth of mortgages and debts paid in less than six years on church, parsonage and other church property; having the record of burning three mortgages in one service; had an increase of over 450 members, 174 of them conversions, and it was the first of the Philadelphia churches to be entirely free from debt and have a treasury balance of over $2,000; a social service program of large proportions is now projected. He was a delegate to the General Conferences of 1936 and 1944; member of Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks, Woodmen, Galillean Fishermen, National Ideal Benefit Society; elected to the State Legislature of Pennsylvania; president of Women's Christian Alliance, a Philadelphia child placing agency; member of United War Chest Co-operative Committee; NAACP; YMCA, and the Frontiers Club; treasurer Finance Committee, Philadelphia Conference; First Episcopal District, Director Boy Scouts; assistant editor in chief of the Co-Ordinator, official Journal First Episcopal District; executive secretary to Bishop Sims, in the First Episcopal District; received for the bishopric in 1944 a complimentary vote. (See page 157 of 1916 Encyclopaedia for biography of Rev. Mason's father).

REV. AND MRS. J. W. MASON

MASON, Jr., James Winsmore, deceased, son of Rev. J. Winsmore and Mrs. Alma J. (Ford) Mason; was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma, September 8, 1933; attended the Durham-Arthur public school in Philadelphia, Pa., and was an exceptional scholar, having reached the fifth grade when he was a few months beyond 9 years of age; baptized in the LaMott AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa., his father pastor, by Rev. H. P. Anderson; he confirmed his baptismal vows in Allen AME Church, Philadelphia in 1940, during his father's pastorate there. He served in junior department of the Sunday school, junior department of the ACE League, junior ushers and the young people's choir of Allen AME Church. Served as chaplain of the juvenile department of the Independent Order of St. Luke; was stricken and died very suddenly, January 19, 1943, at the age of 9 years, 4 months, 11 days.



MASON, Alma Josephine (Ford), wife of Rev. J. Winsmore Mason; daughter of Charles H. and Emma (Reed) Ford; was born in Guthrie, Okla.; educated in the public schools of Taft, Oklahoma, and Wilberforce University; receiving B.S. in Education in June 1927; taught school 3 years at Taft, Oklahoma; 1 year Manual Training High School, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and 1 year at Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma; converted in Flipper Chapel AME Church, Taft, Okla., and served there as Sunday school teacher, League member and Missionary Worker; is active in religious and educational circles in Philadelphia, Pa., serving as president Philadelphia Graduate Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; member YWCA, NAACP, President Philadelphia Conference Branch WMS, and was a member of the Quadrennial Convention WMS in 1935, 1939, 1943, and 1947.



MATTHEWS, Rev. G. Emory, born in Philadelphia, 1908. Reared in Lewes, Delaware, by Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews; attended public school in Lewes, Seaford and Wilmington, Delaware; converted in 1919, and in 1923 was called to preach. In 1927 he attended Wilberforce University and Payne Seminary and received the B.A. and B.D. degrees; did graduate studies in Hartford (Conn.) Seminary. At present he is candidate for the M.A. at the University of Pennsylvania; ordained deacon in 1930 by Bishop Gregg; in 1932 he was appointed to Mt. Zion AME Church; elder by Bishop Heard. In 1933 he married Miss Irene Gibbs; they have five children: Roland, Alice, Kent, Judy and Inez. Churches pastored: Armstrong Circuit, 1933; John Wesley Circuit, 1934-1937; Macedonia AME Church, Seaford, Delaware, 1937-1939; Bethel AME Church, New Haven, Conn., 1939-1941; Mt. Zion AME Church, Dover, Delaware. He remodeled Macedonia AME Church, Seaford, Delaware; lifted the mortgage of $1000 of Mt. Zion, Dover, Delaware, and renovated the parsonage; delegate to the General Conference of 1944; member of executive board of the NAACP, of the USO, Mason, Alpha Phi Alpha; secretary of the Conference, assistant director of Religious Education, director of social service and secretary of finance committee.

MAXWELL, Rev. James H., presiding elder, born Lockland, Ohio; son of Rev. W. T. and Vi. Della Nooks Maxwell; attended Columbus and Cleveland public schools; Baldwin-Wallace University, B.S., 1914; Wilberforce University, B.D., 1918, and D.D. 1934; served as Sunday school teacher, president of ACE League, steward, and trustee; licensed to preach at St. John, Cleveland, by Rev. Charles H. Bundy in February, 1915; ordained deacon at Springfield, Ohio, in 1916 by Bishop Shaffer; elder at Hamilton, Ohio, in 1919 by Bishop Jones; served as pastor in Ohio at Urichsville, 1915; Harveysburg, 1915-1916; Yellow Springs, 1916-1918; Long, 1918-1919; First Church, Xenia, 1919-1922; Bethel, Middletown, 1922-25; Oak Hill, Youngstown, 1925-1930; Quinn Memorial, Steubenville, 1925-1933; served as presiding elder of the following districts: Springfield, 1933-1935; Cincinnati, 1935-1941; Columbus, to date. Paid the mortgage of First Church, Xenia; received 273 members into the church and had 170 conversions; delegate to all General Conferences since 1924, except 1932, when he was an alternate; served on Board of Religious Education, 1940-1946; trustee of Wilberforce University, 1934 to date; published articles in the following: in the Hamilton Daily News, Middletown Journal; was in the World War I, 372nd Infantry, Sergeant; has son now in service, Frank Woodson, U. S. Navy; daughter, Elsie, in Treasury Dept., Washington, D. C.; son and daughter, John E., and Margaret C., in Civilian Defense in Dayton, Ohio; member of the Interracial Committee, Youngstown, Ohio; president of the NAACP, Steubenville, Ohio; Masonic Lodge, Royal Arch, Chas. Bowling Post, VFW, No. 1534, member of City Health Commission, Steubenville, Ohio.

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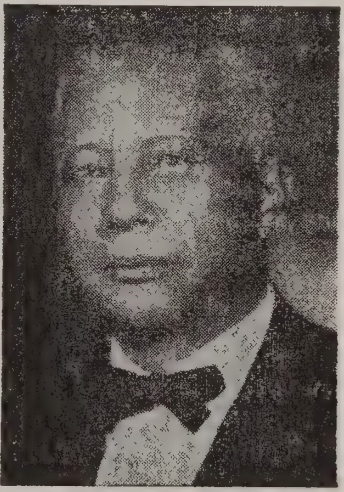
MAXWELL, Mrs. Harriette E., wife of Rev. J. H. Maxwell; born Cleveland, Ohio; daughter of Lawrence and Jennie Jackson Scott; attended the public schools of Cleveland, Ohio, and Central High School, Ohio Wesleyan, and Wilberforce Universities. Held the following local church offices: president stewardesses, president WMMS, secretary, treasurer YW Auxiliary, WMMS, Ohio Annual Conference Branch and Student Aid WMMS, Ohio. Published poems in Middletown Journal and Youngstown Vindicator; member of Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, Order of Eastern Star.

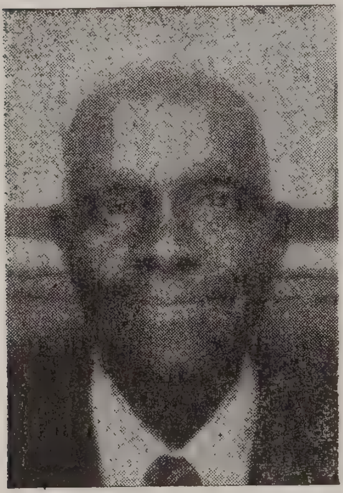
MEEKS, Mrs. Elsie V., was born in Maryland, on August 7, 1899, the daughter of Laura Bean and Southey Wilkins; attended public school in Philadelphia and Maryland, and high school in Germantown, Pa. In the local church she served as president of the courtesy club, class leader and president of the Criterion Club, supervisor of Allen Stars of MM Society and corresponding secretary of the MM Society; delegate to the 1944 general conference, a member of the Phyllis Wheatley Temple of Elks, Federation of Negro Women's Club of Pennsylvania, parliamentarian of the Harmony Club of Pennsylvania, trustee of the Grand Courts of Calanthe, Knights of Pythias, of the religious projects of the YWCA. She was a delegate to the WPMM Society Quadrennial in 1943. Mrs. Meeks is assistant secretary of the Pittsburgh Conference and a member of the religious education committee; she is the first superintendent of the Young People's Department of the WMS of Pittsburgh Conference Branch; also president and organizer of the Laymen's Organization of the Pittsburgh Conference.

MEADOWS, Mrs. Naomi Willa, evangelist; born in Castlewood, Virginia on September 17, 1913; daughter of Rev. J. J. Hamilton and Mrs. Jennie Humphrey; attended Booker T. Washington, Cincinnati; Woodward High School, Cincinnati, and Wilberforce, and Wayne University in Detroit; Payne Theological Seminary; AB from University of Cincinnati in 1938; served as Sunday school teacher, class leader, missionary, evangelist. Licensed to preach at St. Stephens Church, Detroit, by Rev. J. D. Howell in March, 1939; admitted to Michigan Annual Conference at Bethel, Detroit, in August, 1939; corresponding secretary of the Evangelist Bureau of Michigan Annual Conference; assistant superintendent of Detroit District; secretary to Michigan Conference Laymen's Organization; executive secretary of the Fourth Episcopal Laymen's Organization; Girl Scout leader; married Mr. Louis D. Meadows of Bloomington, Illinois March 16, 1941 by Dr. Joseph Gomez, at St. Paul AME Church, Cleveland, Ohio. He is at present a Sunday school teacher and treasurer of St. Paul AME Church Laymen's Organization, and Boy Scout Master of troop 340. Mrs. Meadows was delegate to the General Conf. 1944.

MEINTJES, Rev. M. G., presiding elder; was born at Graaff Reinet, Cape Province, South Africa, in 1892; attended the Colored Training Institute, Cape, where he completed his teacher's course. He was licensed to preach in Johannesburg and was ordained deacon five years later; ordained elder in 1930. After preaching in the circuits nearby he was made presiding elder in 1932. Bishop Reid made him one of his Advisory Council. He is secretary-treasurer of the Natal Annual Conference in the Fifteenth Episcopal District, South Africa. In 1937 Bishop Wright picked him to be sent to Durban, Natal, to go and arrange for the AME Church in the World Sunday School Convention to be held in 1940. However the plan was not carried out because of the World War II.

MILES, Rev. Thomas J., presiding elder, South Carolina; was born in Greenwood, S. C., March 1, 1886, the son of Lindsey and Clara Miles; attended public school, Brewer Normal College in Greenwood and also high school there; Allen University, from which he received D.D., June, 1912. In the local church he served as steward, trustee, and class leader. He was licensed to preach at Anderson, S. C., by Rev. H. H. Elly and admitted to the Columbia Conference. He was ordained deacon at Clinton, S. C., by Bishop Arnett, and elder at Spartanburg, S. C., by Bishop W. J. Gaines. Since then he has served as pastor of Jalapa, S. C. Mission; Wheeler Hill in Columbia; Mt. Carmel Circuit, Abbeville Circuit in South Carolina and Ebenezer Station in Charleston; presiding elder of the Mt. Pleasant-Palmetto; Georgetown-Palmetto; Kingstree-Palmetto; and Sumter-North East Conferences. He has organized many churches and built Ebenezer at McCormick, South Carolina; Shiloh at McCormick and Ebenezer in Charleston; he also paid mortgages at Ebenezer in McCormick and Ebenezer in Charleston. Rev. Miles has received 5000 members into the church and has had 500 conversions. He has been a delegate to six General Conferences and served on the Missionary and Church Extension Boards. He also served as a trustee of Allen University for over 25 years, and has received votes for bishop.





MILLER, Charles Howard, was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, April 21, 1874; son of Albert and Narcessis Miller; attended the public school of St. Paul and graduated from the Manual Training Schol in 1892 (Mechanic Arts High School). He was one of the only two Negro boys in the school at that time and remained in attendance at the school for six months after graduation by the request of the faculty to manage the ball team and other athletics; was also president of the literary society of said school. He did not receive some of the honors conferred upon him until many years after it was brought to the attention of the School Department. Investigation was made and according to a clipping from the Pioneer Press of February 26, 1937: "More than 200 members of the M. Club of the Mechanic Arts High School and guests at their annual banquet at the Saint Paul Hotel saw Charles H. Miller receive his long belated token, earned but never received as manager and catcher of the ball team." After school, he was employed by the St. Paul Title and Insurance Company and later became head waiter at the Commercial Club, now the Athletic Club; was file clerk in the State Legislature, 1896 and was Deputy Sheriff of Ramsey County 3½ years, and 38 years in the Custodian's Department of the City Hall and Courthouse; he has been Exalted Ruler and District Deputy of the Elks and twice a delegate to the Grand Lodge; Presiding Officer of the KP's and United Brothers of Friendship; Noble Grand of Mars Lodge GUOOF, all of Saint Paul; many church, civic and social clubs; a member of St. James AME Church for more than forty years. For 25 years he served as church clerk, steward, class leader, secretary of the official board, and church publicity man. A delegate to every Annual Conference for twenty-five years, likewise a delegate and secretary of the Saint Paul District Conference since its organization. Leader of lay delegation to General Conference 1940 from the Northwestern Conference. He has entertained in his home Bishops Parks, Heard, Davis, Gregg, likewise many prominent ministers of several denominations. On April 11, 1943 he was presented with a beautiful gold wrist watch as a token of his long and efficient service to St. James AME Church, Saint Paul, Minnesota, Reverend B. N. Moore, pastor.

MEMBE, Rev. John Lester Coward, presiding elder, Tanganyika, Central Africa; born February 2, 1904 at Fife (Ikawa) northeast of Northern Rhodesia in German East Africa, now "Tanganyika Territory", of the Mwinamwanga tribe, son of Abraham Mweni Membe of the wa-Siwale clan. He was educated in the Livingstonia Mission of the Church of Scotland and Lubwa Mission in the Chinsali District; in 1921 he was transferred to Mwenzo Mission Boarding School, after passing standard VI he served the Mission as a teacher in charge of 2 central schools; appointed at a very early age as a local preacher. He was baptized in the Livingstonia Mission of Scotland at Mwenzo Mission by Rev. Dr. J. A. Chishelin on November 19, 1924; served some years in the Government Service as a clerk and court interpreter at Broken Hill; joined the AME Church in 1930 and began to preach there with no pastor. In 1933 he was appointed to Abercorn, Tanganyika, where the AME Church was not known, even in conversation; quit Government work went to Abercorn in June, 1933 to organize the AME Church; had a number of converts, built a good Mission Station on free land given to the AME Church by the Chief Zombe, and extended the Church across the Kalambo River into the Tanganyika Territory, where the Tanganyika Government demanded the deposit of at least 50 pounds sterling to buy ground for the mission; extended the church to Lake Tanganyika, Lake Mweru up to Luapula River to the west up to the border of Belgian Congo; now has 3,926 members in the Tanganyika District; was ordained deacon in 1934 at Bulawayo by Bishop Sims; elder on November 24, 1935, at Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, by the same; appointed presiding elder of Northern Province and Tanganyika District the same day; served AME Church since 1930 at Broken Hill to 1932; Tanganyika since 1933; established the "Coan School" just in the boundary of Tanganyika and Northern Rhodesia. Over one hundred children attend this school.

MILLER, Rev. Jacob Benjamin, pastor of Saint Paul AME Church, Chickasha, Oklahoma; son of John T. and Eliza (Perin) Miller; born February 23, 1900, in Vance Mississippi; educated in the public schools of Marvell, Arkansas, and Shorter College, Little Rock, Arkansas; converted in 1910 and joined Liberty Chapel AME Church, Marvell, Arkansas; served local church as Sunday school teacher, president of the ACE League, class leader, Sunday

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school superintendent; was licensed to preach at Marvell, by Rev. L. S. Overalls, May 10, 1915; admitted to East Arkansas Annual Conference November 17, 1928; ordained deacon by Bishop Vernon, November 23, 1930; elder by Bishop Greene, December 23, 1934, at Clarendon, Arkansas. Pastored: Oneida, Arkansas, 1928; Barton, 1929; Helena, (Bethel) 1931; Hughes, 1932; pastored and remodeled Walnut Grove AME Church, Monroe, 1933; England, 1934; New Edinburg, Arkansas, 1936. Built a $3,000 church at Huttig, 1937. In Sapulpa, Oklahoma, 1938; Bartlesville, 1939; Wewoka, 1940-41; Hugo, 1942; Chickasha, 1943-1944; served as trustee of Shorter College, 1935 to 1944. Joined the Masons at the Hiram Lodge No. 114 Chicago, Ill., 1925. Preached baccalaureate sermon for Sapulpa, Ohlahoma and Hugo, Oklahoma. Delegate to General Conference in 1944. Married Elizabeth Virginia Starnes of Marvell, Arkansas, January 20, 1921; two children: Mrs. Esther (Miller) Thompson and Sadye D. Miller.

MILLER, Mrs. Elizabeth V. (Starnes), wife of Rev. J. B. Miller, local president of missionary society of St. Paul AME Church; daughter of Joseph and Esther (Adams) Starnes; born August 28, 1902. Two children: Esther J. (Miller) Thompson, and Sadye D. Miller; was educated in the public schools of Marvell, Arkansas; Helena, Arkansas; Medill High, Chicago, Ill.; read extensively from the Universities of Arkansas and Oklahoma; converted October 17, 1914; joined the church in Marvell, Ark. February 15, 1919; held office of Sunday school teacher; June 1930 became president of missionary society; joined the Eastern Star in 1941; served as president of choir; president of League; worked with all auxiliaries of the church; vice-president of missions of Ardmore, Hugo District 1943; Delegate to the General Conference, 1944.

MILLER, Rev. Julius Nathaniel, son of Mr. Anderson and Victoria Watson Miller; born, Jefferson, Georgia., 1893; attended Jefferson, Ga., Jackson County public school, and Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga. Received from Princeton (Indiana), B.D., 1925; Turner Theological Seminary, B.D., 1939; served as steward, trustee, superintendent of Sunday school of AME Church of Jefferson County, Georgia; licensed to preach at Jefferson, Georgia by Rev. W. Boyd Lawrence, 1908; admitted to North Georgia Annual Conference at Dalton, Georgia, 1909; ordained deacon at Marietta, Ga., 1911 by Bishop Flipper; elder at Dalton, Ga., 1913, by Bishop Flipper; served as pastor of Watkinsville Mission, 1916-1917; Maysville Circuit, 1918-1919; Bethel, Athens, Ga., 1920-1925; St. Mark Station, Atlanta, Georgia, 1926-1929; Turner Tabernacle, Macon, Ga., 1930-1932; served as presiding elder of the following districts in Georgia: Forsyth, 1933-1936; Milledgeville, 1937-1942; Mason, 1943; built Walker Chapel, Milledgeville, 1941; paid mortgages on: Bethel, Athens, and St. Mark, Atlanta; bought parsonage for St. Mark, Atlanta; delegate to all General Conferences since 1932; served as trustee of Morris Brown College, 1920- to date. Published articles in the Christian Recorder; member of the Good Samaritan, president of the Evangelical Ministers Union of Mason and Bibb County, Georgia.

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MILLER, Mrs. Sarah Kidd, wife of Rev. J. N. Miller; was born in Jefferson, Ga., June 15, 1896; attended the public schools of Jefferson; converted in 1908 and joined the Jefferson AME Church under Dr. C. L. Williams. She served as stewardess, president of the WH & FM Society, Sunday school teacher, member of the choir in the church and district president of the Forsyth, Milledgeville, and the Macon Districts. She is the president of the Conference of the Young People's Department of Macon, Ga. Was elected delegate to the Quadrennial Missionary Convention that met in Tulsa, Okla., Jacksonville, Fla., and Little Rock, Ark., 1943.

MILLER, Rev. William David, presiding elder, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma District; son of John Nelson and Easter (Moore) Miller; born December 12, 1875, near Rock Hill, South Carolina; married Miss Evelyn Mae (Elliott) of Houston, Texas, June 15, 1915; educated in the public schools at

Liberty Hill, Texas, and Paul Quinn College, B.D., 1935 and LL.D.; converted January 12, 1886; joined Cedar Grove AME Church, Liberty Hill, Texas, April 27, 1886; served in local church as officer in Sunday school, ACE League, class leader; licensed to preach at Sayersville, Texas, by Rev. R. S. Jenkins, presiding elder; admitted to the West Texas Conference December, 1897, by Bishop Armstrong; ordained deacon by Bishop Lee, San Antonio, Texas December, 1898; elder by Bishop Salter, Waco, Texas, Central Texas Conference, November, 1900. Pastored: Wades Chapel, Hillsboro, Texas, paid for parsonage; Metropolitan Church, Austin, Texas; Edwards Chapel, Waco, Texas, St. Luke, Waco, Texas; rebuilt Edwards Chapel, St. Paul, Beaumont, Texas; paid $2000.00 mortgage debt; Wesley Chapel, Houston, Texas; paid off $6000.00 debt on church; St. Paul, Waco, Texas; finished the church at a cost of $11,000.00. Presiding elder of Corsicana District, East Texas Annual Conference, 3 years. Appointed director of the 5-Million Dollar Drive, served 2 years. Pastored Wayman Chapel Temple, 1 year and completed the church. Transferred to the Southern California Annual Conference, 1924, 1st AME Church, 8th and Towne Ave., Los Angeles, 5-years; fraternal delegate to the AME Zion General Conference, 1924. Entertained the Bishops' Council in Los Angeles, 1925; paid $10,000.00 mortgage debt on the church and bought a new church site for $10,000.00; increased the dollar money to $2,010.00. Transferred to Oklahoma Annual Conference, 1939 at Avery Chapel, Oklahoma City, pastored 11 years; rebuilt the church at a cost of $18,000.00 and paid for it. Installed a new pipe organ; bought and paid for 40 acre farm for church and established old folks home; built a new junior church auditorium with 178 junior members; increased membership of church from 364 to 1545. Only Negro in state broadcast over radio from church. Now presiding elder of Oklahoma District. 8 years on Financial Board, Church Extension Board and member of General Conference since 1908.

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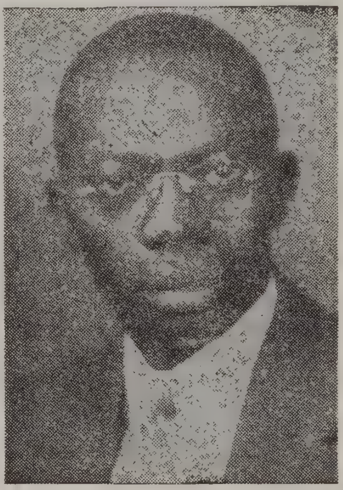
MILLER, Mrs. Della Bridges, deceased; born in Harrodsburg, Kentucky on July 4, 1886, the daughter of Robert Bridges and Fannie Johnson Bridges. She attended the public school of Harrodsburg; Central High School, Louisville; and Kentucky State College in Frankfort. In the local church she held the offices of stewardess, Sunday school superintendent and missionary president. Mrs. Miller was a delegate to the General Conferences of 1940 and 1944; president of the Kentucky Conference Branch WMS; president of the State Association of Colored Women, Grand Royal Matron of the OES of Kentucky and Grand Directress of Household of Ruth in Kentucky. Her occupation was that of school teacher and insurance agent. After her death, at the suggestion of Bishop Wright, the Kentucky Conference branch established the "Della Miller African Scholarship Fund" to aid African students.

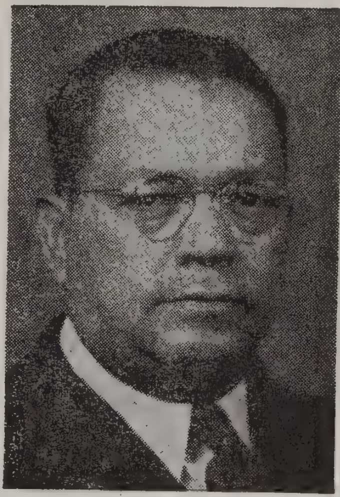
MIMS, Rev. John L., pastor of Zion AME Church, Philadelphia; born November 27, 1898 in Naylor, Georgia, in a family of AME preachers. His grandfather, Benj. Franklin Mims, was a pioneer minister of Georgia just after the Civil War; his father continued the ministerial career and handed it down to him, all of whom served in his native state. In 1917 in Chester, Pa., he joined Murphy AME Church. In 1920 the Philadelphia Conference voted him a scholarship to Wilberforce University where he graduated with honors in 1925. He also spent 3 years at the Reformed Seminary in Lancaster; served as pastor of Holmesburg and Downingtown, Pa.; 1926-29; 3 years, remodeling the church and increasing the membership; Waynesboro, 1929-30. Here he met and married Mary Louise Barnes; Lancaster, Pa., where the church was beautifully redecorated and paid for; Easton, Pennsylvania and Bristol, Pa. In 1936 he was assigned to Zion Church, Philadelphia, where he found a $75,000 mortgage and over $400 per month to be paid on interest alone and the people divided and threatened with ejection. In 7 years the



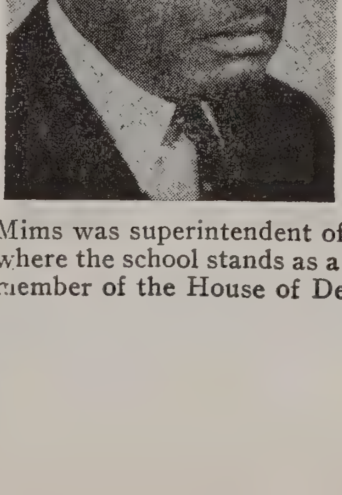
debt was reduced to $39,000 and connectional monies more than tripled. The church has been renovated and recarpeted and a drive has been put on to liquidate the entire debt. More than 400 persons united with the church the first two years. His family consists of his mother Mattie Mims; his wife, and son, Donald Franklin Mims.

MITCHAM, Rev. James S. A., pastor of St. John, Indianapolis, Ind.; born March 2, 1883 near Morrilton, Arkansas, 8th of 9 children of Anderson and Betty Mitcham. When he was about 2 years old both parents died. His childhood was one of hardship and privation; when about 8 years old equipped with less than a third-grade education, no money, and with only the clothing he wore, he joined the great army of itinerant common laborers of the South, building railroads, bridges, levees, and doing whatever job that called for brawn. But during these years he realized that education was his great need to reach a higher level of living. Though fortune seemed against him he entered Tuskegee Institute in 1902 with $1.67; worked his way through, learning bricklaying. Leaving Tuskegee in 1908 he went to Chicago in 1909, where he married Miss Mayme E. Austin. He was converted at 13; in Chicago he joined Saint John AME Church, Rev. Jesse Woods, pastor. He moved to Gary, Indiana, and became a member of the AME Church, under Rev. J. H. Garrison, and was licensed to preach; he returned to Chicago and organized Oakdale AME Sunday school and church (now St. James); receiving his appointment from the presiding elder in interim of the annual conference. In 1913 he met the Chicago annual conference, with 28 members and a church building nearing completion, and was admitted; ordained deacon in 1914, and elder in 1916. From St. James Church, 1912-1915 he was sent to Beloit, Wisconsin 1915-1920, where a $1400 debt was paid and the membership increased; Allen Temple, Marion, Indiana, 1920-26, where he built a basement under the brick church, installed a steam-heating system, and entertained the annual conference; also built a modern six-room parsonage, laid side walks around the church, which was completely modernized, and the membership greatly built up; Spruce Street Church, Terre Haute, Ind., 1926-32; here he built a modern brick church edifice with seating capacity of 350; St. John, Indianapolis, 1932 to date. Here the city condemned the church edifice, because of poor construction. He built a frame building on the rear of the main building to house the congregation while repairs were being made on the church building. The roof had to be re-inforced with fabricated steel, the side walls torn away and rebuilt from the ground up. This was successfully accomplished, and the mortgage debt of $32,000 has been reduced to $1,000. While pastoring he took studies at Beloit College, Wisconsin and at Marion College, Indiana. During 35 years 1912 to date, has pastored only five churches, and with his faithful wife supporting him in his work of the church, they have reared a family of nine children, educating all of them.

MILLER, Mr. John G., leading Negro electrician, of Nashville; was leader of the Tennessee Conference lay delegation to the AME General Conference of 1944; a staunch African Methodist who loves his church. He holds membership in St. John AME Church where he serves acceptably as trustee and class leader. He was born in Bedford County, Tennessee, but has been living in Nashville for more than a quarter of a century. He was married to Miss Carrie Rankin; one child, John G. Miller, Jr., is also a well trained electrician. His grand-daughter, Delores Miller, is the idol of their home.



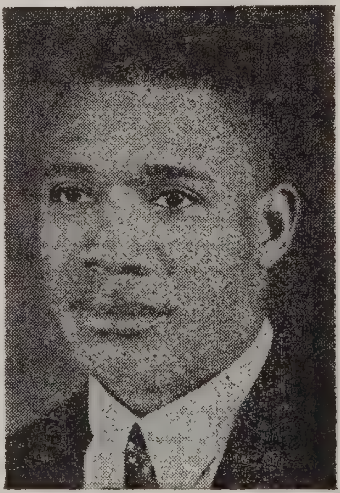
MIMS, Rev. William Samuel, was born in Abbeville County, South Carolina; attended public and high schools of the county and Allen and Columbia Universities; received A.B. from Allen, and D.D. from same in 1939; was ordained an itinerant elder at Laurens, South Carolina in 1928, under Bishop Hurst and was appointed presiding elder of the Greenville District in the Piedmont, S. C. Conference in 1929. He is a member of the executive board and auditing committee of Allen University and is a regular member of the trustee board. In the field of education, Dr. Mims was superintendent of the Mims High School where the school stands as a monument to his labor; member of the House of Delegates, Palmetto State



Teachers' Association, advisory board for registration, war treasury committee, both in McCormicks County, South Carolina, and chairman of civilian defense among colored people. He has served more than twelve years as treasurer of the Piedmont Annual Conference and for six years he has proved efficient as presiding elder of the state. Delegate to all General Conferences since 1936. He is mentioned for the bishopric in 1948.

MITCHELL, Mrs. Anna R., daughter of Stephen and Carrie Hunter; was born in Bridgewater, Bucks County, Pennsylvania; educated in the public schools of Philadelphia, graduating from the Commercial High School for Girls; was converted in 1898 under the pastorate of the late Rev. John M. Palmer, in Allen AME Chapel; was organist of the church and Sunday school and a teacher of girls' classes; appointed a stewardess director of junior choir under Rev. W. Spencer Carpenter in 1912; appointed secretary of the stewards' board under Rev. C. W. Stewart and later re-appointed in 1943 under Rev. J. Winsmore Mason; has acted as private secretary to Drs. G. L. P. Taliaferro and Wesley F. Graham, pastors of Holy Trinity Baptist Church and as office secretary for Bishop Wright, Jr., and Bishop Sims.

MITCHELL, Rev. W. P., born in Monticello, Florida, on February 5, 1893; the son of Rev. W. M. and Mrs. Mattie Jane Holliway Mitchell; educated in public school in Monticello, the Georgia State College and Edward Waters College, A.B., 1926; also B.D., from the same; licensed to preach at St. Paul by Rev. J. T. Wilson in December, 1915; admitted to the Florida Conference at Tallahassee in December, 1916; ordained deacon in 1918 by Bishop Hurst, and elder in 1920 by Bishop Hurst. Since he has served at: St. Andrews, Jacksonville Beach, Florida, 1919-1924; Union at Jacksonville from 1924-26; Mt. Zion, Green Cove Springs, 1924-27; Mt. Pisgah, Lake City, 1927-32; St. Paul, St. Augustine, 1932-1934; Mt. Zion, Jacksonville, 1934-40; Zion, Daytona Beach, 1940; Trinity, Baltimore, Md., since October 1940; delegate to General Conferences of 1936, 1944-1948; alternate in 1932 and 1940. He served as trustee of Kittrell College since 1941, and of Edward Waters College, 1924-40; was a Corporal in World War I, and secretary of the East Florida Conference from **1928 to 1940.**



MONTGOMERY, Mrs. Hortense K. Holloway, born in Everest, Kansas, on June 1, 1900; the daughter of Marshall Greene and Alice Richardson Keith Holloway; she attended public and high schools in Horton, Kansas, and graduated from high school on May 2, 1918. In the local church she held the offices of stewardess, treasurer of Mite Missionary Society of St. Jacobs AME Church in Clarinda, Ia.; delegate to 1943 Quadrennial of WMS; she is also president of Sojourner Truth Club No. 1. Although her town is small this club is doing effective work.

MOORE, Rev. Benjamin Nelson, pastor Saint James, St. Paul, Minnesota; was born to Ernest L., and Mattie A. Moore on November 16, 1902, at Knoxville, Tennessee; converted at Shiloh Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tenn., and was a member 3 years; attended Knoxville College Academy and in 1923 he came to Chicago to enter school in 1926, after taking two years college at Knoxville. After 7 years in Chicago and Battle Creek, Michigan, working, he was called to the ministry and re-entered school at Moody Bible Institute, at Chicago. Later he entered Garrett Biblical Institute and after wards Northwestern University where he received P.S. in religious education in 1937. He is candidate for his M.S. degree in social work at the University of South Dakota in 1943 and has attended Crane College, Evanston Collegiate Institute, and University of Minnesota. He was licensed to preach at Ebenezer AME Church, Evanston, in 1934; admitted to Chicago Annual Conference and ordained deacon in 1935, and elder in 1937, under Bishops Parks and

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Gregg, respectively. He married Cora Esther Cooper at Evanston in 1933 and was assistant pastor and director of religious education at Ebenezer AME Church, Evanston, from 1933 to 1937 when he was appointed to his first active pastorate at Malone AME Church, Sioux City, Iowa. After 2 years, he was appointed to St. James AME Church, St. Paul, and is present pastor of that leading church in the Northwest. He is a past president of the local branch of the NAACP, originator of Emergency Youth College, (1936 at Evanston), board member of local Urban League, Community House and Ramsey County Sunday School Association; member of Masons, Eastern Star and Elk Lodges.

MOORE, Mrs. Cora Esther, wife of Rev. B. N. Moore; daughter of Rev. Alexander W. and Cora (Campbell) Thorne; was born in Birmingham, Ala. educated in the public school, Miss White's Private Girls High School, Alabama State Normal. Received music education at Knoxville College, Tenn., Battle Creek College, Michigan, and through private teachers. She is at present the choir director, vice-president of senior and supervisor of Y. P. Missionary Society. She is a voice teacher and concert coloratura soprano.

MOORE, Rev. David J., Chaplain, (Capt.), born Marianna, Florida, Sept. 22, 1901; son of David, Jr., and Mary M. (Myrick) Moore; attended Marianna Public School, Florida Normal and Industrial Institute; A.B. from Wilberforce University, 1939; B.D. Payne Seminary, 1938; studied in Harvard University Chaplains School, 1943. Licensed to preach at St. James Church by Rev. N. Z. Graham in Marianna, Fla.; admitted to East Florida Conference, at Mt. Olive in Jacksonville, Fla., 1926; ordained deacon at St. Paul, St. Augustine, Florida, 1929, by Bishop Flipper; elder at Bethel, New Bedford, Mass., by Bishop Jones; served as pastor at the following places: Bethel, Moultrie, Fla., 1928; Federal Pt., Fla., 1929; Waterbury, Conn., 1930-1931; Pittsfield, Mass., 1932-1933; Trinity, Hartford, Conn., 1934; Narragansett Pier, R. I., 1935; Mechanicsburg Circuit, Ohio, 1936 and 1937; Yellow Springs, Ohio, 1938; College Hill, Ohio, 1939-40; Washington C. H., Ohio, 1941. Published articles in the: Pendleton Daily Herald, Pendleton, Oregon; Christian Recorder. He is a Chaplain in the U. S. Army; member of the Green County Republican Club, 1937-1940, now the College Hill Republican Club, president of West College Hill Recreation Club, 1939-1942.

CHAPLAIN AND MRS. D. J. MOORE

MOORE, Mrs. Eula, teacher, born Lincolnton, North Carolina, April 17, 1908; daughter of Arthur Jones and Jennie McBee; attended Lincolnton Junior High, Livingstone High, Livingstone College, all in North Carolina.

MOORE, Rev. Howard L., pastor, Springfield, Massachusetts; born Alliance, Ohio, February 26, 1890; son of Mordecai M. and Margaret E. Moore; attended Alliance, Ohio public school, Mt. Union College, Wilberforce, Yale and Western Reserve Universities; Wilberforce, B.D., 1925; Mt. Union, A.B., 1913; certificate of law from Western Reserve. Held the following local church offices: trustee, president Allen League, exhorter, local preacher; licensed to preach at Alliance, Ohio, by Rev. J. M. Gilmore, 1921; admitted to North Ohio Annual Conference at Warren, 1922; ordained deacon in 1923 by Bishop Jones; elder at Newark, Ohio, in 1925 by Bishop Jones; served as pastor at Salem, Ohio, 1922; London, Ohio and West Jefferson, 1922-25; Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 1925-30; New Haven, Conn., 1930-35; St. Paul, Cambridge, Mass., 1935-42; Bethel, Springfield, Mass., 1942 to date; paid the mortgages of St. Paul, Cambridge, Mass.; New Haven, Conn.; bought and paid for new pipe organ; made $13,000 worth of improvements at Bethel, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; received over 500 members into the Church and had 200 conversions. Alternate to the General Conferences, 1932, 1940, and 1948; delegate, 1944; published articles in all church periodicals; member of

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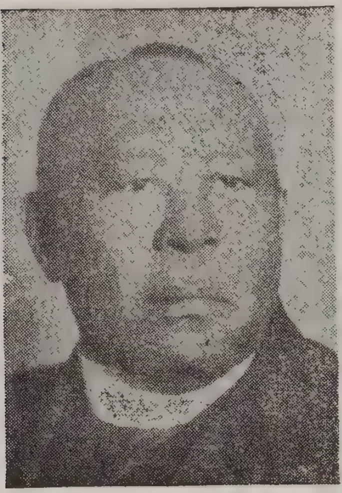
Greater Boston Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance, (was president), secretary of Interracial Church Ministerium, Chairman of USO, at Springfield; received certificate for study of law filed with the clerk of Supreme Court of Ohio, Jan. 17, 1922.



MORANT, Rev. John J., presiding elder, born at Selma, Alabama, February 14, 1882; came to Mississippi at two years of age; educated in the public schools of Vicksburg, Miss.; Wilberforce University; B.D., and D.D. from Payne Seminary; entered the AME ministry at Vicksburg, Miss., in 1895; pastor of charges in Mississippi: Tunica, Greenwood, Rosedale, Greenville, Vicksburg (Mother Bethel); presiding elder from 1914 to 1944 less one year. Ordained deacon 1897, elder 1898 by Bishop Arnett and Bishop Turner, respectively. Under his pastorate the following churches were constructed: at Tunica, Miss.; Rosedale, Miss.; parsonage at Greenville Station; Mother Bethel at Vicksburg at a cost of $30,000; 20,000 members have been added to evangelical churches and ten thousand to the AME Church by his preaching. He is known as a "soul winner" from the lakes to the gulf. Delegate to all General Conferences since 1904, probably the oldest elected ministerial delegate in the General Conference of 1944. Published "The Black Man", from 1915-1920; "Negro Progressive Forum", 1941-44. A pioneer member of the trustee board of Campbell College, Jackson, Miss., 1906-44; and for many years connectional trustee for Wilberforce University; served as presiding elder of the following districts: Vicksburg District, 1913-20; Glen Allen District, 1922-1924; Natchez District, 1925-32; Port Gibson District, 1933-1940; Hattiesburg, Brookhaven District, 1940; Greenville District, 1940-1944.

MORRIS, Rev. Samuel S., secretary of the ACE League; was born in Portsmouth, Va., in 1879. His parents were among the first families of Tidewater, Virginia. His mother was a Sunday school teacher for sixty years in Emanuel AME Church. Rev. Morris was converted at 14, and served as Sunday school teacher, and Allen League official; educated in the public schools of Norfolk County, Va., Providence, R. I., and Washington, D. C., and later graduated from Morris Brown College, A.B., 1905; B.D., 1907; A.M., 1910; and from Gammon Theological Seminary in 1902; received D.D. from Wilberforce in 1917; was licensed to preach in 1899 and joined the Virginia Conference in April, 1901; in December 1901 appointed pastor of West End Church, Atlanta; in 1903 was appointed to Thomasville Station, Fulton County, Ga., and became superintendent of the Industrial Dept. of Morris Brown College. He returned to Virginia in 1905 and served Tanner's Creek Circuit, 3 years, the debt was reduced and one church redeemed; 3 years at Macedonia, Suffolk, where the mortgage was burned; Third St. Bethel, Richmond, 5 years. This church was remodeled at a cost of $15,000 and was one of the most beautiful of the state. He served 4 years as pastor of St. John's Norfolk. During his pastorate at St. John's, a modern heating plant was installed in the church and parsonage, a flourishing mission established known as Allen Chapel, and two lots purchased for extension purposes in a growing section of the ctiy. St. John's Church reported $1,027.00 Dollar Money, the second highest amount in the connection. The Easter Day report each year was $300.00 with a Children's Day report $175.00. The Sunday school enrollment was 1400, the second largest Sunday school in the connection. Three well organized ACE Leagues functioned regularly the year round. In Richmond Rev. Morris was president of the Civic League; in Norfolk president of the Red Cross Chapter (Negro Division) member of Missionary Board, 1912 to 1920; publication Board, 1916 to 1920; Grand Worthy Master of United Order of True Reformers, 1915-1916 and Most Worshipful Grand Master of AF & A Masons, Virginia Jurisdiction, 1925-1927. From 1919 to 1920 he was state superintendent of the ACE League, and for many years was trustee of Kittrell College; elected secretary treasurer of ACE League, 1920, and re-elected 6 successive times; he has been the principal promoter of 6 Connectional Young People's Congresses, including the Sesqui Centennial in Memphis, Tenn. in 1937. After 1940 became the first General Secretary of the Department of Christian Education; attended many International and World Sunday school and Christian Endeavor Conventions; one of which was held in Berlin, Germany in 1930; this trip he visited London, Paris, Rome, Munich, wit-

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nessed the Passion Play at Oberammergau and was received by Pope. He is a 33rd degree Mason and member of Alpha Phi Alpha, and has been a member of every General Conference since 1912. In 1912 he married Miss Mamie Lawson of Danville, Va.; 3 sons: William L., Samuel S. Jr., and James M. The maternal grandparents of Rev. S. S. Morris, Sr., were members of the Cumberland Street ME Church South, Norfolk, Va., and moved with the colored members to Bute Street in the establishment of St. John Church in 1863. In Portsmouth, Va., his maternal uncle was among the group that stood guard around Emanuel AME Church because of threats to burn the building after the courts had given the colored congregation possession of the property.

MORRIS, Mrs. Mamie Lawson, wife of Rev. S. S. Morris; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Madison Lawson of Danville, Va.; attended the public schools of Danville and graduated from Virginia State College where she majored in music; she was organist of Danville Church until her marriage to Rev. S. S. Morris, in 1912, when she moved to Richmond, where her husband was pastor; she served for several years as an official in the Conference Branch, WMMS; also served with her husband in the office of the ACE League Department; for the past 15 years has been organist of St. Paul AME Church, Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Morris is recording secretary of the Committee of Management of the Blue Triangle YWCA, treasurer of the Phyllis Wheatley Home for the aged, vice chairman of the South St. Community Center, and member of USO Committee.

MORRIS, Jr., Rev. Samuel Solomon, President Shorter College; born in Norfolk, Va., son of Rev. S. S. and Mayme (Lawson) Morris; attended public schools, Pearl High, Nashville, Tennessee; B.S. from Wilberforce, 1937; B.D. from Yale University, 1940; graduate study at University of Chicago; served as Sunday school teacher, president ACE League, assistant pastor. Licensed to preach at Xenia, St. John Church by Rev. P. A. Nichols, 1937; admitted to Virginia Annual Conference, 1938; ordained deacon at Richmond, Va., in 1938 by Bishop Davis; elder at Nashville, Tennessee in 1940 by Bishop Wright; served as pastor of St. Luke, Gallatin, Tenn., 1940-1941; St. John, Springfield, 1940-1941; St. Paul, Nashville, 1943-1946; published articles in all church papers; "Immortality of the Soul," "The Future of the American Negro", "Religion in Negro College", in the Negro Journal of Religion, Journal of Religious Education, and Wilberforce Quarterly. President Chi Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Sword and Shield honorary scholarship fraternity; Zeta Sigma Pi, social fraternity, Graded Lesson Committee, International Council of Religious Education, United Christian Youth Movement, NAACP, Editorial Staff Dept. of Religious Education AME Church. Received scholarships to Wilberforce, Yale, and University of Chicago. Student assistant in economics, Wilberforce; member of student council, Yale Divinity School; "cum laude" graduate of Wilberforce; Cadet Captain, ROTC, at Wilberforce; married Miss Ermine Smith, public school teacher of Springfield, Tenn., November 30, 1942. Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Morris, Jr., have one daughter, Joyce Lynn, born February 23, 1944; paid the balance of a 19 year old mortgage of $10,000.00, on St. Paul Church in full August 27, 1945. Rev. Morris was professor of Church History at Payne Theological Seminary, 1941-43; and has been president of Shorter College, North Little Rock, Arkansas since 1946.

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MORRIS, Mrs. Ermine Smith, wife of Rev. S. S. Morris, Jr., born, Springfield, Tenn.; daughter of Junious, Sr., and Laura L. (Drake) Smith; attended Springfield, Tenn., public schools; Bransford, Springfield, Tenn.; received B.S. degree in Business Education with honors at Tennessee A&I State College; served as Sunday school secretary, Sunday school teacher, organist; member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; YWCA, Secretary of Athenian Club; member of Alpha Kappa Mu honorary scholarship society.

MURRAY, Rev. Allen Levi, Professor, Howard University, Washington, D. C.; educated in the public schools of Chicago, Ill., Payne Theological Seminary, B.D.; Western Theological Seminary, of Pittsburgh, Pa., S.T.M.; Wilberforce University, A.B.; and the University of Pittsburgh, M.Ed., completed requirement for Ph.D. He was converted at an early age, and licensed to preach by Dr. R. E. Wilson, then presiding elder of the Chicago District; admitted to the Chicago Conference by Bishop Coppin; ordained deacon by Bishop Coppin, in 1918, and elder in 1920; was public school teacher; pastored acceptably in the Chicago, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and Pittsburgh Conferences. Among his pastorates were: Burks Chapel, Paducah, Ky., where he cleared the church of mortgage indebtedness, and remodeled both church and manse, before and after the 1937 flood; 200 persons joined the church, during his pastorate in Paducah, three fourths of them were converts; Brown Chapel, Pittsburgh, Pa., where he raised nearly $4,000 in one effort, and greatly reduced the mortgage on the church, and paid the mortgage on the manse; completely renovated the manse and increased the membership about twenty-five percent. He started advocating a separate Pension Department in church periodicals, around ten years. After the war he accepted the position of professor of Religious Education in the School of Religion of Howard University, Washington, D. C., before the Department was organized. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. In 1928, he married Miss Dolores D. Jordan, a city teacher of Springfield, Tenn., to whom one child has been born, Dolores Alleyne Murray. During World War II, Rev. Murray served as a chaplain in the United States Army with a rank of 1st Lt., receiving recommendations for captaincy.

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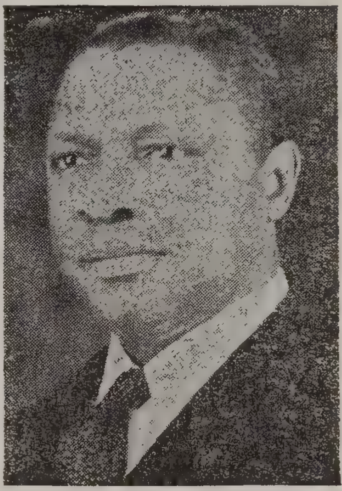
MURRAY, Mrs. Dolores D., wife of Dr. A. L. Murray, is a product of the public schools of Springfield, Tenn., and A&I State College of Nashville, Tennessee. She taught in the public schools of county and city. On July 18, 1928, she married Dr. A. L. Murray, then pastor of St. John AME Church, Springfield, Tenn. They have 1 daughter. She has made use of her musical talent in various phases of church work. As head of the Woman's Day program of her church, she raised over $1,200 in one single effort to pay the manse out of debt, without the aid of the men or youth of the church.

MURRAY, Rev. William Thomas, was born in Lanes, S. C., on Ocotber 2, 1893; the son of Rev. Winfield Wilder and Susan Alice Murray; he attended public schools in Williamsburg County, S. C.; high school at Charlseton, and college at Claflin, Orangeburg, S. C.; served as class leader, steward, choir master, Sunday school superintendent and president of the ACE League. He was licensed to preach at Ebenezer AME Church by Rev. S. Simmons in 1921; admitted to Palmetto, (S. C.) Conference at Georgetown in 1924; ordained deacon at Andrews in 1926 by Bishop Beckett, and elder at Kingstree in 1928 by Bishop Hurst; pastored in South Carolina: S. Philip in Charleston, 1925-27; Bethel in McClellanville, 1928-32; Friendship, Mt. Pleasant, 1933-38; Bethel, McClellanville, 1939-40; and Olive Branch Circuit from 1941-43. He built Ebenezer at Mt. Pleasant, in 1938; received 1500 members into the church and has had 100 conversions; delegate to the General Conferences of 1936, and 1940; trustee of Allen University from 1934-39. In 1919 he married Miss Venus Frances Kinlock of Charleston; they have 2 children: James Wilder and Edna Redelle.

NHLAPO, Jacob, principal of Wilberforce Institute, South Africa; was born at Reitz in Orange Free State Province, South Africa; acquired primary education, and passed standard six at a school called Etembeni ("The place of hope"), under the tuition of Miss Ethel Thorpe, an American teacher. Afterwards he went to Bensonvale Normal College, Cape Province, finishing in December, 1923. In 1925 he went to Lovedale, Cape Province, where he obtained a first class pass in the higher teachers' examinaion, leading all the successful candidates in the Province; Mr. Nhlapo had a desire to obtain a university education. By private independent study he first passed the university junior certificate in the first class. He then matriculated, and later gained B.A. from the University of South Africa; later obtained the Diploma in Bantu Studies (DVS) from the same university. Mr. Nhlapo taught as an uncertificated teacher for one year at the Susanna private country school, district Reitz, at a salary of one pound a month. In 1924 he was for a year headmaster of the Dutch Reformed Church Mission School. In 1926 and 1927, he was on the staff of Healdtown the largest African Institute in South Africa; 1928 to 1930, on the staff of the Reitz School; October, 1930-1940, headmaster of High School, Thaba 'Nchu, O.F.S., now Moroka Missionary Institution); from 1940 to date, principal of Wilberforce Institute, Evaton, the principal AME school in South Africa. He is a member of the Christian Council of South Africa, the Transvaal African National Congress and the African Blind Welfare Association, in most of which he holds office.

MAKHENE, Jacob Lebelo, presiding elder, Potchefstroom District, (South Africa); pastor, Potchefstroom; born September 23, 1896 at Viakfontein, Diny District, Orange Free State; son of Andrew Modise and Netta Mamodikoe Makhene of Bakhatla tribe; educated at Wilberforce Institute in 1920; form II, Junior Certificate, Lovedale, 1923; admitted to Orange conference at Klerksdorp 1930; served as assistant pastor at Randfontein; ordained deacon, 1933 by Bishop Sims at Bloemfontein; elder by Bishop Sims, 1934 at Potchefstroom, pastored Volgelstruispan, Bloemhof, Ventersdorp and Potchefstroom; promoted to presiding elder by Dr. J. R. Coan in 1941; assistant secretary Transvaal annual conference, 1938, 1940-1944; chief secretary of same; 1939, secretary finance committee; 1943-1944, secretary Joint Board Christian Education, Transvaal, Orangia, and Natal conferences.

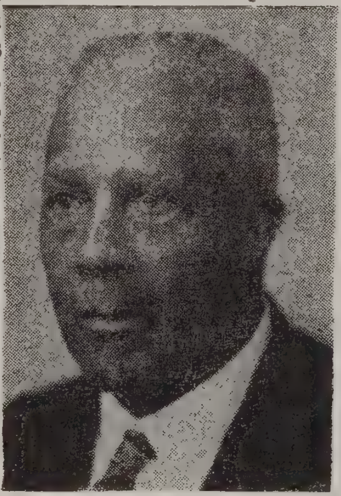
MORRISON, Mr. Paul, Jr., member of Emanuel AME Church, New York; born in Edisto Island, South Carolina, July 10, 1906; son of Mikell and Lucinda Morrison; attended the Sea Side High School, Edisto Island public school 1914; and Lamar High School, 1918; Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina, finishing its high school, June 10, 1928; joined Allen AME Church, Edisto, Sept. 12, 1924; moved to New York, joined Emanuel Church; served as steward, 1939-41, class leader since 1939, secretary trustee board since 1941 and church clerk since 1940. He married Flossie Reed of Edisto, in the year 1928, and they had 7 children; Paul J., Jr., born July 8, 1929; Lucindia, Sept. 12, 1931; Alfred, Sept. 26, 1933; Eugene, Nov. 1935; Stanley, March 1, 1937; Carl, July 6, 1939; Madeline, July 7, 1942; delegate to the General Conference in 1944; member of the Knights of Pythias, inner guard and trustee of Predegram Lodge, No. 8.



MOSES, Rev. John W., pastor of Allen Memorial Brooklyn, New York; ordained January 14, 1942 by Bishop Sims at Bethel AME Church, New York City. Appointed League Superintendent of the New York Conference May, 1942, and continuously thereafter to present; pastor: Bethel AME Church, Babylon, New York, May, 1943-September, 1943; Allen Memorial A M E Church, Brooklyn, N.Y. September, 1943 to present. Purchased new church building and parsonage of Allen Memorial April 1, 1944 at cost of $18,000, same was dedicated by Bishop Wright, Jr., April 21, 1944. D.D. was conferred upon him by Campbell College, June 3, 1945.

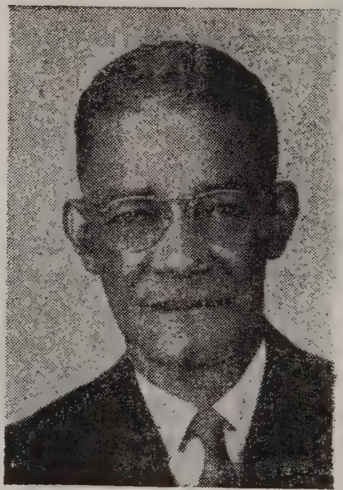
MTSHWELO, Rev. Zephaniah Cam, (South Africa), presiding elder Queenstown District; pastor, Queenstown circuit; born at Gala, Xalanga District, Cape Province on Aug. 5, 1879; son of Cam and Laishe, both of the Tembu tribe; educated at Bengu Mission School near Lady Frefe, and at Zonnebloem College, Cape Town and passed matriculation; served as an interpreter in the magistrate court, studied law; joined the Ethiopian Church under Rev. M. M. Mokone, 1893; admitted to AME Annual Conference in 1907; ordained deacon, 1910, and elder 1914 by Bishop Johnson. Pastored: Heidelberg, Standerton, Bloemhof, Scheizer Reneke, Rustenburg, Roodepoort and Volksrust all in the Transvaal Province and Grahamstown, Peddie, Bedford, Alexandria, Cradock, Emqekezweni, Naauwpoort, De Aar, Middelburg, Carnavon, Colesberg, Bolotwa, Sterkstroom and Queenstown in the Cape Province and Bulawayo in Southern Rhodesia; presiding elder for 25 years. First presiding elder appointment was Matebeleland District where there was only one pastor, Rev. S. M. Kamdshgariwa who was stationed at Que Que. In 1927 won for the church the recognition of the Government of S. R., extended the work to Northern Rhodesia. Appointed superintendent of church for the Rhodesian colonies.

Opened up work in S. R. at Nyamandlovu, Salisbury, Umzingwane, Gwelo, Selukwe, Bubi, Gatooma, Mondoro, Gwanda, Beit Bridge, Fred Mine, Shabani, Nungue, Bembesi, Plumtree, Tjolotjo, Ntlangano, Wankie, Umtali, Fort Victoria, and Northern Rhodesia at Livingstone and Ndola, Nkana, Luanshya, Sakania, Broken Hill, Lusaka, Kalomo, Choma, requested Bishop Young to form the Zambesi Conference, fought many battles with enemies of the church, from both within and without. Served as superintendent Natal Conference during extended absence of general superintendent, Dr. J. R. Coan 1944. Elected delegate to General Conference 1944; secretary-treasurer Natal Conference; member of board of trustees, Wilberforce Institute.

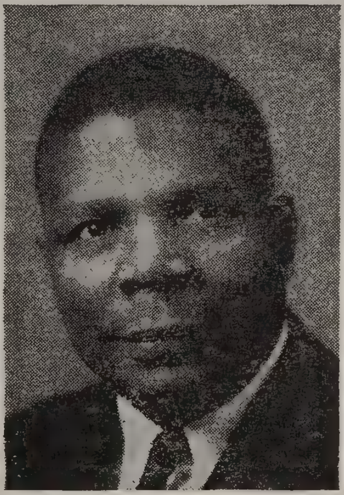


NANCE, Rev. Samuel, was born January 24, 1876 in Newberry County, South Carolina; received his education in his native county, at Howard University, Washington, D. C. and received D.D. from Allen University; was ordained in Baltimore, Maryland, April 22, 1898; pastored in Baltimore and New York Conferences, returned to South Carolina and pastored some of the leading appointments there; was appointed United States demonstration farm agent February, 1915, and organized a farmers' conference and county fair; edited and published The Evangelical Pilot for eight years and was widely known as a successful soul winner. A few testimonials: "From what I have observed and, also, the ministers throughout the state have told me, Dr. Nance has done a great work." Bishop B. F. Lee, (Annual Conference, Spartanburg, 1910), "That the people of St. George are in the midst of the greatest revival ever held in or about the city of St. George is hte testimony of oldest citizens of this city. The meeting is being conducted by Evangelist, Dr. Samuel Nance, who sweeps down sinners like a tornado." Bishop H. M. Turner, (The Theological Institute, April, 1910) "Dr. Nance is the most effectual revival worker I have ever met." Dr. R. W. Mance, (President, Allen University), "The Christian Church needs just such a minister as Evangelist Nance to keep the fire of vital Godliness ablaze." Charles H. Rembers, (Dean of Theology, Allen University, Columbia, S. C., June 12, 1907) "Only one Evangelist Nance." Bishop Coppin, "He is a great and soul stirring evangelist." John E. Jackson, pastor St. Stephen, Wilmington, N. C., July 5, 1907, and many others. Rev. Samuel Nance is one of the presiding elders of the AME Church. Greenville, Orangeburg, Beaufort and Manning Districts are some of the Districts he has served and lifted the claims of the Church.

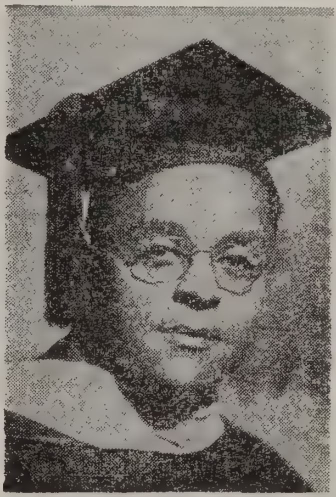
MOTAUNG, Rev. J. J. Kohlo, South Africa, pastor Motsa Chapel, Matelile, Basutoland; born 1879 Smithfield, O.F.S.; son of Galome and Catherine Motaung; father a heathen, mother a Christian; a herd boy for many years; converted and baptized in 1902 under Rev. A. A. Mareka; received into full membership in Church by Rev. A. J. Melato; attended night school. In 1903 licensed local preacher. Recommended by district conference at Edenburg under Rev. A. S. Gabashane and admitted to annual conference in 1912; ordained deacon in 1916 by Bishop Beckett; elder 1920 by Bishop Vernon; first appointment by Bishop J. A. Johnson, assistant pastor two years at Smithfield; pastor Matelile from 1937 to date; appointed presiding elder of Basutoland General District and pastor of Rother, where Emily Vernon School was built in 1925. Laid foundation of large stone church at Hlotse, completed by Rev. J. O. Maja, 1942, after 18 years; completed parsonage at Matelile; organized 7 schools in Basutoland, 2 of which received government aid.



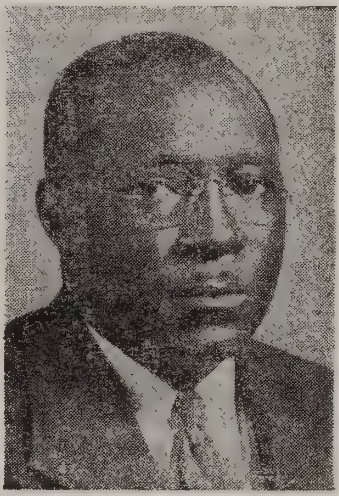
NAPPER, Rev. Robert O., presiding elder; was born at Chambersburg, Pa.; son of John and Martha Wilson Napper; attended Clarksville and Chambersburg public school, Chambersburg high school, Dickerson College in Carlisle, Pa. D.D. from Wilberforce, June, 1936; served as Sunday school secretary and superintendent ACE League president, steward, class leader; licensed to preach at Chambersburg by Rev. P. Daker, 1906; admitted to Philadelphia Annual Conference at Milford, Del. in 1909 by Bishop J. Wesley Gaines; elder at Allen, Philadelphia, in 1911 by Bishop Gaines; served as pastor at Greencastle Ct., Pa., 3 years; Marietta, Pa., 1 year; Morton, Pa., 5 years; Carlisle, Pa., 5 years; Ardmore, Pa., 2 years; Parkesburg and Coatesville, 1 year; Wayne, Pa., 4 years; Elmwod, Phila., Pa., 2 years; Bryn Mawr, Pa., 3 years; Mechanicsburg, 1 year; presiding elder of South Philadelphia District, 2 years; Harrisburg District, 7 years; organized Calvary, South Phila., 1936; St. James, 20th and Dickinson Sts., Philadelphia, 1937; Mt. Tabor, 2200 Master St., 1936; St. Luke, 25th and Turner Sts., 1937. Paid mortgage: Morton, and Carlisle; received 1742 members into the church and had 712 conversions; delegate to all General Conferences since 1936; alternate in 1916; served on Southern Recorder Board, 1936; Publication Board, 1940; trustee of Wilberforce, 1936. Member of the Ministers Civic and Political Alliance, Elks, Masons, Odd Fellows.



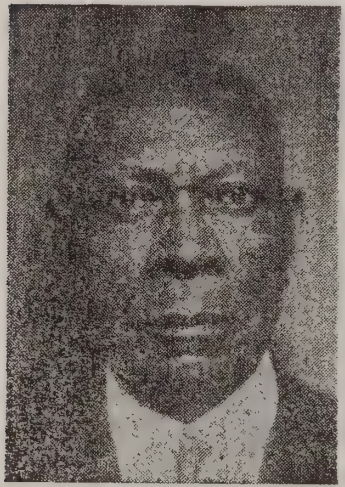
NEWSOME, Mr. Clifford J., son of Rev. E. D. and Mary Elizabeth (Walker) Newsome; educated in the public schools at Augusta, Ga.; graduated from Haines Institute, 1916; attended Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga., 1917-1919; took insurance course University of Pittsburgh Evening School; assistant to father in undertaking business, Augusta and Dublin, Ga.; vice president of Central Colored People's Fair Association, Dublin, Georgia; married in Savannah, Ga., November, 1922 Miss Carrie Emma Banks of Bainbridge, Ga., a graduate nurse of Georgia Infirmary, Savannah; was in the insurance business in Pittsburgh, representing Columbia Protective Association of Birminghamton, N. Y., 1923-1926; transferred to Atlantic City, N. J., as assistant manager, 1926-1927; General Manager of Globe Beneficial Association of Newark, N. J.; representative of North Eastern Life Insurance, which merged with Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Co., of Chicago. In 1929 organized Dunbar Beneficial Association and C.A.M. Grocery Store in Atlantic City, 1929-1933. Since 1936 has held position of investigator in Dept. of Public Safety of Atlantic City; in 1935 made first trip as publicity agent for Convention Bureau of Atlantic City Board of Trade; joined Bethel AME Church, Augusta, Ga.; member of St. Philips Church, Savannah, Ga.; St. James AME Church, Pittsburgh; now trustee of St. James AME Church, Atlantic City, New Jersey; delegate to General Conference, 1944; Chairman of Convention Bureau of Atlantic City Board of Trade.



NEBLETT, Prof. Egbert A., Jr., teacher, born in Clarksville, Tenn., June 12, 1902, son of Mr. Egbert and Kathlean Farley Neblett; attended Clarksville public school, Burt High School, Tennessee State College (two years Normal course, 1945), and Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., A.B., 1928; served as Sunday school superintendent, steward, trustee, and president of choir. Organized Howard Chapel, Huntingdon, 1925; paid mortgage off, Nov. 1942; delegate to the General Conferences of 1940, 1944 and 1948; alternate, 1936; married Miss Mable E. Beam, July 28, 1927; 2 children: Lawrence and Percenia. Prof. Neblett has served as principal of Dunbar School for 20 years in Carroll County, Tennessee.



NELSON, Rev. Richard Nathaniel, was born in Ailey, Georgia, on March 10, 1897, the son of Hector and Rebecca L. (Howard) Nelson; attended public school in Covington and Walton counties in Alabama and Florida, respectively and high school in Cincinnati, Ohio; received in 1937, a degree from Wilberforce University; in 1942, a B.Th. from the American Bible College and in 1943 B.D. degree from Temple Bar College; licensed to preach at New Bethel in 1912 by Rev. Dickerson, in 1913 admitted to South Alabama Conference at Eufaula; ordained deacon at Wilmington, Ohio in 1924 by Bishop Jones, and elder at Dayton, Ohio in 1926 by Bishop Jones. Pastored at College Hill, in Cincinnati; Sabina, Ohio; Lancaster; Jones Tabernacle in Cincinnati; Mansfield, Ohio; Piqua, Ohio. He has received 1844 members into the church and 800 conversions; alternate to the General Conference of 1940; published articles in all church papers, and the Negro Journal of Religion. He has a son, Thomas Nelson, in the army at Fort Still, Oklahoma. Rev. Nelson is a member of the F. and A. M., P. H. A.



NEWSOME, Rev. E. D., deceased; was born in Macon, Ga., February 27, 1875; attended the public school for 3 years, then went to the Louis Normal High School for 3 terms; later, Southern Embalmers' College, Augusta, Ga., for 4 years and finished; also attended Saint Louis, Missouri Embalming School where he completed the 4-year course and returned to Augusta, Georgia where he operated an undertaker's parlor. There he met Mary Elizabeth Walker and in 1889 they married. They had 3 children: C. J. Newsome, now in Atlantic City, N. J.; Hattie and Lulu M. Newsome. In 1919, he organized the Central Colored People's Fair in Dublin, Ga.; in 1920 he organized in Toombs County, Ga., "The Great South-Eastern Fair Association." The fair ground cost $20,000; in 1926 he sold it at a profit; was trustee of Morris Brown University; was licensed to preach in Bethel, Augusta, Ga., November 20, 1898; ordained elder by Bishop Turner; pastored in Georgia: Oak Grove Mission, Augusta; Evans Chapel, Dexter; St. John's Chapel, Rockledge; transferred to the Philadelphia Conference 1926, and joined Morris Brown AME Church; pastored Arnett AME Church, St. John's Church, Conshohocken; reappointed to Arnett where he died.

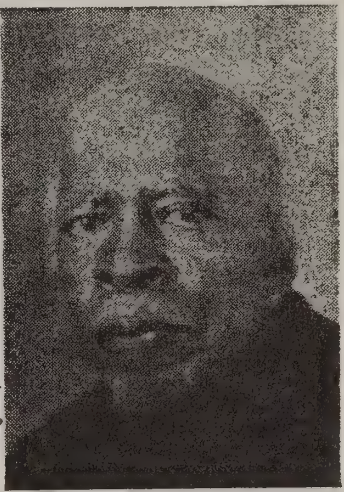
NICHOLS, Bishop Decatur Ward, the 59th bishop of the AME Church, son of Rev. Lewis and Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Nichols; born in Charleston, South Carolina, October 15, 1900; educated in public schools of Charleston; Avery Institute, Charleston; Howard University, Washington, D. C., A.B., 1923; Drew University, Madison, N. J., A.B., in Missions, 1924 and B.D., 1926; and Columbia University, New York City; D.D. from Allen University, Wilberforce University, Morris Brown College, Western University, Shorter College, and Daniel Payne College; LL.D., from Wilberforce University, Allen University; converted in Morris Brown Church, Charleston, S. C., in 1912; licensed to preach in St. Luke, Charleston, S. C., by his father, 1923; admitted to New Jersey Conference under Bishop Heard in 1925; ordained deacon 1926 by Bishop Heard; elder 1927 by Bishop Heard; appointed pastor of Jamestown, Rhode Island 1925, (supply); Emanuel mission, 1926 which he served until elected bishop in 1940. Emanuel mission with 28 members at 316 W. 52nd Street, New York City was developed to a membership of 2,400; in 1927 a new building was purchased at 119th street valued at $100,000, not including improvements made to the amount of $56,000; he organized in the church the departments of Christian education, music, Daily Vacation Bible School, day nursery, employment bureau, and other auxiliaries. His wife was Miss Kay Bailey, of Denton, Maryland; he has two children, Wardean Elizabeth, and Susan Bailey Nichols; elected bishop in 1940; assigned to Alabama, the 9th Episcopal District, and served there since 1940; increased membership of churches of Alabama to 65,000; and finances accordingly; paid mortgages of $83,000 on Daniel Payne College, Birmingham, renovated property to extent of $110,000; built episcpoal residence, president's home, boys' cottage, teachers' cottage, college luncheonette, girls' dormitory, library and remodeled chapel and completed the main building, installed new lighting system, road ways built and had grounds landscaped and beautified; delegate to General Conference since 1932; served on Church Extension Board; chairman of Board of Education, and of Pension Board; instrumental in organization of Pension Department, and and is its first president; member of General Conference Commission 1936-1940, 1940 to 1944, 1944 to 1948; entertained the General Conference in 1936; member of the Compilation Committee; executive board of Urban League, New York; Omega Psi Phi fraternity; trustee of Wilberforce, Allen University and president of Trustee board of Daniel Payne College; sponsored by missionary society and made special provision for mission preachers in Alabama; increased Dollar Money from $13,000 in 1939 to $28,000 in 1947 and missionary money from less than $1000.000 to $12,000.00.

BISHOP AND MRS. D. WARD NICHOLS

NICHOLS, Mrs. Kay Bailey, wife of Bishop D. Ward Nichols; born in Denton, Maryland; daughter of Dora and Sarah Catherine Bailey; educated in public schools of Denton, Dunbar High School, Washington, D. C.; Howard University A.B.; and New York University; was president YPD, New York Conference branch, WMS; supervisor of the WMS of 9th Episcopal District, having as a project the beautification of Daniel Payne College campus, and revival of mission work of State.

NICHOLS, Mrs. Dovie C., deceased wife of Rev. P. A. Nichols, was born in Lee County, near Beatyville, Kentucky, where she grew to young womanhood, along with 2 brothers and 4 sisters; she attended public schools and Berea College, Kentucky; in 1888 she married Rev. P. A. Nichols, at that time pastor of the AME Church at Beatyville; she entered heartily into the work as the wife of a minister. In Kentucky she became president of the Conference Branch, WMMS. In 1916 she came to Ohio with her husband, who was elected secretary of Wilberforce University, and continued her work as a missionary, and was elected president of the Ohio Conference Branch, WMMS and served with distinction, until declining health forced her to reliquish the office. She was mother of 2 children: Leota M. Lackey, wife of Dr. Harry M. Lackey, physician at Wilberforce; Rosco, who was forced to leave Wilberforce University by ill health, dying at Louisville, February, 1916.

NICHOLS, Rev. Edward Kingston, born Atlanta, Georgia, September 7, 1879; son of William and Nancy (Burns) Nichols; attended private school in Atlanta, Ga., Morris Brown College, A.B., 1899; and Yale University, A.B., 1914; S.T.B., 1914; received D.D., from Morris Brown, 1918; licensed to preach at Trinity, Atlanta, by Rev. H. D. Canady, 1899; admitted to Atlanta Annual Conference at Allen Temple, Atlanta, 1899; ordained deacon at Newnan, Ga., in 1900 by Bishop Turner; elder at Covington, Georgia, in 1902 by Bishop Turner; served as pastor at Pleasant Valley, Atlanta, Ga., 1899-1908; Newman, Madison, Ga., 1911-1914; Olean, N. Y., 1914-1916; First Church, Athens, Ga., 1916-1918; Bethel, Hartford, Conn., 1920-1923; New Bedford, Mass., 1923-1925; St. Paul, Cambridge, Mass., 1925-1929, Greenwich, Conn., 1929-1931; Union, Philadelphia, 1931-1933; Bethel, Harrisburg, Pa., 1933-1935; Frankford, Pa., 1935-1936; Morris Brown, Philadelphis, 1937; Mt. Pisgah, 1937-1943; Ward, Philadelphia, Pa., 1943 to presiding elder, 1946-1947. Purchased Bethel at Hartford, Conn., 1923; New Mt. Pisgah, Philadelphia, 1942; built First Church, Athens, Ga., 1916; paid the second mortgage, Mt. Pisgah, Philadelphia; served as trustee of Morris Brown, 1916-18; Army YMCA Secretary, Camp Gordon, Atlanta; member of Masons, Elks, Ministerial, Civic and Political Alliance, Philadelphia; Chaplain of the Masonic Lodge, Philadelphia.



NICHOLS, Rev. Lewis Ruffin, deceased, father of Bishop D. Ward Nichols, was born in Raleigh, N. C., January, 1857; educated in the public schools of Raleigh, and a school taught by a Mr. Harris Lealand, from Boston, Mass.; joined St. Paul AME Church in 1868, under the Rev. W. W Morgan, and was converted in 1869; licensed to exhort by Rev. Geo. W. Brodie, May, 1872 and sent to aid Rev. Samuel Brown, at Greensboro and Co. shops, North Carolina; thence to Pittsboro Circuit 3 years; Halifax, N. C., 2 years; Magnolia, N. C., 3 months; Marion, S. C., 3 years; presiding elder of the Marion District; then to the Charleston District, 1 year; then to Emanuel Church, Charleston, 4 years; presiding elder of the Edisto District, and back to Emanuel, where he built a brick church at a cost of $60,000, leaving only the steeple to be finished. From Emanuel he was presiding elder of the Georgetown District for 5 years, increased the dollar money from about $750 to over $1,600. From Georgetown District he was appointed pastor Morris Brown Church, Charleston, for 4 years, doubling the membership; then again presiding elder of the Charleston District for 5 years; and again pastor of Morris Brown, where he increased the membership to over 3,000; then back to the Georgetown District. While pastor of Morris Brown, he built the Old Folks Home, and bought a parsonage. He then served as presiding elder of Georgetown District twice, Kingstree and Edisto Districts. At the time of his death, he was presiding elder of Edisto. He spent 69 years in the ministry, his work was divided chiefly between Morris Brown and Emanuel Church, Charleston. He died April, 1938 and was the oldest active minister in Methodism in South Carolina. Of his children Bishop D. Ward Nichols and Samuel W., presiding elder of Mobile District in Alabama, are in the ministry of the Church he loved.

NOLEN, Rev. Benjamin Julius, pastor in Mobile, Alabama; born in Lester, Arkansas, September 25, 1907; son of Ben Nolen who died in 1918, and Arrilla (Cook) Nolen; attended Langston high school, Hot Springs, Ark; and Shorter, Wilberforce and Marshall Universities; received B.D., from Wilberforce, June 9, 1939; Campbell College, LL.D., May, 1932; licensed to preach at Visitors Chapel Church by Rev. H. B. Beasley in February, 1918; admitted to West Arkansas Annual Conference in Camden, November, 1920; ordained deacon at Texarkana, Arkansas, 1922 by Bishop Ross; elder at Prescott, Arkansas in 1928 by Bishop Vernon; served as pastor at Texarkana, Arkansas, 1929-131; Clarksburg, West Virginia, 1932-1934; Huntington, W. Va., 1935-1939; Scranton, Pa., 1940-1941; Jackson, Miss., 1942; remodeled Bethel, Parkersburg, W. V., 1932; Pearl St. AME Church, Jackson, Miss., 1942; Kenton, Ohio, 1927; received 1760 members into the church and had 350 conversions; alternate to the General Conference, 1932. Served as trustee of Campbell College, 1941-1943. Published articles in the Christian Recorders, Journal of Religion and various local dailies and weeklies; member of the: Mississippi Preachers Association, Odd Fellow Lodge, Mississippi Interracial Council, Woodman of Union Lodge, Pennsylvania Auto Association, Macon, Scranton Chamber of Commerce, Elk, Kappa Alpha Psi, Pennsylvania Ritz Association, Jackson Paragon Brotherhood. Honors: First student to have attended Marshall College at Huntington, West Virginia, pursuing the courses of sociology and psychology.

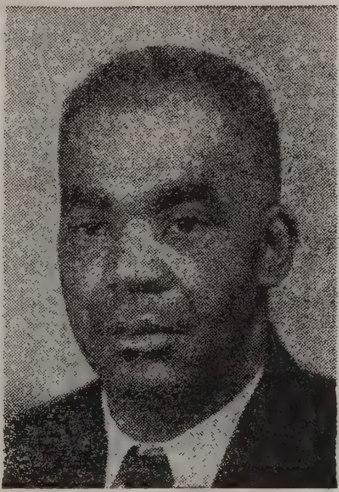
REV. AND MRS. B. J. NOLEN

NONTLAHLA, Rev. Peter Mafa, (South Africa), presiding elder Kimberly District, pastor Kimberly Circuit; treasurer Joint Board of Christian Education; Chairman Orangia Church Extension Board; President African Ministers Association; born June 24, 1880 at Harshel; son of Ben and Martha Nontlahla of Hlubi Zulu tribe; passed standard VI; baptized in Wesleyan Methodist Church; parents joined Ethiopian Church 1894; married in 1909 Janet Mdutis of Zulu tribe; licensed to preach by Rev. Quaaiman M. Mpepeto 1900; evangelist in Krugersdorp Circuit 1919-1923 under Rev. Samuel James Mabote; admitted to conference 1923; ordained deacon 1925; elder, 1927 by Bishop Gregg; pastored Bronkhorstspruit, Waterval Boven, Senegal, Germiston, Bethlehem and Kimberly. Promoted to presiding elder by Bishop Sims; served first Bethlehem, now Kimberly District for 8 years. Churches erected: at Waterval Boven, Senegal, and Germiston. Building at Germiston is one of the largest and finest in South Africa. Parsonage erected at Waterval Boven, new rooms on parsonage at Kimberly; membership at Kimberly on arrival 25, 1944 after 8 years 225, manager of 5 government aided schools; plans for improvements of Church at Kimberly.

NOBLE, Mrs. Anna E. insurance agent; born in Webster County, Ga., July 12, 1898; daughter of John Rufus and Esther (Harvey) Ellis; joined St. Luke AME Church, Terrell County, Ga., under the pastorate of Rev. E. C. Foley, while a little girl. Came to Chester, Pa., in Feb., 1919 and became an active member of Murphy AME Church, in the lady usher board; was baptized in the Primitive Baptist Church and returned to Murphy Church in 1933; served as Sunday school teacher, stewardess, president of class No. 5; organized the young people in Sunday school. In 1940 preached first sermon; received evangelistic licenses from Bishop Sims, Rev. D. V. Kyle her pastor.

NOJEKWA, Mrs. Daisy B., (nee Mtshalala) President, WH & FM Society, Transvaal Conference Branch, South Africa; born September 4, 1887 at Grahamstown, C. P.; educated in Grahamstown in primary school; married Rev. Betram D. Nojekwa who was stationed at Nancefield, November 26, 1914; 3 children: Charlotte, Hilda, and Joshua. Rev. Nojekwa died while presiding elder of Kimberly District, while on district at Upington, C. P. In 1916 she was elected treasurer of the WH & FM Society of the Transvaal Conference and served 2 quadrenniums. She was elected president Cape Convention in 1924, and president of the Pretoria Convention in 1928, and president of Transvaal Convention in 1940, secretary to this date.

MAY, Mrs. Birdie Lee, born in Conway County, Arkansas, of W. S. and Mary Birts; joined the AME Church and served in all the offices of her local church; served as secretary of the W H & F M Society of the Ft. Smith District, Arkansas Conference, led the missionary delegation to the Quadrennial Convention in Jacksonville, Florida, in 1939. Delegate to the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1944; married Mr. Emory H. May in 1922; 2 children: Emory H., Jr., and Norma Jean Lucile.



NORRIS, Rev. David, editor of The Christian Recorder, a native of Jackson, Georgia; son of Mr. and Mrs. William Samuel Norris; educated in Atlanta, Ga., at the Wiley Grammar School and Morris Brown High School; A.B., 1927; B.D., 1930; entered the ministry at an early age; licensed to preach at Bethel Church, Jackson, Ga., in 1917 by Rev. L. A. Townsley; admitted to the Atlanta Conference in 1919, at Social Circle, Georgia; ordained deacon in 1921 at Decatur, Georgia; elder, in 1923, in Allen Temple, Atlanta, by Bishop Flipper; pastored, (all in Georgia), Mays Chapel, Starks, 1918; Gray's Chapel, Worthville; and St. Paul, Flovilla, where he remained for 7 years; St. John, Atlanta; Macedonia, Atlanta; Allen Chapel, Macon; Turner Tabernacle, Macon; and Flipper Temple, Atlanta. In 1931, presiding elder for 5 months on the Forsyth District of the East Macon District from 1932 to 1935; elected editor of The Christian Recorder in 1944. He organized Mays' Chapel at Starks, and Hunter Hill AME Church, at Atlanta, and built edifices at St. Paul, Flovilla, Georgia, and Mays' Chapel; debts were paid at St. Paul, Flovilla, Georgia, in full; he reduced the church debt at Turner Tabernacle, Macon, the church debt was reduced from $8,200 to $5,000. At Flipper Temple, he liquidated the church debt of $2,800 in the first 12 months, and paid for a site for a Greater Flipper Temple Church. He has received more than 500 members into the church, and 200 conversions; delegate to General Conference of 1932, 1936, and 1944; alternate in 1928 and 1940; a trustee of Morris Brown College since 1928; 3 years he was president of the AME Ministers Union in Macon and served in this same capacity in the Atlanta AME Ministers Union for one year. He also served as chief secretary of the Macon, Georgia Conference for 2 years and was for 5 years the president of the ACE League in the Macon Conference, later serving as president of the ACE League in Atlanta Conference for 3 years. He was chairman of publicity, statistician, and state reporter for the AME Church in Ga., contributing to the Associated Press, and newspapers all over America. He married Miss Mabel Elizabeth Brown, of Forsyth, Georgia, and is the father of six children, David, Jr., Virginia, Mattie Pearl, James Carey, Everett Leon, and Richard Franklin.

NICHOLS, Rev. Samuel W., son of Rev. L. R. and Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Nichols, brother of Bishop D. Ward Nichols, presiding elder of the Mobile District in Alabama.

OGLETON, Rev. W. H., Jr., presiding elder, was born in Nashville, Tennessee, 1879; son of Rev. W. H. Ogleton, Sr.; attended the Ogleton public school and Central Tennessee College, later known as Walden University; admitted to the Tennessee Conference, 1910 and pastored: Lawrenceburg, Sandy Hook, Lewisburg and St. James, Nashville; in 1920 was transferred to the Chicago Conference and served as assistant pastor of Greater Bethel during the reconstruction period; Clinton, Iowa; Beloit, and Delaware, Wis.; Moline, Illinois; in 1928 transferred to the Northeast Conference and stationed at Bethel, Des Moines; 1930, appointed presiding elder and is still serving; alternate to all General Conferences from 1924 to 1936, and delegate in 1940-1944.

OGLETON, Mrs. Margarette Thorne, became the wife of Rev. W. H. Ogleton, Jr., in 1896; attended the public schools of Columbia, Tennessee, Turner College and Walden University; she is a missionary worker and delegate to several quadrennial conventions of the WMMS and WMS; served over 10 years as secretary-treasurer of the Y. P. Society of the Northwest Conference; has 2 children: Mrs. M. O. Chamblee, beautician, and the Rev. W. H. Ogleton, pastor of Bethel Church, Des Moines, Iowa.

REV. AND MRS. W. H. OGLETON, JR.

OLIVER, Rev. W. M., was born in Hernando, Mississippi; son of Hugh and Lucinda Oliver; he served some of the leading churches of the state of Tennessee, among them St. Paul, Nashville and St. Andrew, Memphis and he was under Bishop Wright, presiding elder of the Clarksville district of the West Tennessee Conference. In 1946 he transferred to the North Ohio Conference.

REV. AND MRS. W. M. OLIVER

OLIVER, Mrs. Beulah Ella Robinson, wife of Rev. W. M. Oliver; daughter of Professor S. A. and Nicie A. Robinson; was born in Memphis, Tenn.; attended Home Institute, Memphis, Tenn., and A and T State College. Rev. and Mrs. Oliver are the parents of Miss Bennye Lois Oliver, a graduate from Wilberforce; Mr. Milford S. Oliver, a student of Wilberforce, where he was inducted into the Army; Mr. Floyd B. Oliver, a junior in Hampton Institute at the time of his induction, and Miss Juanita V. Oliver, a graduate of Meharry Medical College.

McKNATT, Mrs. Millie, a member of Bethel AME Church, lives in Milford, Delaware and was a charter member of the Women's Mite Missionary Society of the Delaware Conference.

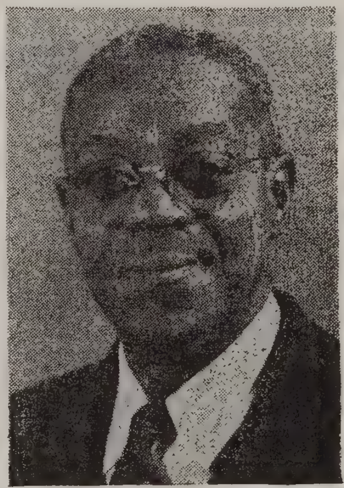
OVERALL, Rev. Levi Stephen, (deceased), born in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, April 10, 1867, second of six children of Brack and Nancy (Martin) Overall; attended public schools in Greenville, Miss., 2 years in Alcorn College and 2 years studying law with the firm of Webster and Avent, 2 years in preparation for the ministry, in Hot Springs, Ark; was converted July 29, 1878 and joined the AME Church on the Stoneville Circuit; was licensed to preach, and in November, 1895 was admitted at Hot Springs, receiving his first appointment from Bishop Turner. Pastorates: Garland City, Miss., Marsha, Miss.; Ozark Circuit, Paris Circuit, Pinnacle Spring Circuit, Walnut Grove Circuit, Clarksville Circuit, Fordyce Station, where he paid a troublesome debt in 6 months; Clarendon Station, where he paid a debt for which the church was being sued, and finished the church, almost doubling the membership in 4 years; Wards Chapel Station, Little Rock, 3 years while a student in Shorter College, graduating May 13, 1909, as valedictorian, paid the debt and paid for the lot on which that church and parsonage now stand, remodeling the church; Edmondson 2 years, doubling the membership; Carters Chapel oldest AME Church in Arkansas, 2 years paying $1400.00 on the debt, putting in three more churches: St. Matthews, Bethel and Allen Temple, bringing the membership at Carters Chapel from 250 to 720; presiding elder of the Helena District, then the Marianna District, 2 years, building churches at Hughes and Hoodland; Jonesboro District, (1 year). Two districts were made out of Jonesboro district; the 2nd Blytheville where he presided 3 years; pastor of Jonesboro Station, 3 years; presiding elder of the New Port District 8 years; Fort Smith District, 3 years; Helena District, 2 years, where he organized a mission in Little Rock, and had 2 churches repaired and helped in the building of Allen Temple, Little Rock; sent back to the Fort Smith District one year, and then to the Dermott Station, 3 years, from which he was called to the deanship of Jackson Theological Seminary, Shorter College. He spent 44 years in schools, teaching about 7 years at Shorter. For 22 years he edited the "Messenger" for the Woodmen of the Union; was a member of the Church Extension Board; delegate to each General Conference from 1912 to the extra session in 1946; member of the committee on revision of the discipline 3 times, of the compilation committee twice; was married to Miss Hallie Proctor 46 years; after her passing, married to Miss Mildred Smith of Woodson, Ark., to which union have been born two children; Emma Nancy, and Levenna Mildred; spent 52 years in the ministry, all in Arkansas.

OWENS, Rev. Deloney MacNeil, pastor, Trenton, New Jersey; was born in Athens, Georgia, January 31, 1903; son of Rev. John Sherman and Mrs. Mary Jane Owens; attended public school in Athens, Ga., Morris Brown University, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pa., and Wilmington Bible College, Wilmington, Delaware; served as a steward, class leader and president of the ACE League before he was licensed to preach; licensed to preach at Morris Brown University Chapel by Dr. H. D. Canady, presiding elder, November, 1919; admitted to the Atlanta Georgia Annual Conference at Atlanta in 1921; ordained deacon at Decatur, Georgia in 1923 by Bishop Flipper; elder 1925 at Jackson, Georgia, by Bishop Flipper. Served as pastor of: Fairview, Pennsylvania, 1928-29; Marshallton, Delaware, 1929-1930; John Wesley, Frederica, Delaware, 1933-34; Mt. Hebron, Linwood, Pennsylvania, 1934-36; Murphy, Chester, Pennsylvania, 1936-40; 1940 to 1946, served as presiding elder in Hamilton, Bermuda. In 1936 he was successful in renovating the exterior and interior of Murphy Church and parsonage. The parsonage was also refurnished; installed a new oil heating plant in the church. Since May, 1947 he has been pastor of Mt. Zion, Trenton, N. J.; an alternate to the General Conference of 1936; in 1940, 1944 and 1948, a delegate; served on the secretarial staff in 1940, and as an election clerk in 1944; is a member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity; Free and Accepted Mason, (Prince Hall Affiliation) Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (Irish Constitution, Hamilton, Bermuda), GUO of Odd Fellows; K of P. Served as vice president of the Delaware County Sabbath School Association; president of the Preachers' Meeting of Philadelphia, chairman of the finance committee of the Connectional Council of the AME Church which met in Atlanta, Ga., in 1939; Boy Scout Committeeman, Chester, Pa.; in Bermuda he was member of the Boy Scout Council and chairman of operating committee of the Boy Scout Hut. Sponsored the USO for colored men of the armed forces in Bermuda and a member of Tweed Lodge USO board of directors, Bermuda. Under the authority of the Bishop, he held various sessions of the Bermuda Annual Conference from 1940 to 1944. He has been radio preacher under the auspices of the Trenton Council of Churches.

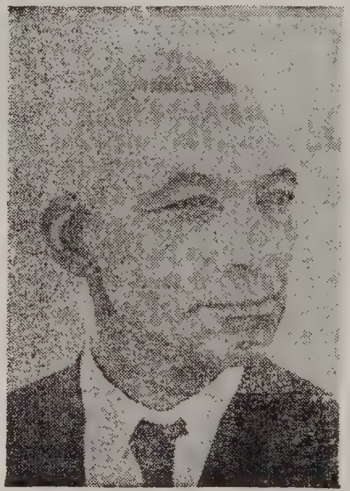
REV. AND MRS. D. M. OWENS

OWENS, Mrs. Mary Emma, wife of Rev. D. M. Owens, was born in Griffin, Georgia, on July 28, 1903, the daughter of Rev. Marshall C. and Mrs. Emma A. Washington; attended public schools of Griffin; H. & I. School at Fort Valley, Georgia; and Morris Brown University; taught school in the rural section of Georgia 4 years and in the Spring Hill school, Griffin, for one year. While teaching school she took two summer courses at Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. Owens was an ardent worker in St. Phillip's AME Church, Griffin, Ga., having served in the following offices: class leader, assistant superintendent of the primary department, organist of the Sunday school, president of the Young People's WH&FM Society, and a member of the senior choir for many years. In 1926 she became the wife of Rev. D. M. Owens, and has worked with him faithfully wherever he has been sent; served as president of the missionary society practically at every charge her husband has had. She was the statistician also 1st vice president of the Delaware Conference Branch of the Mite Missionary; attended Quadrennial sessions of the WMM society in 1935, 1939, 1943 and 1947; she was the leader of junior choirs at Murphy Church, Chester, and St. Paul's AME Church, Hamilton, and is frequently called to sing over the radio in Trenton.

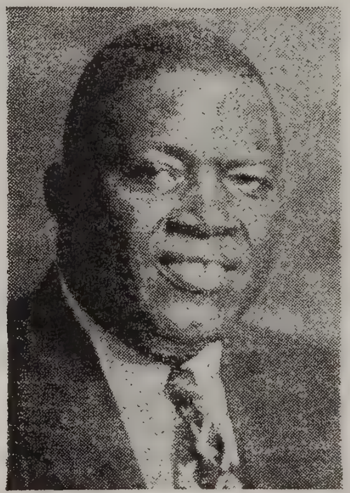
OPPERMAN, Mrs. Charlotte Lindiwe, born at Ladybrand, Basutoland, (South Africa), May 15, 1902; last daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Ndlebe; educated at Uitenhage, Kimberley, and Wilberforce Institute, Transvaal; taught at Wilberforce Institute Primary School 1923-1924; was married in July, 1924 at Pimville, Johannesburg to Mr. D. Algy H. Opperman, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Opperman of Kroonstad, O. F. S.; they have 1 son, Andrew; was the first Postmistress of Wilberforce Institute; recording secretary of the WH&FM Society of the Transvaal Conference; now secretary of Wilberforce Institute, South Africa.



OWENS, Rev. Louis Harold, presiding elder of San Diego District of Southern California Annual Conference; son of Lewis and Louisa Owens; was born at Boulder, Colorado in 1891; educated in the public schools of Hayes and West Division and Northwestern University and Garrett Seminary; received D.D. from Allen University; served as Sunday school superintendent and local preacher; licensed to preach at Ebenezer AME Church, Evanston, Ill., in 1907 by Rev. I. N. Daniels; admitted to Chicago Annual Conference at Chicago, Ill., in 1910; ordained deacon in 1913 by Bishop Shaffer; elder in 1915 by Bishop Lee; pastored Bethel, Fairfield, Iowa, 1912; Fort Madison, 1913-1917; Aurora, Ill., 1917; Chicago Heights, 1918; St. James, Louisville, Ky., 1923; Parsons, Kansas, 1925; San Diego, Calif., 1936-1944; Santa Monica, 1945; presiding elder of North Chicago Conference, 1922; Albuquerque District, Colorado Conference; North Topeka District, Kansas Conference; organized Prince Chapel (by the sea); and AME Church at Lajolla, Calif., 1944; paid mortgages at Chicago Heights, 1918; Fort Madison, 1914; San Diego, Calif., 1944; received 1500 members into the church; 900 conversions; delegate to the General Conference in 1924 and 1944; served as trustee for Western University 1925, and Bishop Williams School of Religion, 1946. He published the San Diego Plaindealer, 1943-1946; member of Masonic Lodge, International Order of Twelve, Knights and Daughters of Tabor (Chief Grand Mentor); president of AME Ministerial Alliance. He was guest soloist for consecration of Bishops in St. Louis, Missouri, May 16, 1920; gave war service in the YMCA.



OUSLEY, Mr. John W., Sr., born Baton Rouge, Louisiana, January 10, 1885; son of William and Anderson Ousley; attended the Baton Rouge public school; served the local church as steward, trustee, class leader, superintendent Sunday school; superintendent of South Memphis District; delegate to the General Conference in 1944; Mason, treasurer of Holly Grove Lodge, No. 129; president of the South Memphis Methodist Ushers' Union; member of building committee that built New Allen AME Church, Memphis.



PARKER, Mr. Charles A., musician and realtor; born in Baltimore, September 11,........; son of Charles A. and Henrietta Elizabeth (Toogood) Parker; attended the Baltimore, Md., public schools, Morgan College, Baltimore, Md.; Fannie Coppin Teachers College, Baltimore, Md.; private music instructors; served the local church as: superintendent of Sunday school, organist and director of church choir and gospel choir since 1931; president of Brotherhood since 1938. Delegate to the General Conferences of 1940 and 1944; member of GU Order of Odd Fellows, IBPOE of W, NAACP, National Association Negro Musicians, Cooperative Council of Religious Education; Maryland Association for promotion of Business; trained and directed a choir of 150 voices comprising the senior choirs in the Baltimore Conference, which sang at the General Conference at Philadelphia, Pa., Sunday, May 7, 1944.

PALMER, Mrs. Leona B., daughter of Parker C. and Mary V. Baxter; was born in Uniontown, Pa.; has been an active worker in the AME Church since early youth, serving in various capacities. At present, Church clerk and organist of the Bethel AME Church, Greensburg of which she is a member; superintendent of the Church School and recording secretary of the Pittsburgh Conference Branch Woman's Missionary Society.

PANNELL, Mrs. Irene Logan, teacher, born in Columbia, S. C., August 21, 1897; daughter of Phillip and Olive Montgomery Logan; educated in Russel public school in Cambridge, Mass.; high school, Plymouth, Massachusetts; Wilberforce University and Winston-Salem, (N. C.): teachers College, B.S., 1914; served as steward, church clerk, superintendent of junior church, secretary of trustee board, teacher and secretary of Sunday school. Delegate to 1944 General Conference; trustee of Kittrell College, 1940; member of YMCA, NAACP and Red Cross.

PARKS, Rev. Andrew Richard, pastor of Bethel AME Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, son of Andrew J. and Sarah Parks; born on April 28, 1900, Fort Scott, Kansas; married Mary Lee Murphy of Chicago, Illinois, January 18, 1928 at St. Paul, Minn. One daughter was born, Mary Lou Parks, April 5, 1935. Rev. Parks was licensed to preach at St. Paul, Minn., January 12, 1934 by Rev. W. H. Ogleton; admitted to Northwestern Conference September 14, 1934 by Bishop Parks; ordained deacon by Bishop Gregg, September 16, 1936 at Waterloo, Ia.; elder by Bishop Gregg, September 11, 1938 at Davenport, Ia.; assistant to Revs. C. F. Stewart and W. E. Guy at St. James, St. Paul, Minn.; pastor of Bethel, Oskaloosa, Ia.; paid off indebtedness, remodeled church, nearly doubled membership at Oskaloosa; created building fund for the remodeling of church at Muscatine. Paid off and burned mortgage at Iowa City; completed church; redecorated throughout, purchased new parsonage, increased membership and all conference claims at Cedar Rapids. Preached before many congregations in Iowa; addressed clubs, high schools, and student body at Coe College; member of Masonic Lodge, treasurer of Cedar Rapids Branch of NAACP and treasurer State Branch NAACP, junior air warden, assistant secretary and statistician of N. W. Conference. Delegate to General Conference in 1944.

PARKS, Mrs. Mary Lee, wife of Rev. A. R. Parks, daughter of Gabe and Ethel Murphy; was born in Texarkana, Ark; reared and educated in Chicago, Illinois; married A. R. Parks, January 18, 1928 at St. Paul, Minn.; President of St. Paul District missionary branch; corresponding secretary of Northwestern Conference Branch. Delegate to Quadrennial 1943. President of local missionary society; president of interdenominational alliance of ministers wives of Cedar Rapids, Ia. Chairman of Study group of Tyler P.T.A.; adult adviser of city-wide council; organizer and president of George Washington Carver Federated Club.

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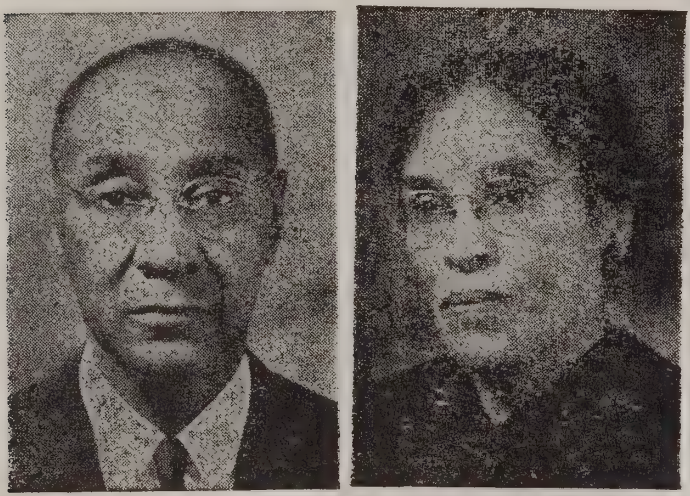
PATTERSON, Rev. Isaac Newton, III, pastor Metropolitan AME Church, Philadelphia, born on farm near Salina, Ohio; son of I. N. Patterson, Jr., and Samantha Anne (Bray) Patterson; attended the Salina public school, E. Main Street high school, Xenia, Ohio; Wilberforce University B.S. 1906; Xenia Theological Seminary, B.D., 1916; received Morris Brown D.D. 1919; Wilberforce D.D., 1934; served local church as organist, Sunday school teacher, Sunday school secretary, steward, trustee; licensed to preach at St. John Church by Rev. R. E. Mills, Xenia, Ohio, 1913; admitted to Ohio Annual Conference in 1914; ordained deacon at Washington Court House, in 1915 by Bishop Shaffer; elder at Columbus, Ohio in 1916 by Bishop Shaffer; served as pastor at Selma and Jeffersonville, Ohio, 1915; Cedarville, Ohio, 1915-1916; Gallipolis, Ohio, 1916-1917; Charleston, W. Va., 1917-1921; Clarksburg, W. Va., 1921-1924; Brown Chapel, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1924-1930; Mt. Pisgah, Philadelphia, 1930-1937; presiding elder of West Philadelphia District; built the parsonage at Charleston W. Virginia, 1921; paid mortgage at Gallipolis; reduced mortgage at Brown Chapel, Pittsburgh; and Mt. Pisgah, Philadelphia. Received 1225 members into the church and had 250 conversions; delegate to General

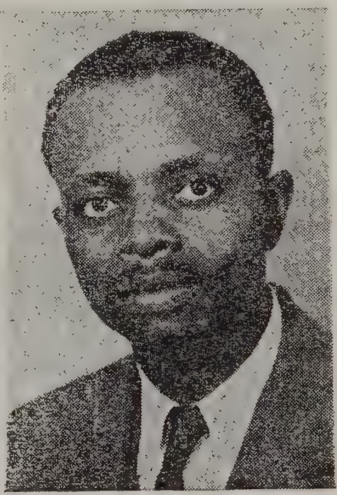
Conference of 1928, 1932, 1940, 1944; alternate in 1924; served on Finance Board; trustee of Wilberforce University since 1937. Published articles in Christian Recorder, Charleston Daily Mail, Operator, Co-Ordinator. Married Arminta Edith Pryor of Xenia, Ohio. They have 4 children: Horace N., Helen Marie, Isaac Newton IV, Robert 3rd William; 8 grand children; member of Knights of Pythias, Masons, Elks, Ministers Civic and Political Alliance of Philadelphia, executive secretary of National Negro Congress; NAACP, National Economic and Social Betterment Council, Inc., National Freedom Day Association.

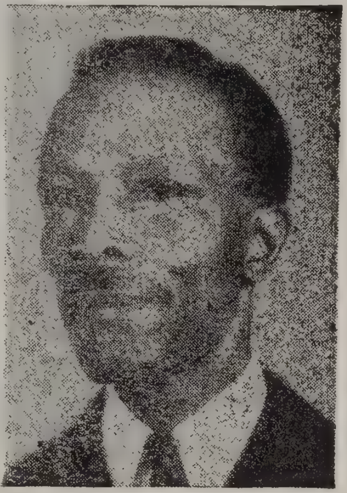


REV. AND MRS. I. N. PATTERSON,

PATTERSON, Rev. T. A., born St. Louis Co., Missouri, March 19, 1891; son of S. J. and Lourinda Patterson; attended model school, Lincoln Institute; Lincoln Institute Jefferson City, Mo.; Western College, B.S., 1915; special work in University Kansas, correspondence course, in Crozier Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa.; licensed to preach at St. Louis by Dr. W. L. Perry in August, 1913; admitted to Puget Sound Annual Conference at Seattle in Sept. 1925 by Bishop Parks; ordained deacon in Antioch Baptist Church, Dr. W. L. Perry, Saint Louis, Mo., Nov. 1915; elder at 8th and Towne in 1933 by Bishop W. D. Johnson; served as pastor at Ballwin Baptist, Mo., 1915-19; Springfield, 1919-21; Carthage, 1921-23; Hanford, Calif., 1923-25; Pacatello AME Church, Idaho, 1925-1929; Spokane, Washington, 1931-33; Riverside, Calif., 1933-36; San Bernardino, Calif., 1936-1939; South Bernardino, 1939-1943. Served as presiding elder of the Seattle District, Puget Sound Conference, including states of Washington, Oregon, Montana and Utah, 1929-1931; organized Parks Chapel, Miles City, Montana, 1930; 1st AME Church, Twin Falls, Idaho, 1930; Allen Chapel, So. San Bernardino, Calif., 1939; paid the mortgage on St. Paul AME Church, San Bernardino, California; received over 500 members into the church and had 75 conversions. Alternate to the General Conference, 1940. Published articles in the Christian Recorders, Seattle Enterprise, Chicago Defender, etc.; he is a California State Guard (Reserve); son, Samuel F. Patterson, in the army, and another son, Toussaint, Jr., San Bernardino Air Depot, ground forces, drafting engineer; married Ruth Jones, St. Louis, Mo., 1918. They had 12 children; 11 are living. The four oldest are in college. Member of following: president San Bernardino Branch NAACP; Grand Prelate K of P, California; Chaplain of Pacific States Convention of Elks; Past Grand Patron OES, Washington Jurisdiction; chaplain of Odd Fellows, California; Mason, San Bernadino Recreation. Honors: Moderator Southwest Missouri Baptist Association, 1921-1923; president of Ministerial Alliance, Springfield, Mo., 1920-21; teacher in the S. W. grammar schools of St. Louis County, Mo., 1915-1918; teacher of "Personality Development" for the U.S.A., 1936-1939.

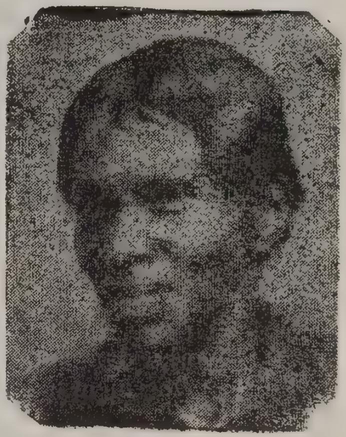
PEACE, Rev. M., pastor Allen AME Church, Paris, Tennessee; born at Round Lake, Miss., January 28, 1911; converted and joined the Salem AME Church at the age of 11 years; served as teacher, superintendent of Sunday school, steward, class leader and trustee; district superintendent of the Friars Point District, 1929-30; licensed to preach at Ward Chapel AME Church, Memphis, Tennessee, 1935; admitted to the West Tennessee Conference at New Tyler, Memphis, 1936; ordained deacon in 1938 at Jackson, Tennessee; elder 1942 in Clarksville, by Bishop Wright; pastored: West Junction, Covington, Tennessee; Hickman Circuit; Wayman Chapel; Allen Chapel, Paris, Tennessee, 1941 to present. Organized the church at West Junction; repaired Hickman Circuit Church; laid the foundation at Wayman Chapel, and paid the mortgage debts of Allen Chapel.





PATRICK, Rev. Arnold C., born Sept. 2, 1889 Pine Hill, Alabama, Wilcox County; was converted at 14 under Rev. P. T. Matherson, pastor of Saint John; licensed to preach under Rev. H. C. Terrell, at Mt. Zion AME Church, Ensley, Ala.; ordained deacon by Bishop Jones at Jones Tabernacle AME Church, May 24, 1931; elder May, 1933 by Bishop Heard at Union Church, Philadelphia; served as pastor in Pennsylvania of New Mt. Carmel, Philadelphia; Bethany, Holmesburg, Bethel in Pottsville; and Conference Evangelist.

PEARLE, Rev. Clarence Baker, pastor Payne Memorial AME Church, Baltimore, Maryland; born New Haven, Conn., son of Lee Henry and Mary Alice (Wilson) Pearle; attended New Haven public and high schools and Howard and Wilberforce Universities; B.D. from Payne Theological Seminary June, 1929; A.B. from God's Bible School, June, 1938; D.D. from Wilberforce, June, 1936 served local church as trustee, class leader president Allen League superintendent Sunday school; licensed to preach at Bethel AME Church by Rev. I. A. McCoy, in July, 1920; admitted to New England Annual Conference, 1922; ordained deacon at Boston in 1924 by Bishop Heard; elder at Cincinnati in 1927 by Bishop Jones; served as pastor at Waterbury, Conn., 1922-1923; Allen Chapel, Salina, Ohio, July, 1927-28; Ross Chapel, Jamestown, Ohio, 1928-1929; St. James, Troy, Ohio, 1929-1930; St. Paul, Lima, Ohio, October, 1930-33; Brown Chapel, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1933-1939; North Street, Springfield, October, 1939-1940; Payne Memorial, Baltimore, Md., 1940 to date. Paid the mortgage of Brown Chapel, Cincinnati, May 1, 1938. Received 850 members into the Church and had 321 conversions. Delegate to the General Conferences of 1940 and 1948; alternate 1932 and 1936; published articles in all AME periodicals; served in World War I; vice president of Frontiers' Club of America, Kappa Alpha Psi, and Masons.



PAYNE, Mrs. Mary Jane Winston, born in Pike Co., Mo.; daughter of Unkus and Ellen Winston; attended the Lincoln School in Quincy, Ill; served as stewardess of Bethel AME Church; member of the Ladies Social Club, organized in 1875; member of missionary society of Bethel AME Church.

PENDLETON, Rev. T. S. J., presiding elder, Meridian District, East Mississippi Conference; was born at Craig, Yazoo County, Mississippi; attended public schools of Yazoo County, Campbell College, Carnegie Institute, Chicago University; course in law from American School of Law; converted and began preaching at the age of 13; joined the Central Mississippi Annual Conference 1912 under Bishop Conner. Dr. R. R. Wright (Bishop) was chairman of the committee that examined him; ordained deacon 1915 by Bishop Conner; elder in 1916 by Bishop Heard. Pastored Hampton Deadning Mission, Upshaw Mission, Bolton Mission, Natchez Circuit, Pine Ridge Circuit, Yazoo City; Mother Bethel, Vicksburg; Mound Bayou, Port Gibson, Hattiesburg, Shreveport, Baton Rouge, La.; Stephen, Ark.; Union, Little Rock, Ark.; North Little Rock, and Greenville, Mississippi. He has built and repaired many churches and parsonages and paid debts: Natchez, $500; Yazoo City, $1800; and paid Church Extension debt of thirty years standing; $1500, Bethel, Vicksburg; also $10,000 including pipe organ $6,500; organized and built Strong's Chapel while pastoring Vicksburg at cost of $1200; Mound Bayou, $2,000; Port Gibson, $200 debt; St. Matthew, Shreveport, $300 repairs, $800 on debt; Bethel, North

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Little Rock, Ark., $600 repairs, $400 on debt; Greenville, Miss., $500 repairs, $700 debt. As presiding elder has led in building four churches, one parsonage, repairing two parsonages and 12 churches. Bought back church at Forest, Mississippi, which was lost; has held many revivals for other pastors. Has received more than 15,000 persons into the church. Has taught public schools and church schools at Natchez, Mound Bayou, and North Little Rock; member of each General Conference since 1920, except 1936. He is a trustee of Campbell College. He has been active in social work and fraternal work. Has fought hard against segregation, disfranchisement and railroading Negro youths to prison. Has served as president of the board of trustees of Corrigible Home for Negroes of Miss.

PERKINS, Dr. Archie Ebenezer, deceased, was supervising principal of the public schools in New Orleans, La.; son of John and Phoebe Perkins; born June 21, 1879 in Smithdale, Amite Co., Mississippi; married Julia Ligon Hutchins, June 27, 1909, a great grand daughter of Col. Anthony Hutchins, sometime governor Mississippi Territory; her fraternal ancestors, William and John Hutchins, respectively, commanding troops at battles of Hastings, England, 1066 and Agincourt, France, 1415, and cited for valor; educated in the local schools at Smithdale; Alcorn College, Mississippi, B.S., 1906; New Orleans University, A.M., 1925; Harvard University, 1913; Wilberforce University, LL.D., 1942; principal of the Biloxi (Miss.) public schools, 1906-1911; organizer of the Gulf Coast Teachers Association, 1908; professor of biological sciences, Alcorn, 1911-1928; supervising principal in New Orleans public schools, 1918; presiding director of New Orleans College Teacher's Summer Normal, 1918-1922; president of the Louisiana State Teacher's Association, in 1922, resigned; selected by ex-Governor Henry C. Yarmoth of Louisiana to revise and criticise his book, "War, Politics, and Reconstruction," 1930; delegate to the Economic Congress, Omaha, Neb., 1915; author of "Sunday School Plans and Outlines," 1922; "Who is Who in Colored Louisiana", 1930; "The George Washington Bi-Centennial", 1933; "Address to President F. D. Roosevelt", 1934; "A Genealogy of the Perkins Family", 1944; "Dark America"; contributed to The Journal of Negro History, The Negro History Bulletin, Phylon and sundry Negro periodicals; he addressed 3000 teachers in Jackson, Mississippi, State Teacher's Association, 1939; member of the New Orleans Teacher's Association; the Louisiana State Teacher's Association and Organization; the Local Principals' Association, Masons, K of P.

DR. AND MRS. ARCHIE E. PERKINS

PEGUES, Mr. Fletcher, general contractor and real estate broker, member over 30 years of St. Paul AME Church, Glencoe, Ill.; delegate to all General Conferences since 1928; son of Solomon and Sara B. Pegues; born May 17, 1889, Holly Springs, Miss.; graduate of public and high school, Marshal County, Mississippi; attended Rust College, Holly Springs; married Annabel Dean of Gunnison, Miss., May 17, 1913; converted June, 1902; joined Calvin Church; held offices of steward, trustee, class leader, Sunday school teacher; president ACE League; now president of laymen's organization, Chicago Annual Conference; First Lt. C.M.G. 1917, grocery business, 1915 to 1918; licensed real estate broker 1919 to present date; appointed notary public, State of Illinois, 1924 to present date; served on Glencoe Park District, 1920 to 1930; member of FAM Masons, Mt. Hebron Lodge, No. 29; Elks Lodge, No. 975; St. Luke Lodge, No. 970; member of Temp. Economy Committee; member of Financial and Pension Boards, also FCNC, NAACP; Conference trustee; July 17, 1943 appointed civilian engineer in United States Army, Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

PERRY, Rev. Henry Allen, pastor of Bethel AME Church, Frankfort, Indiana, and Bethel AME Church, Lebanon, Indiana, also principal of Douglass Junior High and Grade School Kokomo, Indiana; son of Rev. and Mrs. David A. Perry; born August 13, 1886; Union Springs, Ala.; married Annie N. Whittaker, daughter of Chaplain J. W. Whittaker, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Dec. 29, 1919; 6 children, Henry A. Jr., born Jan. 18, 1922, David Alexander, born August 6, 1923; James O., born Nov. 14, 1924, Mary E., born May 20, 1926, Christina C., born Sept. 6, 1928, Benjamin L., born Oct. 29, 1931; educated Tuskegee Institute, was graduated from Phelps Bible School, 1909, Hyde Park High School, Chicago and East Des Moines High School 1916, Drake

University, Des Moines, Iowa and Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute, Indiana, 1920, A.B., studied Chicago University, 1934, studied Howard University, Washington, D. C.; Ball State Teachers College, M.A., 1937; converted August 11, 1899, joined Hardaway AME Church, Bullock County, Alabama; granted local preacher's license July 8, 1908, by Rev. N. Davidson; admitted to Atlanta Annual Conference, at Big Behel AME Church, Sepember, 1911, by Bishop Smith, Atlanta, Georgia; ordained deacon by Bishop Coppin, April, 1913, Hagerstown, Maryland; elder by Bishop Lee, 1915, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; pastored Jessup, Maryland 1912-1913; Bethel AME Church, Des Moines, 1914-1919; Allen Chapel, Terre Haute, Indiana, 1919-21; Alexander Chapel, Evansville, 1921-1926; Kokomo, Indiana, Wayman AME Church, 1926-1931; Bethel AME Church, Longport, Indiana, 1931-1934; Allen Chapel, Anderson, Indiana, 1934-1938; Bethel AME Church, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 1938-1943; Bethel, Frankfort and Bethel, Lebanon, Indiana, 1943 to date; organized and bought Bethel, Des Moines, Iowa, paid $3,500; reduced debt Allen Chapel from $17,000 to $5,500; paid $2,000 debt and repairs at Evansville, Indiana; paid $1,000 debts and burned mortgage at Kokomo, Indiana; first church in Indiana to raise $1,000 in a rally for repairs, after the depression, at Anderson, Indiana; raised $1,000 in rally with 44 members at Crawfordsville, decorated both churches at Bethel, Frankfort and Lebanon, all debts paid, established a check-account; applied for chaplaincy in World War I, and II, a son in Army and Navy; past Patron of the Eastern Star; raised $20,000 for the construction of community center, Kokomo, Indiana; vice president of the Howard County Chapter, Infantile Paralysis; member of Chamber of Commerce (Kokomo); Chairman of Carver Community Center, Inc.; purchased $500 War Bonds; a Notary Public, delegate to General Conference of 1928.

PHILLIPS, Rev. Levi J., deceased, born in St. Chartee, Mo., April 10, 1862; son of George W., and Margaret Ann Phillips; attended the Edwardsville, Illinois and Greenville, Illinois public schools; licensed to preach at Dryfork, Ill., by Rev. D. A. Williams, 1880; admitted to Illinois Annual Conference at Alton, August, 1883; ordained deacon at Cairo, Ill., 1896 by Bishop J. M. Brown; elder at Cairo, Ill., 1886 by Bishop J. M. Brown; pastored Mound City, Villa Ridge and Webster Mill, Ill., 1885; Bellville, Ill., Oskaloosa, Ia., Ottumwa, Iowa; St. Peters, Minneapolis, Minn.; Clinton, Iowa; Galesburg, Moline, Rock Island, Joliet, Illinois; Des Moines, Clarinda, Ottumwa, Iowa; Monmouth, Illinois; 5 years presiding elder of Keokuk District, Iowa Conference ; pastor of St. Mark, Milwaukee, Wis.; Gary, Ind.; Madison, Wis.; Indiana Harbor, Ind.; Olathe, Holliday and Eudois, Kans.; Grant Chapel, Kansas City, Kans.; Bonner Springs and Granville, Kans.; St. Luke, Kansas City, Kans.; St. Luke, Kansas City, Mo.; Wellington and Waverly, Mo.; Nevada, Mo., 1941 till his death; organized churches at Mounds Junction, Ill.; Rentchler Station, Ill.; Kewanee, Ill.; Second Church, Galesburg, Ill.; Fairfield, Iowa; built church in Indiana Harbor, Ind.; paid the mortgage at Des Moines; received 5000 members, and had 6000 conversions; alternate to the General Conference of 1924; died in Nevada, Missouri, February 29, 1944.

PHILLIPS, Mrs. Naomi Louise, seamstress, born Bessemer, Ala., January 20, 1901; daughter of Chas. R. and Retta Mayberry Crawford; attended Bessemer public school and North Bessemer high school; served as choir directress, class leader, secretary of Quarterly Conference, secretary of official board, stewardess, superintendent of young people and conference Missionary; delegate to the General Conference, May, 1944; member of the Wheatly Center Board, vice-president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, Democratic Political Council of Churches, Defense Council, Mothers' Club, Industrial Young Women's Club, Allen County Democratic Political Organization; three times a state delegate, the only woman chairman in the State of Indiana 8 years, and vice president of the state organization for colored women, 6 years, and Northern Indiana organization for 4 years.

PHOLO, Rev. Onde Koloko, presiding elder Warmbath District; pastor Warmbath Transvaal Conference; born 1893 in Kingwilliamstown, Cape Providence of the Mosuto tribe; educated in Bensonvale and Lovedale institutions; receiving P.T.3 certificate; studied in commercial course; admitted to Annual Conference in Bloemfontein 1923; ordained 1926; pastored Wilberforce, Heidelburg, Daggakraal, Winburg, Marquard, Vredefort, Durban, Bothaville, Hoopstad and Warmbath; presiding elder Durban District; laid foundation for church building Wilberforce. Erected church and parsonage Heidelburg. Started church buildings at Marquard; erected church building and improved parsonage at Bothaville. Completed church and parsonage at Warmbath. Reopened work at Zebediela.

PIERSON, Nicholas, (deceased), was born in Richmond, N. C., in 1855; son of George and Winnie Pierson. His education was limited. He was a member of the Church for 68 years; he served as a church officer for 55 years. He was a member of Logan Temple AME Zion Chuch for 30 years, and an active member of Bethel AME Church, Knoxville, Tenn.; and Sunday school; a member of the 1916 General Conference; served on grand jury; was active in civic and political affairs; member of Odd Fellows. He was the father of eleven children; died July 12, 1943.

MR. AND MRS. NICHOLAS PIERSON

PIERSON, Mrs. Lucinda Gardner, (deceased) was born in Maryville, Tenn., in 1861, daughter of Tyler and Luvinia Gardner; received her training at Maryville College; was a member of the church for 58 years; a member of Logan Temple AME Zion Church, Knoxville, Tenn., for 38 years; president of stewardess board for 30 years, and actively engaged in church work until death, April 3, 1930.

PITTS, Rev. Pournelle Alexander, pastor AME Church, Freeport, New York; son of Pournelle A. and Mary (Eagle) Pitts; born in November 25, 1889, Augusta, Georgia; educated DeLyons Private School, Mauge Street Grammar School, Haines Normal and Industrial Institute, Augusta, Georgia; and Lincoln University, (Penna.) where he received the Robert Scott prize in English Bible; Miss Lafie Reid prize in Sacred Geography; Rodman Wanamaker prize in English Bible; and the R. H. Nassau prize to that member of the senior class best exemplifying the ideals of the theological department; was president of the Theological Lyceum; at ten years of age he was converted in Augusta, Georgia; served Bethel AME Church, Bridgeport, Conn., as trustee, steward, church clerk, secretary of choir, Sunday school superintendent, president of ACE League, and janitor; licensed to preach at Lincoln University, by Presbytery of Chester, Synod of Pennsylvania, on April 17, 1924; ordained in Chambersburg, Pa., by the Presbytery of Carlisle, Synod of Pa., on June 26, 1925; ordained deacon in 1920 in Bethel AME Church, Bridgeport, Conn., by Bishop Jones; elder in 1931 at New Bedford, by Bishop Jones. He has pastored in Carlisle, Pa., Chambersburg, Pa., Pittsfield, Mass., Holyoke, Mass., Fall River, Mass, Greenfield, Mass., Boston, Mass., Narragansett Pier, R. I., Albany, New York, Lockport, and Freeport, N. Y.; the Lockport church out of debt; colored men and women in the industrial plants of Lockport, Buffalo and Niagara Falls; addressed labor, educational and social welfare meetings; was Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop No. 22, Chambersburg, Pa., Captain, Third Patriarchy Regiment, GUOOF; recording secretary, New England Conference 4 years; chief secretary 1 year; Secretary Interdenominational Ministers Alliance of Greater Boston and vicinity; secretary Boston District AME Church, director of recreational projects in Boston; supervisor of elections, Boston; president Minister's Interdenominational Alliance of Albany, secretary of Massachusetts Colored Democratic League, Boston; director of Speakers Bureau Democratic National Campaign Committee, Massachusetts Division of Colored voters in 1936; leader of morning devotions for one week over Station WABY in Albany; guest speaker on Council of Christians and Jews radio program; where he has been, he has served not only the local church, but the entire communtiy, and has shown great interest in educational, labor, social and economic problems in general; chief secretary New York Conference since 1941; member of General Conference 1944; alternate 1948; served as presiding elder of Buffalo District from May 1946, and pastor of Bethel since June 1946; Elk, 32nd degree Mason.

REV. AND MRS. P. A. PITTS

PITTS, Mrs. Grace E. (Taylor), wife of Rev. P. A. Pitts, daughter of Robert and Eliza Taylor; was born in Boston, Mass., January 16, 1898; educated in the public schools of Boston, Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., and Salem Teachers College, Massachusetts; taught in the public school system of Boston for 15 years; sudied piano, voice and organ at New England Conservatory of Music; was soloist and organist for several churches in Boston; delegate to the General Conference; missionary worker of the New York Annual Conference; member of the religious education and worship committees of the Lockport Federation of Churches; chairman of the evangelistic program of the Lockport WCTU, Daughter Ruler of Harriett Tubman Temple of Elks; social worker among colored people for the Methodist Missionary Department in Boston; editor of the column, "Among the Musicians" in the Boston Chronicle; graduate cosmetologist, and is the proprietor of the La-Grace Beauty Studios in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, New York.

PINKSTON, Rev. Albert L., presiding elder, N. Nashville District, Tennesee Conference, was born in Arrington, Tenn., on March 4, 1868, the son of Wm. and Harriet Pinkston; attended public and high school in Williamson County, and Central Tennessee College; received D.D. from Turner College in 1908. In the local church he served as trustee, steward and class leader; licensed to preach at Hopewell by Rev. K. H. Turner in 1888, and admitted to the Tennessee Annual Conference at St. Paul in Nashville in 1890; ordained deacon at Columbia by Bishop Wayman and also elder by Bishop Wayman; served as pastor of Clarksville, Union City; Providence, Memphis; Payne, Nashville; and St. Luke, Birmingham, Alabama; presiding elder of the Dixon District, West Tennessee Conference; Shelbyville, Tennessee; Knoxville, East Tennessee and North Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. Pinkston remodeled St. James, Nashville; Salem, and Trinity. He paid mortgage at St. Luke, Birmingham; Payne Chapel and St. Luke, Nashville; Providence, Memphis; Allen Chapel, Murfreesboro; Union City, and St. Peter's in Clarksville, Tennessee; delegate and alternate to several General Conferences; served on AME Sunday School Union Board, 1946 to date; was trustee of Turner College; published articles in all Connectional periodicals; a Mason, Pythian, Odd Fellow, vice president of the Interdenominational Alliance in Nashville, president of advisory board of the Citizens' Savings Bank of Nashville, and is affiliated with several other organizations.

POINTER, Rev. S. M., born in Kress City Ark., April 26, 1900; son of Greene W. and Rosa Etta (Stills) Pointer; attended Walker School, Columbia County, Ark.; Shorter College, Oklahoma School of Religion, B.D., July 15, 1943; D.D., Shorter, 1942; licensed to preach at King's Hill AME Church by Rev. W. H. Jones, 1912; admitted to Arkansas Annual Conference at Malvin, Arkansas, November, 1915; ordained deacon at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, 1918, by Bishop Connor; elder at Fort Smith, Ark., 1922 by Bishop Ross; served as pastor at Conway, Ark., 1919-1920; Alexander Circuit, Ark., 1920, 1922; Sweet Home Station, Arkansas, 1923-1926; Odessa and Mayview, Missouri, 1927; Bethel Station, Muskogee, Okla., 1927-1929; Everett and Bremiton, Washington, 1930; Butte and Anaconda, Montana, 1930-1932; Bethel, Claremore, Okla., 1932-1935; Oknegee Station, 1937-1940; Chickasha, Okla., 1940-1942; served as presiding elder of the districts: Boley, N. E. Oklahoma Conference, 1935-1938; McLester, Central Oklahoma, 1942-44. Paid mortgages at Sweet Home, Ark., 1923; Bremiton, Washington, 1930; Bethel, Muskogee, Okla., 1929; Anaconda, Montana, 1932; received 500 members and had 300 conversions; delegate to the General Conferences of 1936 and 1944; alternate 1940; trustee of Flipper-Key-Davis College, 1932-1942; Shorter College, 1942-44; published articles in all church periodicals; member of the NAACP, Chickasha Negro Chamber of Commerce, A F & A Masons.

REV. AND MRS. S. M. POINTER

POINTER, Mrs. S. M., born in Marion County, Texas, November 26, 1908; attended the public schools in Marion County and Kansas City, Kansas; was converted in her youth and joined the church; married Rev. S. M. Pointer at the age of 23. She finished her high school work at Lincoln High School, and Langston University. At present she is the head of the home economics department at Lincoln High School, Claremore, Oklahoma.

POLK, Mrs. Alma Anderson, connectional superintendent of YPD, WMS, was born in 1900 in Jacksonville, Florida, the daughter of Grant C. and Alice L. (Jordan) Anderson; attended Edward Waters College and Florida Normal and Industrial Institute, and University of Pittsburgh; graduate of Philadelphia School of Bible and Bessie V. Hicks' Dramatic School; served as president of the Sadie J. Anderson MMS; assistant superintendent of the Sunday school; trustee and mortgage fund club; delegate to the General Conferences of 1940, 1944, and 1948. In 1932 in Cleveland she represented the "Jones-Wright Boosters". In 1936, she was in charge of Information; served on the reportorial staff of the Pittsburgh Courier; chairman of the Negro Women's Division of the War Finance Committee of Allegheny County; member of the Metropolitan Board, YWCA, Pittsburgh, being the first Negro elected to that board; chairman of Religious Projects Committee, Centre Avenue Branch, YWCA; Past Loyal Daughter Ruler, Shining Light Council of Elks; also chairman of Pittsburgh Conference Branch, WMS; leader of delegates to 1943 Quadrennial Convention; and headed the war bond drive of Elks in the 1943 convention; was the first Negro elected to the Metropolitan Board, YWCA, Philadelphia; also first to head city-wide Committee in Philadelphia, and in Pittsburgh; president of Achievement Chapter, Harriet Tubman Guild, Inc.; vice president of Harriet Tubman Guild; vice chairman of Board of Directors of the Coleman Industrial Home; member of Citizen's Committee, Negro Opera Company, and member of the NAACP. Since 1945 she has been Connectional Superintendent of the YPD of the WMS, and organized the first Young People's Quadrennial Convention at New Orleans, Louisiana in August, 1947; instructor in Kentucky Youth Congress Institute, 1946 and 1947; also Tawawa School of Religion; author of "Listen Youth", "Twelve Pioneer Women", and other pamphlets; was secretary of the episcopal committee of the extra General Conference in 1947. Her husband is Lonnie C. Polk, insurance manager.

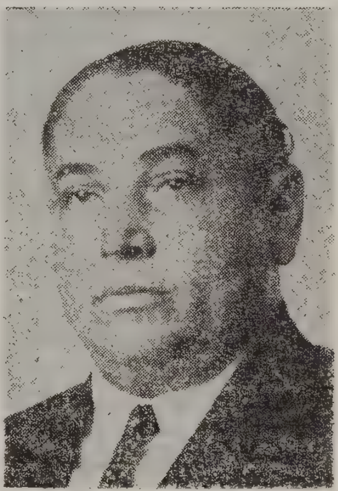
PHILLIPS, Mme. C. Etta, born in South Carolina; adopted by Miss Abby Munro, of Bristol, R. I.; was a graduate of Claflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina; joined Friendship AME Church; taught in the Lang Normal and Industrial School; in order to perfect her musical education, she went to Boston, Mass. and specialized in vocal, choral and directing music; known in her home town, Charleston as "The Southern Nightingale". She was the winner of the "Judge Adams Trophy" at the Colored Congress of Composers and Musicians; toured most of the states; wrote the pageant, "Great and Marvelous is the White Throne"; member of Mt. Zion AME Church, Newport, R. I.; corresponding secretary of the Senior Missionary Society, supervisor of YPD; organizer and supervisor of "The Live Wire Club"; singing evangelist, crusader, assistant Sunday school superintendent, director of the southern region church schools of the New England District, and a member of the board of Religious Education; director of the Aurorean Coterie Singers of classics, gospel songs and spirituals.

POLK, Rev. G. R., presiding elder of Ensley District; son of Rev. Randall and Mrs. Rosie Polk; was born in Greensboro, Alabama; converted August 20, 1893; joined St. Mary AME Church; licensed to preach March, 1902; joined the North Alabama Conference in 1907 under Bishop Coppin at Payne Chapel AME Church, Birmingham, Ala.; his father and grandfather were AME preachers. He was educated in public schools, Payne University and under private teachers; built a church at Marion, Ala. in 1913; renovated church and parsonage at Newbern; paid $5,000 debt at Ward's Chapel, Bassemer, Ala.; remaining here 5 years, found the membership 127 and left 450. He was 3 years at St. Paul AME Church in Florence, Alabama, took in 150 converts; has served as delegate to General Conference since 1924 which met in Louisville, Kentucky. 3 years at Bethel AME Church, Ensley Station, Birmingham, 1923-1926; paid each year $500 for education and $100 for Easter; has traveled from the Atlantic to the Pacific and out of the U. S. many times; a trustee of Payne University for over 25 years; the Alabama State leader for more than 12 years; presiding elder of the Bessemer District for 10 years and now serving his 9th year over the Ensley District; member of the Missionary Board; married to Miss Mattie Chatman, daughter of Rev. Robert C. Chatman, AME minister. They had 4 children: Flora Polk, educated in Payne University and Alabama State; Nettie, wife of Rev. J. C. Bonner, and graduate of Parker High, Birmingham; attended Alabama State College and graduated from Booker T. Washington Business College, Birmingham; Ernest Polk who heads a job with the T.C.I. company; Sadie, a graduate of Wilberforce University, and now teaching in Payne College.

PORTER, Rev. James A., pastor, Panama City, Florida, born Summerton, S. C., August 31, 1901; son of Henry and Maggie Jones Porter; attended Central Academy, Fla.; Stanton high school, Jacksonville, Florida; Edward Waters College, Jacksonville; received degree from Fla. A & M College, 1925; D.D., from Edward Waters College, 1943; served local church as steward, trustee, Sunday school superintendent, class leader; licensed to preach at St. James Church by Rev. I. H. Dixon, 1923; admitted to Central Fla. Annual Conference at Bartow, 1924; ordained deacon at Sarasota in 1929 by Bishop Flipper; elder at St. Petersburg, 1933 by Bishop Flipper; served as pastor at St. Mark, Common Siding, 1926; East Parish, Fla., 1927; Fruitsville, 1930-1931; St. James, Ellington, 1932; Mt. Mariah, Willow, 1933; Bethel, White Springs, 1934-1937; Good Hope, 1938; Friendship, River Junction, 1939; Bethel, Panama City, 1940-1944. Organized churches: Common Siding, 1926; St. James, Fruitsville, 1930; built St. Mark, 1926; St. James, 1929; received 4000 members into the church; had 632 conversions; trustee of Edward Waters College, 1934 to date; organizer and financier of the West Florida Conference; pastor Bethel AME Church, Panama City, Florida.

POPE, Rev. Robert Luther, deceased, born Athens, Ga., Sept. 2, 1870; son of Monroe and Hannah Pope; attended Clark County public school, Knox Institute, Athens, Ga., Allen University, Morris Brown College, A.B., 1899; and B.D., from Gammond Theological Seminary; D.D. from Morris Brown, 1928; D.D. Wilberforce University, 1923; served as class leader, superintendent of Sunday school, steward; licensed to preach at Pierce Chapel by Rev. J. S. Flipper, 1895; admitted to North Georgia Annual Conference at Atlanta, Georgia, 1895; ordained deacon at Thomaston, Ga., in 1897 by Bishop W. J. Gaines; ordained elder at Atlanta, Ga., in 1899, by Bishop Gaines; served as pastor at the following places: St. John, Montgomery, Alabama, 1907-1911; Shorter Chapel, Denver, Colo., 1912-1916; S. Paul, Wichita, Kansas, 1921-1924; Bethel, Indianapolis, Ind., 1924-1932; St. Paul, Tampa, Fla., 1933-1935; Mt. Pisgah, Sumter, S. C., 1936-1942; served as presiding elder of the following districts: Rocky Mountains, Colorado, 1916-1921; Sumter, North East, South Carolina, 1942 till death. Organized the First AME Church, Casper, Wyoming, 1918; St. John, Scottsbluff, Neb., 1919; Dearfield Mission, near Denver, Colo., 1917; built St. John, Montgomery, Ala., 1910; Mt. Pisgah, Sumter, S. C., 1940; paid mortgages on Shorter Chapel parsonage, Denver, Colo.; Trinity Church, Atlanta, Georgia, 1901; Mt. Pisgah, Sumter, S. C., 1939; received 2875 members into the church and had 1009 conversions; delegate to the General Conference 1908, 1912, 1916, 1920, 1932; alternate in 1904; served on the Connectional Board of Education, 1916-1924; was trustee of Payne College, 1902-1912; Morris Brown, 1898-1901; Allen University, 1940 till death; was member of Boule, Wichita, Kansas; Alpha Kappa Psi, Masons, assistant chairman Ration Board, Sumter Co., South Carolina.

PONDEXTER, Sr., Rev. Lonnie Price, pastor of Bethel AME Church, Vicksburg, Mississippi; was born April 24, 1902 in Lena Station, La.; sixth of the nine children of Bennie and Dinah Pondexter; attended public schools and Lampton College of Alexandria; Campbell College, B.D.; licensed to preach at Gaines Chapel AME Church by Rev. C. W. Williams, presiding elder, Natchitotches, Louisiana; ordained deacon, 1931 at Alexandria, La. by Bishop Ransom; elder, 1933 at Bonita, La., by Bishop Greene. Pasored: Cloverdale, La., 1929-1931; Patterson, 1931-1933; Rayville, 1933-34; Tchula Circuit, Miss., 1934-37; Turner Chapel, Greenwood, 1937-40; Friendship AME Church, Clarksdale, 1940-1942; Bethel AME Church, Vicksburg, 1942-1944. At Cloverdale, he purchased 3 acres of land for church and parsonage—paid for it the first year; at Patterson, he paid the church out of debt which had been standing for years; at Tchula he paid the church out of debt, built a new church, Mt. Sinai, and repaired the church, Eden, Miss.; at Greenwood he repaired the church and parsonage, also paid the church out of debt; at Clarksdale, repaired and furnished the parsonage; at Vicksburg, he repaired the parsonage and paid the mortgage on the church; delegate to the



General Conference, 1936, 1940, 1944. He married Willie Mae Fudge of Little Rock, Ark., November 2, 1936. To this union were born 3 children: Lonnie Price, Jr., Sylvia Jean, and Delores Anne.

POTTINGER, Rev. John Leo, presiding elder of the Philadelphia District, Philadelphia Conference; born Linstead, Jamaica, B. W. I., August 22, 1895; son of John Luke and Anne Elizabeth (Powell) Pottinger; attended Jamaica B.W.I. public schools and private high schools of same; Wilberforce, B.D., 1923, and D.D. from same in 1933; graduate work at Brown University, Providence, R. I.; the Divinity School of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in Philadelphia, Pa.; served local church as exhorter, junior class leader, Sunday school teacher and secretary, chorister at Wesleyan Methodist Church; licensed by Rev. Alfonso Dumar, at Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I., February, 1920; admitted to the New York Annual Conference at Bethel, New York, May 25, 1923; ordained deacon at Bethel, in 1923 by Bishop Heard; elder at Bethel, Buffalo, in 1924 by Bishop Heard; served as pastor of St. John, Niagara Falls, New York, 1923-1926; Bethel, Providence, R. I., 1926-1929; Bethel, Lynn, Mass., 1926-1931; Avery, Cleveland, Ohio, 1931-1932; St. Paul, Hamilton, Bermuda Islands, (and presiding elder), 1932-1936; Macedonia, Camden, N. J., 1936-1939; Bethel, Ardmore, Pa., 1939-1943; now presiding elder of the Philadelphia District of the Philadelphia Conference; built St. John in Niagara Falls; paid the mortgage on Ardmore Church; delegate to the General Conferences: 1936, 1944 and 1948. "A Manual For Church Members", October 30, 1942. Member of the Alpha Phi Alpha, Masons, F & A M, Lynn Civic League, organized The Get Together Club (business and professional men) Bermuda; YMCA, Roundtable Luncheon Group (Inter-racial, Ardmore, Pennsylvania.)

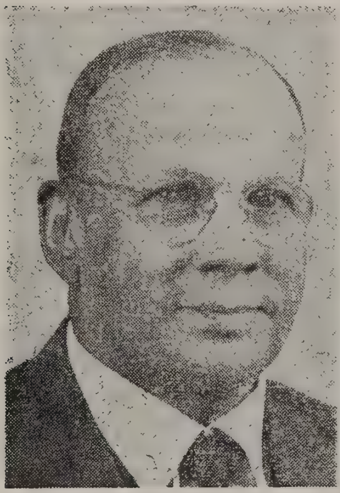
REV. AND MRS. J. L. POTTINGER

POWE, Rev. John R., was born in Richland Parish, near Mangham, La., Sept. 4, 1893; received early training in the the schools of Louisiana, where he received first grade license to teach in 1910; admitted to the North Louisiana Conference under Bishop Salter, in 1912; assigned to the pastorate of Bethel, Vilalia, La., where he remodeled the church and built the first parsonage owned by the AME Church in Vilalia. Among his other labors are the erection of a beautiful brick church at a cost of $37,000 in in the all Negro town, Mound Bayou, Mississippi; St. Paul AME Church, New Orleans, valued at $20,000; repurchasing from the receivers and rehabilitating, at a cost of $10,000 historic St. James, New Orleans, La., often spoke of by many as the Mother of African Methodism south of the Mason and Dixon Line. Other pastorates were St. Matthew, Greenville, Mississippi; Pearl Street, Jackson, Mississippi; St. Peter, New Orleans, La.; Bethel, Vicksburg, Mississippi; Payne Memorial, New Orleans, La.; Archibald Circuit, (his home church), Mangham, La., and Salters Chapel, Bogalousa, La.

REV. AND MRS. J. R. POWE

POWE, Mrs. C. R., wife of Rev. J. R. Powe; was born in Richland Parish, Louisiana; educated at Dermott Baptist Academy and Campbell College. They have 5 boys and 3 girls: Willie C., who was connected with the Red Cross in New Guinea; Vera G., who worked as Xray technician in the U. S. Army hospital at Camp Atterberry, Indiana; Harriett, who is employed in the public schools of New Orleans; Sgt. Charles R.; Alvin Lee, who served with the U.S. marines; Corporal John R., Jr.; Kelso, who served in World War II; and William H., who is at Dillard University. All of the other children have done their college work at some of the country's best schools.

PORTLOCK, Rev. Jacob Anthony; pastor Greater Bethel AME Church, New York City, son of Louis Henry, Sr. and Sarah Elizabeth (Riddick) Portlock; converted in St. John AME Church, Norfolk, Va., at the age of twelve; studied in the Norfolk Mission College (a United Presbyterian graded school), Virginia Union University, Richmond; University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, and the Reformed Episcopal Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. While a student he joined Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Philadelphia; serving as usher, church clerk, assistant class leader; licensed exhorter and local preacher in the quarterly conferences in the same church. Received in the Philadelphia annual conference in May 1920 at Steelton, Pa., by Bishop Heard; ordained deacon at Philadelphia, Pa., in Mt. Olive AME Church and elder in Chambersburg, Pa. Pastored: Mechanicsburg, Pa., Oxford and Calvary Circuit, Middletown and Oberlin Circuit, Coatesville and Ardmore—in the Philadelphia Conference; Scranton, Pa., in the Pittsburgh Conference; Norwalk, Conn., in the New England Conference; Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, (comprising the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island). Pastored Buffalo, N. Y., Bethel, New York City, and Greater Bethel in the New York Conference. Served as chief secretary of the Philadelphia Conference for 7 years. Purchased palatial parsonage while in Ardmore, Pa. Founder of Bethel AME Church in South Coatesville, Pa., and Greater Bethel, New York; saved Zion AME Church, Halifax, N. S., through the Canadian Courts; member of several secret fraternal societies; delegate to General Conference, 1948.



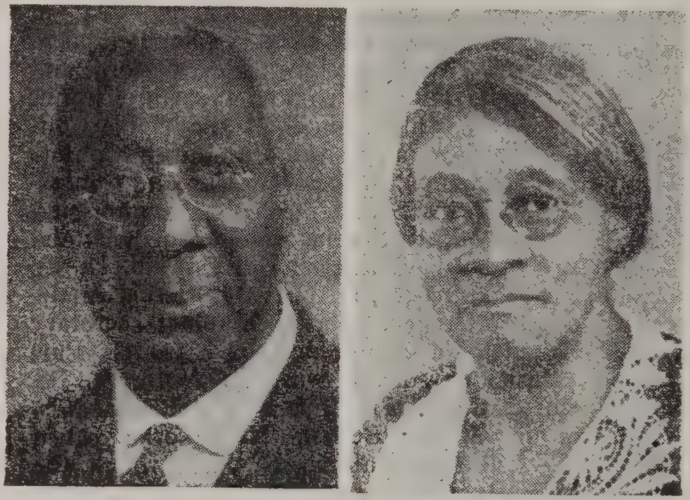
POWELL, Rev. Charles J., treasurer of Wilberforce University, son of Shadrach F. and Frances E. Powell; attended the public schools of Ocala, Florida; Edward Waters College, Gammon Theological Seminary and took a law course at the University of Pittsburgh; received D.D. from Wilberforce University in 1907; admitted to the Pittsburgh Conference in 1898; built the handsome brick church at Erie, Pa.; the parsonage at Monongahela, Pa.; paid a debt of $11,000 on the St. James Church, Pittsburgh; paid a debt of $10,000 on the St. Paul Church, Washington, Pa., and a debt of $5,000 at Zanesville, Ohio; was chief secretary of the Pittsburgh Conference for 11 years and its treasurer for 10 years. When the church law limited the tenure of a given pastorate to 5 years, he spent 25 years as the pastor of 5 churches. He was a presiding elder in Ohio, from 1930 to 1946, and served also as accountant of the Third Episcopal District, treasurer of the Ohio Annual Conference; a member of trusteen board of Wilberforce University, a member of the Missionary Board; member of every General Conference since 1916; treasurer of Wilberforce University since 1946.

PRIMM, Rev. Howard Thomas, pastor of Union Bethel, New Orleans, was born in Brentwood, Tennessee, June 23, 1903; son of Zack and Addie (Curtis) Primm; attended the Napier public school, and Pearl High School, in Nashville, Tenn., and Wilberforce University, A.B., 1924; B.D., degree from Payne Theological Seminary, 1927; D.D. Wilberforce, 1940; LL.D., Edward Waters, 1944; served as Sunday school teacher, president of A C E League, class leader; licensed to preach at Bethel Church, Nashville, by Rev. R. A. Fox, 1920; admitted to Tennessee Annual Conference at Nashville, 1921; ordained deacon at Nashville, 1922 by Bishop Ransom; elder at Nashville, 1926, by Bishop J. Albert Johnson; pastored: Trinity, Nashville, 1926-28; Gilchrist, Memphis, 1928-29; Allen, Memphis, 1929-31; Bethel, Alexandria, La., 1931-32; St. Peter, Port Gibson, Miss., 1932-33; Union, Arkansas, 1933-35; Visitors' Chapel, Arkansas, 1935-41; Union Bethel, New Orleans, La., 1941-to the present. He organized the Sarah Allen Child Welfare Station, New Orleans, La., 1942; built the parsonage at New Orleans, La.; paid mortgage on Bethel, Alexandria, La.; Union Bethel, New Orleans, La.; St. Peter, Fort Gibson. He received 1700 members into the church and had 450 conversions; delegate to all General Conferences since 1932; alternate in 1928. He served on the Sunday School Board, 1930; Book Concern, 1940; trustee of Shorter College, 1936-39; Campbell College, 1939 to date; published articles in all church papers; member of the NAACP, Urban League, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He was a delegate to World Conference of Christian Youth, Amsterdam, Holland, 1939; studied and traveled in England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, and Norway; built the "S. L. Greene Four Freedoms Building", the Children's Clinic, and Teen Junction buildings, being social service projects of Union Bethel, New Orleans; was chairman of episcopal committee of the special session of the General Conference in 1946, and entertaining pastor for the first quadrennial convention of the Women's Missionary Society in 1947.

POWELL, Rev. W. L., presiding elder of North Memphis District, West Tennessee Conference; was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, July 22, 1888, the seventh of 12 children of Oscar and Lucindia Powell; educated in the public schools of Davidson C., Nashville, Tenn., Walden College, and Braden Divinity School; converted in 1906; joined the AME Church in April, 1908; acknowledged a call to preach in May, 1908; licensed in September, 1908, by Dr. T. W. Hagler, presiding elder; admitted to the Conference on trial and ordained deacon by Bishop Jones; elder in 1916 by Bishop Lee; pastored Sand Hill, Tennessee; Vale Mill Circuit, Pulaski, Tennessee; Saint James, Mayfield, Kentucky; Quinn Chapel, Paris; Saint Peter's, Clarksville, Saint James, Memphis; St. Andrew, Memphis; Providence, Memphis, Tennessee; was presiding elder of the Paris District, West Tennessee Annual Conference; now presiding elder of the North Memphis District; is the state president of the ACE League of Tennessee; member of the Senior Chamber of Commerce, Memphis; president of the Inter-Denominational Ministers' Council of Memphis; member of executive committee of the Goodwill Service Center; and instructor in the "R. R. Wright, Jr. School of Religion"; delegate to General Conference 1944.

REV. AND MRS. W. L. POWELL

PRUITT, Rev. W. Edward, pastor New Tyler, Memphis, Tenn.; was born February 28, 1875, near Aberdeen, Mississippi. When ten years of age, his father migrated to Arkansas; converted at 12 years of age; was brought up in the church by his parents who were of the ME Church; was schooled in the public schools; took college training at Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., Seminary courses at Gammon, Atlanta, Ga., and Shorter College, N. Little Rock, Ark; served as Sunday school superintendent, president of League; class leader, and steward; licensed to preach October, 1893; ordained deacon and elder in the ME Church; served in the Little Rock Annual Conference for ten years. In 1906 withdrew from the ME Church and joined the AME Church under Rev. J. W. Whitesides; November, 1906 was admitted to the South Arkansas Conference by Bishop Lee; served the following appointments in Arkansas: Tarry Circuit 2 years; Baxter Circuit, 2 years. Stations: St. John, Pine Bluff, 3 years; Carter Chapel, Helena, 4 years; St. Paul, Newport, 2 years; Monticello, 2 years; Crossett, 2 years; Marianna, 1 year. Oklahoma: Okmulgee, 2 years; Ardmore, 1 year. Tennessee: St. Paul, Nashville, 18 months; St. James, Memphis, 2 years; Ward, and New Tyler, Memphis since 1946; was presiding elder: in Arkansas, Pine Bluff District, 2 years; Clarendon District 1 year. In Tennessee: East Memphis District, 1 year; N. Memphis District, 7 years; South Memphis District, 2 years; built Holland Chapel, Dermott, Ark., cost $7,500; Carter Chapel, Helena, Ark., cost $40,000; built superstructure of St. James, Memphis, Tennessee $6,000; has had 411 conversions, and more than 1500 accessions to the church, and raised thousands of dollars for the connection and local purposes.



REV. AND MRS. W. E. PRUITT

PRUITT, Mrs. Josie Carr, president emeritus, West Tennessee Conference Branch, WMS, born of parents not able to give her many advantages; attended the public schools, and Shorter College in its early days of organization at Arkadelphia, Ark. Was converted at 8 years of age; has served the church of her choice (the AME Church), for the better part of her life, as Sunday school superintendent, class leader, stewardess, president of the local missionary society for 19 years; conference branch president of the West Tennessee Annual Conference Missionary Society for 35 years, retiring voluntarily in 1947; attended many quadrennial sessions of the WH & FM Society, and WMS, and represented

Tennessee at the Jubilee Celebration of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America in 1943 in Hotel Steven, Chicago as the guest of Bishop and Mrs. R. R. Wright, Jr.

PRIMUS, Mrs. Zylphia E., daughter of Julius A. and Hester E. Randall; born Hardeville, S. C., September 8, 1905; district president (Beaufort District) South Carolina Conference; attended Hardeville, consolidated public school, Cuyler Street high, and Georgia State College, Savannah, Ga.; served as pianist, stewardess of St. Stephens AME Church, Hardeville, South Carolina. Alternate to the General Conference of 1944; trustee of Allen University, 1938 to date; published articles in the Palmetto Leader nd Christian Recorder; secretary of the Order of the Eastern Star; president of the parent teacher association of Hardeville Consolidated School, social service worker and community leader.

PROWELL, Mrs. Dickey Belle Worthy, business woman, owner of Prowell's Lunch Box, 610 South 20th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., comes of a family of ardent African Methodists of Vicksburg, Miss., who were among the founders of Bethel of that city. She is one of the founders of Mt. Zion AME Church, Philadelphia, organized by Rev. R. J. Williams in 1920, and now named Metropolitan A M E Church; has the honor of being one of the first women elected as trustee and treasurer, a position held for a number of years; also connected with many clubs in the church; member of the NAACP, several charitable clubs, Keystone Temple Elks, a yearly contributor to the Salvation Army, and Philadelphia Tuberculosis and Health Association.

PRYOR, Rev. Nelson, born Hopkinsville, Ky., February 7, 1877; son of John Edward and Rebecca Salem Pryor; attended the public schools of St. Louis, Mo., Christian Co. Kentucky and Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., B. S. June, 1901; served his church as Sunday school superintendent; licensed to preach at St. Paul AME Church, St. Louis, Mo., by Rev. A. A. Gilbert in April, 1914; admitted to Missouri Annual Conference at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, October, 1914; ordained deacon at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, in 1914 by Bishop Parks; elder at Pasadena, Calif., 1919 by Bishop Parks; served as pastor St. Luke AME, Elmwood Par., Mo., 1914-1915; North Lawrence, Kans., 1915-1918; Bakersfield, California, 1918-1920; First AME Church of Oakland, Calif., 1922-1927; San Francisco, Calif., 1927-1929; Sacramento, California, 1929-1931; Davenport, Iowa, 1931-1934; South Bend, Indiana, 1934-1939; River Rouge, Michigan, 1939; served as presiding elder of the San Francisco Conference of California, 1920-1922; organized churches in Visalia, Calif., 1920; Oroville, Calif., 1921; Tulare, California, 1922; paid the mortgages on Bakersfield, California $2,000, 1920; River Rouge, Michigan $1,000, 1940; received 168 members into the church and had 475 conversions; delegate to the General Conference of 1928; member of the NAACP, executive committee, YMCA; president of Board; Mason, Odd Fellow, Knights of Labor, K of P, Elks.

PUCKETT, Mrs. Sarah H., clerk, born Baton Rouge, La. March 18, 1902; daughter of Frank Cousey and Harriett Washington Coursey; attended Mound Bayou, Miss. public schools and Memphis, Tenn. high school. Held the following local church offices: class leader, trustee, president of choir, deaconess board, superintendent of Sunday school.

PURYEAR, Rev. Thomas Langston, pastor St. Matthews AME Church, Orange, N. J.; born at Clarksville, Virginia, January 8, 1890, of Benjamin and Clara Puryear, one of 9 children and of the 3 surviving; a member of the famous "Mecklenburg Clan" of Puryears of Mecklenburg County, Va., traceable back 300 years when the founder, a white Englishman, settled in Mecklenburg County, Virginia and established a slave plantation. On the maternal side, Rev. Puryear is descended from Col. William Reid, who was a union calvaryman in the Civil War; attended grade school at Clarksville, Boydton, (Virginia) Institute, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia; Howard University's School of Religion, Th.B.; post graduate work at the Springfield, (Mass.) YMCA College, and at New York School of Social Work; was sexton of his local church; general religious secretary, Camp Lee, Virginia 1917-1919; interracial secretary, State of Virginia YMCA, 1919-1920; Dean of Men, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia 1919-1927, also athletic director at same institution, served as college chapel preacher on occasion while at this institution and later held a pastorate at Centralia, Virginia; executive director, New Jersey Urban League, Newark, New Jersey, 1927-1934; resident manager of The Douglass-Harrison Apartments, Newark, 1943 to present. The project consists of 753 family units and occupies 2 city blocks, with a staff of 43 workers; pastor since November 15, 1942 of St. Matthew's AME Church; served as chairman Essex County Colored Republican Association; member of State Republican Committee and served in 1940 as speaker, Eastern Bureau National Republican Committee; member of Child Welfare Committee; leader Men's Community Bible Class, Newark; member of Interracial Committee, Newark.

REV. AND MRS. T. L. PURYEAR

PURYEAR, Mrs. Pauline Jewette Sims, wife of Rev. T. L. Puryear; daughter of Rev. and Mrs. F. R. Sims; born at Thebes, Liberty County, Ga., June 8, 1899; graduate of Ballard Normal School, Macon, Ga.; B. Ped. from Morris Brown College; A.B. Howard University, 1918; special certificate National YWCA, New York City, Group Leadership Course, 1919; graduate student, Columbia University, Dept. of Psychology, 1934-35; graduate work University of Newark, 1942; also in-service training under the New York School of Social Work; The Social Service Bureau (Family Welfare), Newark, N. J.; The Department of Public Welfare of the City of Newark; and the War Manpower Commission; has held salaried positions as Girls' Work secretary and executive, and acting general branch secretary, all under the National Board of the YWCA, in Petersburg, Va.; Charleston, S. C.; Newport News, Va.; Montclair, N. J.; and New York City; high school teacher and junior college teacher, Virginia State College; principal Tazewell County Training School, Va.; substitute teacher, Newark, New Jersey; case work, department of public welfare, Newark, case worker for the Emergency Relief Administration, State of New Jersey; recruitment officer, in War Manpower Commission; unsalaried positions: Southwest Regional Organizer, College Women's Clubs; Grand Basileus, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. 1925-1927; editor-in-chief of "Ivy Leaf"; Evangelist, New Jersey Conference; member of the Connectional Commission on Evangelism; District Director State Federation Women's Clubs, New Jersey; member of New Jersey Constitutional Revision Committee; Special War Time Delinquency Committee of Newark; Dean of Mission Study, New Jersey Conference Branch; member of the Essex County Council of Churches and many others; she was married in Morris Brown College Chapel; mother of 2 sons, Thomas Langston, Jr., who served in U. S. Army; and Paul Lionel Sims Puryear.

QUINN, Rev. Alfred K., pastor First AME Church, Santa Monica, California; son of Samuel J. and Phyllis (Wright) Quinn; born April 24, 1898, Crawford, Miss.; married Essie C. Jones of Atlanta, Georgia, June 30, 1919, (passed December 23, 1941). Five children, Daisy L. (step daughter), born, Oct. 10, 1917, (Mrs. LeVert M. Payne); Phyllis M., born April 17, 1921; Alfred T., born September 21, 1922; Lidia M., born October 17,1927; Irene D., born September 23, 1930; educated in the public schools of Cincinnati, Ohio; attended University of Cincinnati; joined AME Church at early age; served as Sunday school teacher, choir officer, usher and in various other capacities; licensed to preach at Bethel AME Church, Los Angeles by Rev. J. H. Wilson, 1927; admitted to Southern California Annual Conference at San Diego, 1928; ordained deacon by Bishop H. B. Parks in 1930 at Los Angeles, Calif.; elder, by Bishop W. D. Johnson at Pasadena, Calif., in 1932. Pastored Imperial City, Calif., 1928-31; Brawley, Calif., 1931-33; 2nd Church, Los Angeles, 1933-36; Santa Monica, 1936-44; organized and built Quinn Chapel, Brawley, 1931-33; paid mortgage of $5,000 on Santa Monica church, 1942; has received approximately 500 persons in the church; was alternate delegate to the General Conference in 1940; delegate in 1944; took studies at Bible Institute and University Southern California; secretary Southern

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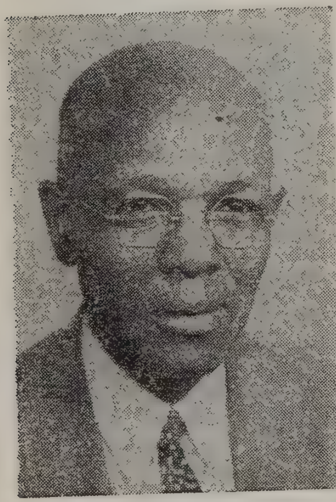
California Conference since 1932; vice president o Interdenominational Alliance of Los Angeles County, of the AME Alliance of Los Angeles and vicinity; president of Bay District Ministerial Alliance, vice president NAACP; member USO Council, Advisory Board; American Red Cross; honorary member Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce of the city of Santa Monica; member of the masonic lodge and other organizations; married Mis Hallie Del Wynn of St. Louis, Missouri, in 1943.

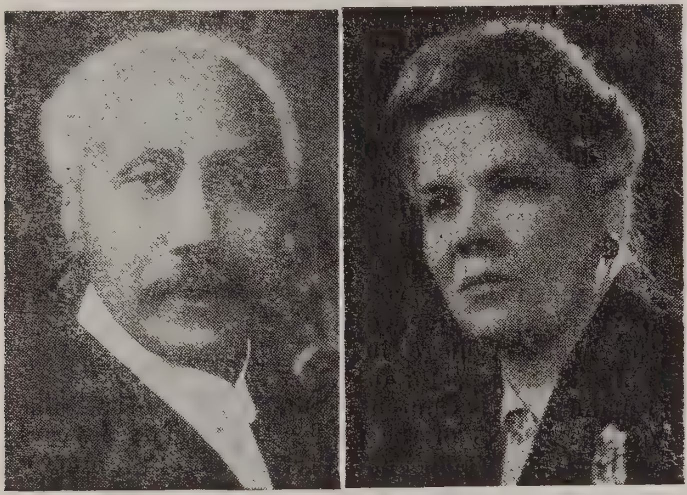
QUINN, Mrs. Hallie Del (Wynn), wife of Rev. Alfred K. Quinn, daughter of James L., and Lillie D. (Lowry) Wynn; was born in Starksville, Miss., January 20, 1910; educated in public schools of St. Louis, Missouri; graduate Providence Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago, Illinois, 1930; undergraduate study, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri; B.S., Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City, 1940; graduate study Columbia University, 1941-42, pursuant to M.S.; assistant science instructor, 1937-38; educational director, science instructor, 1938-43, Homer G. Phillips Hospital School of Nursing, St. Louis, Missouri.



RANDOLPH, Dr. J. E., physician, was born in Hannibal, Mo.; completed his pre-medical course at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri, in 1913; that same year he entered Meharry Medical College at Nashville, Tenn., and received M.D. in 1917. In 1918 he began the practice of medicine in Shelbyville, Tenn., and joined Wood Fork Chapel AME Church; here he met and married Miss Sarah Temple. In 1918 he was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Medical Officers Reserve Corps in World War I. In 1922 he moved to Covington, Ky., continuing the practice of medicine; he is a member of St. James AME Church, a steward, trustee, and treasurer; member of the Ohio State Medical Society, Kentucky State Medical Society, the National Medical Association, and the Cincinnati Medical Association. He did post-graduate work in medicine at Meharry Medical College in 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943; treasurer 12 years of the Alpha Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He has 2 sisters who are evangelists in the AME Church, Mrs. Catherine Randolph Player of Lynch, Kentucky, and Miss Edith Randolph of Jamaica, L. I., N. Y.; delegate to General Conference 1944 and 1948.

RANDOLPH, Sr., Rev. Samuel B., son of Simon and Hattie Randolph; born December 17, 1897 in Hawkinville, Georgia; converted and became a member of the Rosie Lee Chapel AME Church in Finleyson, Ga., where he later became a licensed preacher. In 1916 he was admitted to the Georgia Annual Conference at Roschell Circuit and was appointed to Quinley mission; in 1920 was transferred to the Philadelphia Conference; 1921 organized St. Mary's AME mission which he served 6 years and attended the Miller College in Philadelphia; pastor of Emanuel AME Church 2 years; attended the Philadelphia School of the Bible; St. Mary's 2 years, 1928-30; Norwood, Pa., 1 year, 1930-31; St. Mary's, 1931-32; 1932 sent to Oxford, Pa., Allen AME Church, serving 6 years and attending Lincoln University. (Allen Church was burned and built under his pastorate); Bethel AME Church, S. Coatesville, 1937-1939; (cleared the church of $5,000 debt); sent to York, Pa., Bethel AME Church, 1943, and cleared the mortgage of $1,000. Alternate to General Conference, 1928; delegate in 1944.

RANSOM, Bishop Reverdy Cassius, 48th bishop; son of George and Hattie Ransom, was born January 4, 1861, at Flushing, Ohio; converted in 1881 and joined the AME Church; licensed to preach October, 1883, at Wilberforce and joined the annual conference in 1885 at Zanesville, Ohio; ordained deacon in 1886 at Meadville, Pa., and elder in 1888 at Canonsburg, Pa. Served as pastor at Erie, Altoona, Pittsburgh, in Pennsylvania; Cleveland, Chicago, New Bedford, Boston and New York; editor of the AME Review, 1912-1924; elected bishop in 1924; was married three times. His present wife is former Dean Georgia Myrtle Teal, to whom he was married in August 1943, after the death of Mrs. Emma S. Ransom to whom he was married from 1887 to 1941. He has two sons, Harold G., and Rev. R. C. Ransom, Jr., now presiding elder in New Jersey. Among his writings are "School Days at Wilberforce", "Study and Destiny", "The Negro", "Year Book of the AME Church", and numerous pamphlets. He organized the first Board of Deaconesses in the AME Church, 1893, at Cleveland, Ohio; organized first Men's Club in the church in 1890, and organized the Institutional Church, Chicago, Ill., in 1900. He represented the church in London at the Ecumenical Conference in 1901, in Toronto in 1911, in London in 1921, and again at Springfield, Mass., in 1947. He was active in civic and political affairs and ran for Congress in New York City; served on the parole board of Ohio from 1937 to 1941; opened the Democratic National Convention of 1940 with prayer; organized Simon of Cyrene Mission in New York; was instrumental in having the first South African students enroll in Wilberforce University in 1894; was one of the founders of "The Niagara Movement"; contributed much in the founding of the NAACP; served as president of the Connectional Board of Education; has been chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wilberforce University since 1932; has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches and chairman of its Race Relations Commission; one of the founders and first presidents of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches, now historiographer of the AME Church and presiding bishop of the Third Episcopal District and lives at Wilberforce, Ohio.

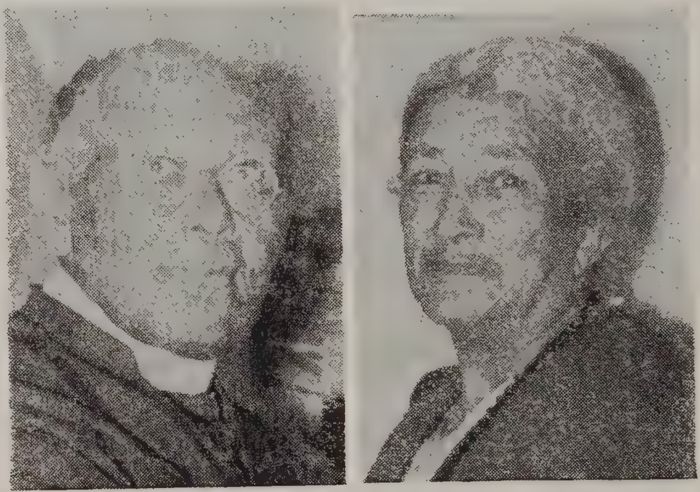


BISHOP AND MRS. R. C. RANSOM

RANSOM, Mrs. Georgia Myrtle (Teal), wife of Bishop Ransom, born in Abbeville, S. C.; educated in Allen University, State Teachers College at Cheyney, Penna.; Cornell University, A.B., and Columbia University, A.M.; taught at Cheyney; on the staff of the YWCA of New York; dean of women of Wilberforce University, 1934-1943; married Bishop Ransom, 1943; supervisor of 3rd District Missionary Societies of WMS since 1946.

RATTERAY, Rev. William Adolphus, superannuated; was born at Somerset, Bermuda on April 5, 1861, the son of Edward George Stanley and Rebecca Ratteray; attended St. James' Church school at Somerset and received private instruction. In July, 1912, he was licensed to preach at St. Paul AME Church, Hamilton, by Rev. W. E. Walker; in 1908 was admitted to the Bermuda Annual Conference, St. Paul, Hamilton; ordained deacon at Allen Temple, Somerset, in 1922 by Bishop Connor; and ordained elder at Richard Allen, St. George's in 1924 by Bishop Vernon. He served as pastor at St. Phillip's, Tucker's Town, Bermuda, 1912-16; St. Luke's, St. David's Island, Bermuda, 1916-1922; Richard Allen, St. George's and St. Luke's, St. David Island, Bermuda, 1922-24; Warwick Mission, Warwick, Bermuda, 1924-25; Highland AME Church, Amherst, Nova Scotia, Canada, 1925-29; Zion AME Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, 1929-31: Bethel AME, Shelly Bay, Bermuda, 1931-35; St. John's, Bailey Bay, Bermuda, 1935-39; Mt. Zion, Southhampton West, Bermuda, 1939-1943. In 1928 he was a delegate to the General Conference at Chicago, Illinois. Rev. Ratteray is a Mason, Abercorn Lodge, 123, Hamilton Bermuda (Irish Constitution); and Elk; member of Pride of India Lodge, Hamilton, Bermuda. Rev. Ratteray is the grandson of Mr. Charles Ratteray, one of the founders of the British Methodist Church (which later became the African Methodist Church) in Bermuda; was known as the "Richard Allen of Bermuda." Rev. Ratteray married Mrs. Alice Georgiana Cox Jennings, November 28, 1888, and from this union eight children were born.

RATTERAY, Mrs. Alice Georgiana Cox Jennings, wife of Rev. W. A. Ratteray; was born at Devonshire, Bermuda on July 14, 1867, the daughter of Alpheus and Augusta Jennings; attended Pembroke Lane School at Hamilton, Bermuda; served as president of the missionary society, Sunday school teacher, and president of many auxiliaries in the church, especially those related to young people. She is the composer of 2 marriage hymns; grand niece of Mr. W. B. Jennings, one of the founders of the BME Church, which later became the AME Church in Bermuda; married Rev. W. A. Ratteray November 28, 1888 at Christ Church, Devonshire, Bermuda, and from this union eight children were born, viz: Almayne Somerset, William Alpheus Richard, Vivian Stanley, Charles Ratteray Jennings, Earle Granville Rhodes, Marjorie Augusta, Eunice Christina Browlow, and Georgiana Ursula.



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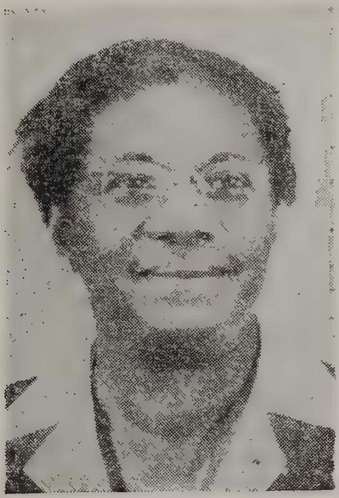
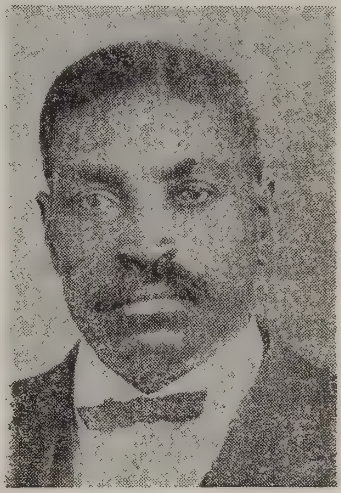


RANSOM, Mrs. Victoria Vesta (Tolliver) secretary East Tennessee Conference Branch, WMS; daughter of Professor G. B. and Katie (Skirty) Tolliver, was born in Marietta, Ga., Feb. 6, 1897; educated in Marietta high school and Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., was converted and joined Trinity AME Church, Marietta, Ga. Married January 10, 1915, and moved to Chattanooga, Tenn., 1919 where she joined Warren Chapel AME Church. She served as secretary of the Ladies Aid Board No. 1; was confirmed a stewardess by presiding elder J. H. Turner of the North Chattanooga District; secretary of the local missionary society in 1921 which she also served as president; secretary of the North Chattanooga district, and president in 1940 to date; served as conference branch secretary. She attended the Quadrennial Missionary meeting in Jacksonville, Florida in 1939; Louisville, Kentucky, 1943, and New Orleans in 1947. She is a member of the YWCA, NAACP, and agent for "The Goal."

REED, Miss Elsie Jourdain, social worker; daughter of James E. (deceased) and Anna (Jourdain) Reed; born April 21, 1893, New Bedford, Mass.; educated New Bedford high school, 1912; Cheyney Training School for Teachers, Cheyney, Pa. 1912-1913; New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass., 1913-1919; taught music at National Training School for Women and Girls, Washington, D. C., 1919-1920; volunteer worker Ashland Pl. Branch YWCA, Brooklyn, N. Y.; girl reserve secretary 3 years; and acting executive secretary 2 years; Sojourner Truth Branch YWCA, Newark, N. J.; executive secretary Negro Child Day Care Centre, Stamford, Conn., 1942-1943; social worker (Investigator), Town Welfare Dept., Stamford, Conn., 1943 to present; delegate to General Conference, 1928 and 1932; Denominational AME; member NAACP; B. K. Bruce Republican Club, Stamford, Connecticutt; organist Bethel, Bridgeport, Connecticut.



REESE, Rev. E., born Hancock County; son of Edward and Lucy; attended the Hancock County public school and Sparta, Ga. high school; Morris Brown College; received D.D. from Morris Brown; licensed to preach at Sandy Run Church by Rev. R. Graham, 1897; admitted to Annual Conference at Forsythe, 1898; ordained deacon at Augusta, Ga.; elder at Augusta, 1909; served as pastor at: Stinsonville; Macon; Mt. Zion, Wrightsville; Lofton; Dariesburg; served as presiding elder of the following districts: Louisville, Augusta, (Ga) Conference; Sanderville, Augusta, Ga.; Augusta District, Augusta, Georgia; served as trustee of Wilberforce University, and Morris Brown College; treasurer of the Augusta Conference, leader of the Augusta Georgia Annual Conference, at the General Conference in 1916, 1920, 1928, 1932, and 1940.

REEVES, Rev. John C. L., Chaplain, U. S. Army, son of Henry Peter and Mary Jane Reeves; born in Anderson, South Carolina, May 23, 1895; attended Topeka, Kansas public school and Topeka and Kansas vocational school, Washburn College, B.A., 1930; M.A. 1936, Kansas University; finished the normal and theological course and received a certificate in tailoring from Western University; licensed to preach at Brown Chapel by Rev. J. R. Ransom, 1929; admitted to Kans. and Nebraska Annual Conference at Topeka, Kans., in October, 1930; ordained deacon at Wichita, Kansas in 1931 by Bishop Gregg; elder at Topeka, Kansas in 1933 by Bishop Gregg; served as pastor at St. Paul, Osage City, Kansas, 1933; Holiday, Kansas Mission, 1935; St. Paul, Olathe, Kansas, 1938; Brown Chapel, Topeka, Kansas, 1934; Grant Chapel, Wichita, Kansas, 1942. Then Chaplain in U. S. Army; paid the mortgage of St. Paul, Osage City, Kansas; received 417 members into the church and had 281 conversions. Alternate to the General Conference at Detroit, 1940; served as trustee of Western University, Kansas City, Kansas, 1935; member of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

REID, Rev. Eddie, born on December 25, 1898, at Palmetto, Arkansas, in Bradley County; attended public school; converted at the age of 13; at the age of 15 was elected assistant superintendent of the Sunday school of Hampton Chapel AME Church, at 17 also steward and class leader; elected trustee at the age of 22 under Rev. T. A. McDade, pastor and Rev. H. Scott, presiding elder; on February 8, 1920 was married to Miss Dora Hampton, daughter of Mr. J. W. and Maggie Hampton. In 1923 moved to Little Rock and lived until 1932; licensed to preach on July 22, 1933; joined Arkansas Annual Conference in 1943 and appointed pastor of Keo Mission; in 1945, Moody Chapel Station; 1946, Spring Hill Circuit; 1947 to Scott's Circuit, and present pastorate.

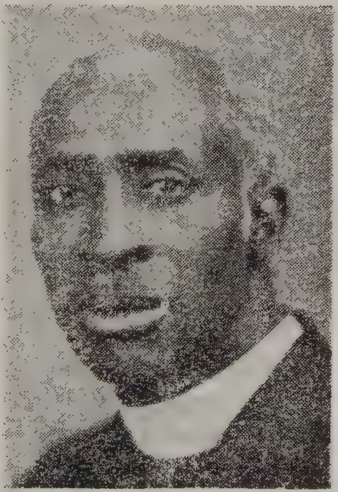
REDDICK, Rev. Henderson, pastor of Wayman AME Church, Minneapolis, Minn., son of Mary Frances and Rev. Robert Henry Reddick of Mt. Vernon, Texas; converted at age of 15 years; leaving Texas he went to Kansas City, Mo. and in 1919 joined Ebenezer AME Church, Rev. W. T. Osborne, pastor; coming to Minneapolis in 1922 he joined St. Peters AME Church, Rev. J. A. Evans, pastor, where he served as an officer. In 1925 he was licensed to preach at St. Peters, under Rev. H. C. Boyd; ordained deacon by Bishop Parks, Sept. 13, 1931; later elder by Bishop Gregg. He served Allen Chapel, Minneapolis, 3 years; St. James, the old "Mother" church, Minneapolis, 3 years; Wayman AME, Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 1939 to date. He is assisted in his work by his wife, Ruby Reddick.

Wayman AME Church was founded in 1916. Among its pastors were: Reverends Claybrook, Majors, C. H. Copeland, E. A. London, presiding elder T. B. Stovall, and its present pastor. Wayman was destroyed by fire November 22, 1938, leaving the members without a church home or a place to serve God. They were permitted to worship at the Phyllis Wheatley House. In September, 1939, Rev. Reddick was assigned to the church. Calling the members into a conference they arrived at a decision and purchased a building at 819 Fremont Avenue North to be used as a parsonage; since then many improvements have been made.

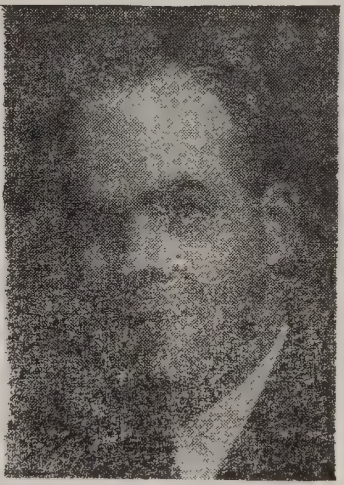
REID, Bishop Frank Madison, 61st bishop of the AME Church, was born in Nashville, Tennessee, August 11, 19—, son of Rev. S. R. and Mrs. Parthenia Douglas Reid; attended public schools in Paducah, Bowling Green and Louisville, Ky.; Central High in Louisville, Ky., Wilberforce University; A.B., 1921; honorary degrees M.A. Wilberforce 1932; LL.D., Wilberforce, 1938; D.D., Allen University, 1932 and Shorter, 1928. In local church was Sunday school teacher, class leader; licensed to preach at St. James, Covington, Ky. by Rev. J. C. Brewer, August, 1918; admitted to West Kentucky Annual Conference at Mayfield in October, 1922; ordained deacon at Frankfort, Kentucky, 1922 by Bishop Carey; elder, at Louisville, 1923 by Bishop Carey. Served as pastor of Allen Chapel, Columbus, Kentucky, 1922; Asbury, Louisville, 1925; St. John, Louisville, 1922-24; St. James, Louisville, 1925-26; St. Paul, Lexington, 1927-31; Quinn Chapel, Louisville, 1932-1936; St. Paul, St. Louis, Mo., 1936-40; built parsonage in Lexington, Ky., 1930, at cost of $6,000. Received 1427 members into the church; had 216 conversions; member of all General Conferences since 1928; served on Southern Recorder Board, 1928-32; Educational Board, 1932-36; served as trustee of Turner College, 1928-32; Wilberforce, 1932 to date; Western, 1936 to date; member of Alpha Phi Alpha, Masons, K of P, Elks. Elected bishop in 1940; assigned to South Africa; reassigned 1944; upon death of Bishop Flipper assigned to South Carolina; president of board of trustees of Allen University; founder of Kentucky Youth Congress; member of Federal Council of Churches of Christ. Married Miss Veatrice Andrews, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Andrews of Kentucky; two children: Frank M., Jr., graduate of Wilberforce University, and George Ransom Tookes, student in high school.

REID, Rev. Joseph R., pastor Greater Bethel AME Church, Jackson, Tennessee, son of Rev. Joseph R. and Belle Reid, (his father was a traveling elder in the West Tennessee Annual Conference); was born in Tennessee; received elementary and high school training in Tennessee, college and theological training at Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio. He is now serving his ninth year in Jackson, Tennessee where he has built a new Greater Bethel Church at the cost of $45,000. He was delegate to General Conference of 1944 and 1948. He secured A.B. and B.D. from Wilberforce University. Is in great demand as an evangelist.

REV. AND MRS. J. R. REID



REID, Rev. Robert H., pastor, Asbury AME Church, Louisville, Kentucky, is the son of Rev. Jos. and Belle Reid; born August 25, 1895 at Kingston Springs, Tenn. He married Henrietta Frazier of Paducah, Kentucky, September 2, 1921, and from this union came 3 children, Robert H. Jr., Harry James, and Lenora M. Reid. He married Alpha O. Keep, August 24, 1928, and from this union came 7 children, Walter W., Lloyd W., Rudolph and Rudell, Wendell Eugene, Clyde Earl, Wesley Irvin. He attended public school in Memphis, Tenn., and did college work at LeMoyne Institute in Memphis, Henderson Business College in Memphis, Morris Brown in Georgia. From Morris Brown he received B.D.; converted in 1915 and joined St. James Church in Memphis, where he held offices of Sunday school superintendent, teacher, president of ACE League; licensed to preach at St. James by Rev. J. H. Grant, and admitted to the West Tennessee Conference by Bishop Lee in 1917, at Memphis. Bishop Lee also ordained him elder in 1919. Since then he has served as pastor of Reid Chapel, Memphis; Dyersburg 1918-1920; West Paducah, Kentucky, 1921; St. James, Pryorsburg, 1922-23; Columbia, 1923-26; Murray, Kentucky, 1926-29; Mayfield, St. James, 1929-31; Murray, 1931-33; Bethel, Shelbyville, 1933-36; Taylor Chapel, Bowling Green, 1936-43; Burk's Chapel Paducah, Kentucky, 1943-46; and St. James since 1946. He built Reid's Chapel in Memphis; paid mortgage on Burk's Chapel, Paducah, and bought parsonage for Asbury; taught public school in Dyersburg, Tenn. He was a delegate to the General Conference in 1944 and 1948; an alternate in 1936, and 1940. Is at present secretary of the West Kentucky Annual Conference.



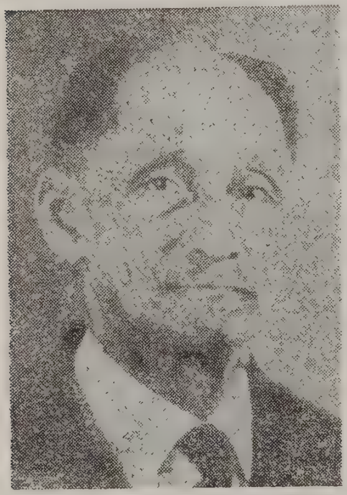
REVELY, Jr., Thos., lay delegate to the 1948 General Conference from the Danville District of the Kentucky Conference, Thirteenth Episcopal District, is a trustee and treasurer, and a member of the Men's Service League of St. James AME Church, Danville, Ky., where he is found in all the activities of the church.

RICHARDSON, Mr. P. A., of Nashville, N. C., born in North Carolina; joined the AME Church December, 1883; served his local church, Galatia, in every official capacity; served his district and annual conferences for over fifty years; delegate to all General Conferences from 1896 to 1936, and first alternate in 1940, but did not attend; was chief recording secretary of the General Conferences 1900, 1904, 1908, and 1912; a member of the General Conference Commission, 1916, and assistant secretary; trustee Kittrell College for many years; conference trustee of Wilberforce for several years. Financed the construction of the best church edifice in the North Carolina Conference in a town the size of Nashville. It is now out of debt and banking money to make improvements and build a new parsonage.

REYNOLDS, Rev. H. R. pastor, Memphis, Tenn., born in Mississippi; educated in the public schools of Clairborn County and Alcorn A & M College, B.S., in 1912; licensed to preach at St. Andrew AME Church, under the pastorate of Rev. W. M. Oliver, Rev. W. T. Polk, presiding elder, Bishop Tookes, bishop; was sent to Bethel AME Church where there were only 5 members of the church and 3 members of the Sunday school. Here he has served over 10 years bringing the membership to 87, and built a new church edifice at a cost of $3,500.

REV. AND MRS. H. R. REYNOLDS

RICARDO, Rev. J. W., pastor, Donaldson, La.; born in New Orleans, La., May 9, 1869; orphan at the age of ten; converted in 1884, and joined Union Bethel AME Church; learned brick mason's trade; admitted to Louisiana Conference; ordained deacon by Bishop Smith at Plaquemine, La., in 1899; elder in 1903. Pastored in Louisiana at Jenerette, Houma, New Iberia, Brusley, Tunica, Bethel and Salter, Donaldsonville; Chacahoula; Morris Brown, New Orleans; Lavonia, White Castle; Donaldsonville, built parsonage and repaired church; Napoleonville; Valvarda; Bell Grove, Franklin, 7 years; delegate General Conference in 1932; sent to Donaldsonville a third time, and rebuilt the brick church with his own hands. He married Miss Magnolia Whitney of Houma, La., in 1902; they have 4 sons and 1 daughter: Walter Spencer, Joseph Emanuel, Whitney Washington, Belton Edward and Mrs. Edna Ricardo Cahn. The sons are now outstanding brick masons, mechanics and carpenters. He is the author of two booklets of poems.



RICE, Rev. George Washington, born August 12, 1892, at Williamston, North Carolina; converted in 1901; was baptized by Rev. Jonah Thompson, pastor of Seeda Landing Baptist Church, and joined the same; attended the public school to the eighth grade, took an engineering corresponding course with the Hawkins Engineering Correspondence School of New York; secured a job at his home as an engineer for six years. During that time, he joined the William's Chapel AME Zion, and became an active member in the church and Sunday school work. In 1912, he was married to Miss Eugenia Hassell; of this union 6 children were born: Mrs. Eleanor James, the late William A. Rice, Laura Jane Rice, Lillian R. Rice, Master Ovington Rice, and Mrs. Janie B. Montaque. In 1925, he moved to Philadelphia, joined the Union AME Church, under Rev. John A. Brown; was usher, member on the choir secretary of the men's club, supervisor of the junior usher board, editor of the Church Bulletin, class leader, also served as junior steward; and attended the Reynolds Night School and the New Era Theological Seminary. He was cited for his outstanding work at the Philadelphia Navy Yard for an improvement of a safety device on the heat furnace in his shop. Ordained local elder by Bishop Sims and served as assistant pastor of the Union AME Church.

REV. AND MRS. G. W. RICE

RICE, Mrs. Eugenia, wife of Rev. George W. Rice, born in Williamston, N. C., Sept. 14, 1892; completed the 12th grade of Williamston schools; joined Williams Chapel AME Zion Church and taught in the Sunday school. 1925 came to Philadelphia and joined the Union AME Church; president of the Help and Smile Club, vice president of the Liberty Mothers Club, stewardess board, chaplain of the New Era committee and program committee of the Philadelphia Conference Branch WMS, supervisor of the Harrisburg District of the same. Life member of the Education Dept. of the Elks.

RICE, Rev. William F., pastor of Bethel AME Church, Saginaw, Michigan, born near Clinton, S. C. the son of Benjamin and Janie Rice, both of whom passed while he was a infant; reared by his aunt, Mrs. Henrietta Johnson; attended public school of Laurens County, and Allen University; he first married Miss Ponola Johnson of Clinton, S. C. Of this union were born 2 children, Minnie and William, Jr., both of whom died in youth. Six years after the death of this wife in 1933, he married Miss Ruby Ann McComas of Ann Arbor, Michigan; he was converted in his teen age, joined the Antioch AME Church and served as its superintendent for several years. He soon entered the ministry, and was licensed to preach by Dr. J. W. Lykes; admitted to the Columbia Annual Conference at Clinton, S. C.; ordained deacon by Bishop W. J. Gaines; elder by Bishop Coppin at Greenville, S. C.; has filled the following pastorates in South Carolina: Circuits: New Hope and Fairview, building 2 churches at a cost of over $40,000; Silverstreet, where he built Trinity AME Church at a cost of $30,000; Newberry, where he built Mt. Hebron at a cost of $40,000; Flat Rock, where he remodeled the church and bought additional land at a cost of $20,000; stations: Abbeville, where he paid a mortgage of 30 years' standing and built one of the finest parsonages in the state; Greenville, where he built a parsonage and accumulated a building fund of $6,000. He served as presiding elder of the Laurens-Greenville District for 6 years; pastor of Sumter, S. C., and paid the mortgage debt there; Asheville, N. C., where he built St. James AME Church at a cost of about $50,000. Coming to Michigan, he pastored at Flint, and redeemed the two parsonages and paid the local debts; St. Paul, Detroit, where he paid $4,000 on old debts and had $50,000 worth of brick put on the ground for the building of the new church; Lansing, where he cleared the local debts; and Saginaw, where he paid off the 14 years' bonded debt of nearly $2,000; has had more than 1000 converts, and 3,000 accessions. He taught public school until he entered the ministry; preached baccalaureate sermon at Allen University and received D.D., in 1916; served on the committee at the consecration of Bishop Beckett in 1916. Member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, K of P, and Good Samaritans. Three times delegate to the General Conference. He has contributed articles to all the church periodicals; also secular periodicals.

REV. AND MRS. W. F. RICE

RICE, Mrs. Ruby Ann, wife of the Rev. W. F. Rice, daughter of Benjamin and Eva A. McComas; was born in Brantford, Ontario, Canada; reared in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and joined the AME Church there. She attended the city public schools, graduated from the Hamilton Collegiate Institute; graduated from Howard University, A.B., and Teacher's Diploma in Education; did graduate work at the University of Michigan; active in church and civic orgnizations taught for many years in high schools and colleges of North Carolina.

RICHARDSON, Rev. Charles H., native of Americus, Ga.; converted at an early age under Rev. S. F. Andrews at Monumental Church, Savannah, Georgia; served as class leader and secretary of steward board; was licensed to preach in Savannah; was admitted to the New England Conference in 1929; ordained deacon in 1930 by Bishop Jones; elder in 1932 by Bishop Heard. He organized in his home August 13, 1936, Allen Chapel AME Church, Hartford, Conn. With the aid of Presiding Elder, James R. Campbell, this church was brought into the New England Conference in May, 1937. During his continued pastorate of this church, the membership increased, church property valued at $10,000 purchased in 1940. He died suddenly in his pulpit, June, 1947.

REV. AND MRS. C. H. RICHARDSON

RICHARDSON, Mrs. Mae, widow of Rev. C. H. Richardson whom she married in 1932; the former Ethel Mae Tilley of Atlanta, Ga.; is especially interested in missions; is the only woman holding a government patent for a missionary design; supervisor of the New England Young People's Conference Branch; delegate to 1939 and 1947 quadrennial convention, WMS; member of executive board of Hartford Council of Church Women, 3 years chairman of Evangelistic program of WCTU, and served 2 years as the first president of Ministers Wives Alliance of Hartford area. She worked faithfully in the church by her husband's side.

RICHARDSON, Rev. Harry V., chaplain, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, son of Martin V. and Bertha (Witsell) Richardson; born June 27, 1901, Jacksonville, Fla.; married Selma T. White of Jacksonville, Florida, June 22, 1927; no children; educated public schools, Jacksonville; A.B., Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, 1925; S.T.B., Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, Mass., 1932 (with honors); D.D. Wilberforce University, 1942; Ph.D., Drew University, Madison, N. J., 1945. Joined St. James AME Church, Cleveland, Ohio, 1927; Sunday school teacher, 1927-1929. Licensed to preach, 1928; ordained deacon by Bishop Heard, 1929, Cleveland; elder by Bishop Jones, Rall River, Mass., 1932. Pastor Wayman Chapel, Narragansett Pier, R. I., 1929-1932; chaplain Tuskegee Institute since 1933; professor of history, Tuskegee Institute, 1932-1933; vice-president Tuskegee Institute, 1939-1942; co-director of "A Program for the Training of the Negro Rural Ministry," 1945 to date; founder and executive secretary of a statewide Interracial Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (Alabama); author of "Studies in the History of Israel and Literature of the Old Testament"; "Studies in the Life of Christ and New Testament Literature"; "The New Negro and Religion"; "A Negro's Plea for Understanding" (New York Times Sunday Magazine, November 10, 1944); has served as preacher on National Preaching Missions of the Federal Council of Churches for 5 years; served as visiting chaplain to army camps, 1941-1945; member executive committee Race Relations Department of Federal Council of Churches; delegate to General Conference AME Church 1940 and 1944; appointed Director of A Commission for the Study of AME Rural Churches by General Conference, 1940.

RICHARDSON, Mrs. Selma T. (White), wife of Rev. H. V. Richardson, daughter of Frank D. and Roxie White; born in Jacksonville, Florida, May 5, 1903; educated in public schools of Jacksonville, Florida; Atlanta University, Cleveland School of Education, Ohio; Tuskegee Institute, Drake University; M.A. in Nursery School Education, Teachers College, Columbia University. 1944; married June 27, 1927; taught school at Tuskegee Institute for 10 years; active in religious work and student counseling, Tuskegee Institute; director nursery schools, New York City, 1944-1945

RHONE, Rev. Sandy D., Chaplain of U. S. Army, born in Suggsville, Ala., February 14, 1896; son of Sandy and Norah Rhone; attended the Miller's Ferry Normal and Industrial Institute; received A.B. from Wilberforce University June, 1920; B.D. and A.M. from Creighton University in 1933. Licensed to preach at Wilberforce by Rev. W. H. Thomas in 1916; admitted to Michigan Annual Conference in Detroit in 1919; ordained deacon at Detroit in 1919 by Bishop Smith; elder at Kansas City in 1922 by Bishop Parks. Served as pastor at Trinity AME Church 1921; Atchison, Campbell Chapel, 1924-1928; South Omaha, Nebraska, Mo., 1933; evangelist and settlement worker (ASSW) 1938; St. Paul, Berkley, Calif., 1939; Chaplain Mississippi Negro Training School (Formerly Jackson College) 1943. Chaplain USA, 1944, 1st Lieutenant; built the 1st unit Trinity AME Church, Kansas City, Kansas. Paid the mortgage on Atchison at Campbell Chapel; received 828 members into the church, had 131 conversions. Delegate to the General Conference in 1944. Member of the American Association of Social Workers, the Association of Church Social Workers, The National Conference of Social Workers.

RIDLEY, Rev. Emanuel F., born Macon, Georgia, March 24, 1904; son of Rev. N. A. and Mrs. Pearl L. V. (Morgan) Ridley; attended East Macon public schol, Macon high school, Ballard N. & I., Central City College, Morris Brown College, A.B., 1938; served as class leader, steward, Sunday school teacher; licensed to preach at St. Paul AME Church by Rev. S. H. Bryant, 1932; admitted to Macon, (Georgia) Annual Conference at Macon, November, 1932; ordained deacon, 1933 by Bishop Fountain; elder at Thomaston, Georgia, in 1935 by Bishop Fountain. Served as pastor of Marshallville, Ga., 1932; Kenesaw Mt., Ga., 1932; St. Luke AME, Atlanta, 1933-1937; Mt. Zion AME, Newnan, Ga., 1937-1938; St. Peter AME, Ft. Valley, Ga., 1938-1939; Emery Chapel AME, Ogden, Utah, 1939-1940; Tanner Chapel AME, Phoenix, Ariz., 1940-1941;

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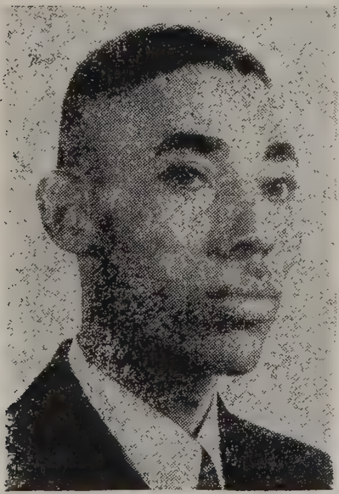
St. John AME, Omaha, Neb., 1941 to present, where he is completing the upper story. Paid the mortgage of St. Luke AME, Atlanta, Ga., 1934. Taught school at Fort Vally, Ga., and at Unadilla, Ga. Served as trustee of Morris Brown, Atlanta, Ga., 1934-1938; Bishop Williams School of Religion, 1941 to present; was civilian defense chaplain; member of Urban League, Community Clearing Council (Omaha) Industrial Relations Committee, Omaha FEPC Council under WMC, Ministerial Alliance, Ministerial Union, Omaha Council of Churches, Kappa Alpha Psi. November 5, 1941 he married Miss Isabel Marie Thompson of Kansas City, Kansas.

RIDLEY, Mrs. Isabel Thompson, wife of Rev. E. F. Ridley; born Kansas City, Kansas; daughter of Dr. S. H. and Belle Armstrong Thompson; attended Douglas School, Kansas City, Kansas; Sumner high school, Kansas City, Kansas; University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas; served as Sunday school teacher. Published stories, poems, articles in Opportunity, American Short Story, The Crisis, Weekly Unity, Service, Pittsburgh Courier, Kansas City Call, Kansas City Journal-Post; 10 years publicity director, Kansas City, Kansas Community Chest Campaigns; member of board of directors of Kansas City, Kansas, Community Chest; served on executive board, Nebraska Conference Branch, WMMS; member of NAACP, YWCA, Omaha Council of Churchwomen. Received honors: 2-star listing in O'Brien's "Best Short Stories of 1932" story in Galleon Press Anthology; 1st prize, Kansas Authors Club Contest, 1939; prize-winner, Kansas Authors Roundtable.



ROBERTS, Sr., Rev. G. Alexander, pastor of Campbell Chapel AME Church, Americus, Georgia; son of Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Roberts; born January 24, 1909, Ft. Gaines, Georgia; married Theresa Davis of Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 1, 1937. One child: Alexander, Jr.; born November 21, 1940; educated public schools Shellman, Ga., and Blakely, Ga.; Morris Brown College 1933; joined Aimwell mission, Ft. Gaines Sept. 1, 1918. Held offices as Sunday school teacher and superintendent, class leader, Bethel, Shellman, Ga.; licensed to preach at Bethel, by Rev. A. A. Duncan, presiding elder, February 14, 1930; admitted to Southwest Georgia Conference, October, 1930, Arlington, Ga.; ordained deacon, Atlanta, Ga. Conference, November, 1932 by Bishop Fountain; elder, November, 1934 by Bishop Fountain, at Monticello; pastored in Georgia: Aimwell Mission, Ft. Gaines, 1930-31; St. James Mission, Atlanta, 1931-1932; Cobb Bethel, Ben Hill, 1932-1936; Little Bethel, Atlanta, 1936-1937; Ward Chapel, Augusta, 1937-1940; St. Paul, Sandersville, 1940-1941; Payne Chapel, Culbert, 1941-1942; Campbell Chapel, Americus, 1942-to date. Completed interior finish at Cobb Bethel; left $200 for repairs at Little Bethel; cancelled bonded indebtedness of $2500, also local indebtedness; installed pews etc., with $400 in bank for improvements. Delegate to General Conference, 1944; trustee Morris Brown College 1940 to date. Preached baccalaureate sermons in Richland, Funston, Leslie, Shellman, Americus, Wrightville, Sandersville, College Park, Atlanta, all in Georgia. Director of religious education and conference superintendent of the Americus, Georgia Conference.

PRICE, Rev. John Wesley, born Meringo County, Alabama; served local church as steward, trustee, class leader; licensed to preach at 15th Street AME Church, Oakland, California by Rev. O. E. Jones in 1906; admitted to California Annual Conference at San Diego in 1908; served as pastor at Fresno, California, 1908-1911; Bakersfield, 1911-1916; Ward Chapel, Los Angeles, 1916-1919; Grant Chapel, Los Angeles, 1919-1924; San Diego, California, 1924-1928; Bethel, Los Angeles, 1936-1937; Ward Chapel, Los Angeles District, 1937; served as presiding elder of the Los Angeles District, 1928-1936; built churches at Bakersfield, California, 1914; and Bowles, California, 1908; paid the debts on Ward Chapel, Los Angeles, Grant Chapel; delegate to General Conferences of 1928, 1932, 1936, 1940.

RIVERS, Mr. Coselo, agent for Pilgrim Health and Life Insurance Co., of Augusta, Ga.; son of Adam and Patsy (Middleton) Rivers; born April 10, 1897, Rockville, S. C.; married Mabel Bligen of Charleston, S. C., September 24, 1920; was educated in the public schools of Charleston, S. C.; was affiliated with Morris Brown AME Church, Charleston, South Carolina to date. He served in the World War in England, 1916-20 in the United States Navy, first class mess attendant and was air raid warden during World War II. He is a member of the insurance company and has attended many insurance conventions.

RIVERS, Mrs. Mabel Bligen, wife of Mr. Coselo Rivers, principal of Liberty Hill Junior High School, North Charleston, S. C.; daughter of Amos and Lulu (Franklin) Bligen; was born May 14, 1904 in

Charleston, S. C.; was married to Coselo Rivers, September 24, 1920; educated in the public schools of Charleston, South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, S. C.; and Tuskegee Institute; was converted and joined St. Luke AME Church, 1917; served as Sunday school teacher, vice president of ACE League, secretary of WHFMS; taught public school 25 years in Cooper River District, number 4, North Charleston, S. C.; was a delegate to both church and school conventions, local and state 1921 to date; organized Boy and Girl Scout Troops in North Charleston, 1943; secretary of the County Teachers Association; member of the National Teachers Association; life membership in the Palmetto State Teachers Association; also a notary public.

ROBERTS, Rev. J. Lawrence, pastor of Coppin AME Church, Chicago, Illinois; born in Monticello, Georgia, October 19, 1897; son of Joseph Russell and Sallie (Gordon) Roberts; attended the Monticello public school, Knoxville high school and college; A.B. from Knoxville College, 1925, and B.D. from McCormick Theological Seminary, 1938; attended the Divinity School, Chicago University; served as Sunday school teacher, president of A C E League, class leader, and minister. Licensed to preach at Ebenezer Church; admitted to Chicago Annual Conference September, 1926, by Rev. A. L. Gaines; ordained deacon at Evanston in 1927 by Bishop Gaines; elder at Chicago in 1929 by Bishop Carey; served in Chicago as pastor of St. James, 1927-33; Institutional, 1933-1937; Coppin, 1937 to present date. Built St. James in 1931; paid the $42,000 mortgage on Coppin. Received 2631 members into the church and had 187 conversions; delegate to the General Conference, 1944 and 1948; alternate in 1936 and 1940. Published articles in all church papers. Published "The Christian Strategy for Minority Groups," 1943; was in the World War 1, 1914-1918, S.A.T.C.; member of Chicago Church Federation, secretary of Interracial Committee, AME Ministers' Association of Chicago, president of Chicago Ministerial Fellowship and Service League, organizer, and first president, Hiram Lodge, No. 14, F&AM, member of Ration Board No. 40-3; delegate to YMCA Student Conference in Kings Mount, N. C., 1922; member of college debating team for three years, won from Talladega College and Morehouse College; varsity football for three years, winner of Blackstone Prize in New Testament in Seminary; secretary of Chicago Annual Conference for 14 years. First boy to graduate from public school in home town.

ROBINSON, Crawford LePere, attorney-at-law, director Robinson's Business College; member of Greater Bethel AME Church, Jackson, Tennessee; son of Tom G., and Parthalia K. (Crawford) Robinson; born July 7, Union City, Tennessee; educated public school, Dyersburg, Tennessee, Tennessee A & I State College, Nashville; Oberlin Business College, Ohio; Ohio State University, Columbus, College of Commerce; Loyola University, College of Law, Chicago, Ill., assistant director Casualty Department of Supreme Life and Casualty Company, Columbus, Ohio, 1923-1927; auditor Victory Life Insurance Company, Chicago, Illinois, 1927-1932. Secretary to Bishop S. L. Greene, and professor of business administration, Campbell College, Jackson, Mississippi, 1932-1933; founder and president of Robinson Business College, Jackson, Tennessee; 1936 to date; delegate to General Conferences, 1936, 1944 and 1948. Dean of religious education, Paris-Jackson District, West Tennessee Annual Conference since 1939; steward and director of religious education, Greater Bethel; member of Elks, Masons, K of P, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, American Teachers Association, National Business Education Association, Eastern Commercial Teachers Association, Southern Business Education Association, National Association, Department of Business Education; NAACP, National Council for the Social Studies, National Council of

Teachers of English; had Robinson Business College accredited by The American Association of Commercial Colleges; it is also member of the National Council of Business Schools.

ROBERTSON, Mrs. Blanche Thompson, teacher; born in Goldsboro, N. C.; daughter of James and Elizabeth Thompson; brought to Philadelphia, Pa., very young and educated in the public schools, graduating from the Philadelphia High School for Girls, and the Philadelphia Normal School; B.S. in Education from Temple University. Teacher in the Philadelphia public school system. Converted when young; joined Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Philadelphia; served in several departments of the church, and Sunday school; now chairman of Steward Board No. 1; delegate to General Conferences of 1932, 1936, 1940, and 1944, and served on the revision committee three times; member of the episcopal committee of the 1944 General Conference; wife of Dr. Samuel E. Robertson, Philadelphia physician; member of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

ROBINSON, Mr. Henry Sylvester, church clerk, Bridge Street Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; son of Willis and Mary Louise Robinson; born November 3, 1881 at Tottenville, N. Y. Member of Bridge Street Church since January, 1897 and appointed steward April, 1902 by Rev. Morris C. Brooks, also assistant church clerk and elected church clerk 1905; is the senior officer of the church for continuous service. An officer of the Bridge Street Relief Society for 44 years and president for over 25 years; delegate to all General Conferences from 1936 to 1948; member of the episcopal committee in 1936 and 1944 and the Credential Committee in 1940. Also secretary of the New York Conference Laymen's League. Has been connected with the Brooklyn Manhattan Transit System for over 50 years and the only Negro to hold executive position; was signally honored by company on the completion of 50 years service.

ROBINSON, Rev. J. G., (deceased), born Lisbon, Arkansas, September 17, 1866; son of Benjamin P. and Easter Robinson; attended the county schools to the 4th grade. Received D.D. from Wilberforce, 1888; Allen University, 1889; Morris Brown, 1890, and LL.D., from Shorter College in 1888; served as class leader, steward, trustee; licensed to preach at Malvern, Ark., by Rev. S. L. Winston, October, 1880; admitted to Hot Springs, Ark. Annual Conference at West Arkansas, in October, 1882; ordained deacon at Hot Springs, Ark, by Bishop Disney; elder at Hot Springs, in 1884 by Bishops Tanner and Disney. Pastored many churches in Arkansas; then was presiding elder in Georgia, Arkansas and pastor in Mississippi, Georgia, Kentucky, and Ohio. Organized churches in Little Rock, and Holly Grove, Ark; served as evangelist, claimed to have received 59,000 (?) members into the church, and had 58,007 (?) conversions. Delegate to all General Conferences since 1916. In 1924 was elected editor of the AME Review, and was retired on $100 per month in 1940. Served on the Publication Board and Evangelistic Bureau; and trustee of Shorter College. Published articles in many papers and magazines. Father of two children: Rev. Douglas L. T. Robinson, and Mrs. W. R. Smith; died June, 1947.

ROBINSON, Mrs. Lucy L., deceased evangelist, and former pastor of Bethel AME Mission, Winnipeg, Canada; was born in Murfreesboro, North Carolina, December 28, 1884; moved to New York, and November 24, 1904 married John Ashley Robinson, a native St. Kitts, BWI. From this union Violet Lucy Lillian Robinson was born; they moved to Winnipeg, around 1908, and were devoted to church and social welfare. Bishop Parks licensed her as evangelist in 1934, and in 1935 she was appointed to Bethel Mission which she served until she died. She was Past Matron of Mispah Chapter No. 4, OES, and served as Daughter Ruler of Queen Victoria Temple No. 456 of the Elks in Winnipeg. Her husband is a prominent business man of Winnipeg. Her daughter, now Mrs. Fisher, lives in Detroit. Evangelist Robinson died August 17, 1941.

ROBINSON, Rev. Ulysses S., pastor AME Church, Gary, Ind.; born Chapel Hill, Texas, Sept. 9, 1889; son of Richard and Hattie Robinson; attended grammar school and high school in Texas; Union College, Vancouver, B. C., Canada, B.D., June 1, 1936; and the University of Chicago. Served local church as steward, class leader, district superintendent of ACE League, assistant editor of ACE League literature; licensed to preach at Wayman AME Church in Texas, by Rev. J. S. Staughtes in 1917; admitted to Colorado Annual Conference at Tucson, in September, 1920; ordained deacon at Yakima, Washington, in 1921, by Bishop Fountain; elder at Portland, Oregon, by Bishop Fountain,

1922. Served as pastor of Handy Chapel, Grand Junction, Calif., 1919-1920; Fountain Chapel, Vancouver, B. C., 1921-1927; St. Falls, Mont., 1927; connectional evangelist for 10 years, 1928 to 1938; Carey Temple, 1938-1943; 1st AME Church, Gary, Indiana, 1943-to date. Built Fountain Chapel, Vancouver, B. C., 1922; paid mortgage on Fountain Chapel, 1924-1926; received over 6000 members into the church and had 2975 conversions. Published articles in Christian Recorders, Chicago Defender, Journal of Religious Education. Member of the NAACP, secretary Interdenominational Council of Negro Churches of Chicago, Post War Planning Commission of Gary, Ind.; member of the Executive Board; addressed a nation-wide radio audience in the interest of National Prohibition in Vancouver, Canada; was guest at banquet honoring the Prince of Wales, later King Edward, in 1923. Delivered series of lectures throughout Dominion of Canada on "The Negro and His Contribution to Civilization." Delegate to 1948 General Conference.

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ROBINSON, Mrs. Osya B., wife of Rev. U. S. Robinson, daughter of Rev. E. Q. and Mrs. Rachel Allen McDonald; born in Mexia, Texas; attended the public schools of Mexia; graduated from Prairie View State College and Paul Quinn College; had two special courses in missionary training and also 4 years of religious education training; served in all departments of the local church. At present she is a Sunday school teacher, member of the choir, president of missionary society; organized the Interdenominational Ministers Wives Alliance of Greater Chicago, Jan. 1940, of which she is now secretary.

SOLOMON, Rev. A. P., presiding elder, born in Georgia; joined the AME Church in 1905 and entered the ministry in 1908; was a successful pastor until 1923 when he was appointed presiding elder of the Hawkinsville District, Americus Georgia Conference through 1932; appointed presiding elder of the Dublin District, 1933-1937; then he was appointed presiding elder of the Augusta District. He is a member of the Missionary Board of the AME Church, New York; a member of the General Conference since 1924.

ROMAIN, Rev. Walter R. T., pastor of Hackley-Bethel AME Mission, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; son of Walter I. and Harriet H. (Briton) Romain; born January 22, 1898, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; married Bettie Clark of Wilson, North Carolina, December 23, 1927 in Lynchburg, Virginia. Educated in the Hillcrest public school, Toronto, Ontario; Jarvis Street Collegiate; graduated Toronto Bible College, 1922, and post graduated, 1923, course in public speaking at the extension department of the University of Toronto, Bachelor of Arts course and Bachelor of Theology degree at the Virginia Theological Seminary and College, Lynchburg, Virginia, 1927; converted August 25, 1918; joined Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church in

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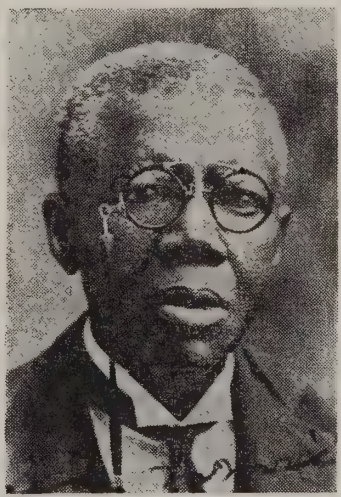
Toronto and later joined Grant AME Church, Toronto. Licensed to preach in April, 1925; admitted to Northwestern Annual Conference September, 1929; ordained deacon by Bishop Carey, at Minneapolis, Minn.; elder by Bishop Parks in Des Moines, Iowa, September, 1931. Pastored: Hackley Bethel AME Mission, March, 1929—September, 1932; Alberta-Saskatchewan Circuit, consisting of Emanuel AME Mission, Edmonton, Alberta; Zion Star AME Mission, Amber Valley, Alberta; Grace AME Mission, Wildwood, Alberta; and various other Negro communities in Alberta and Saskatchewan, September, 1932-September, 1941; Hackley Bethel AME Mission, Winnipeg, Manitoba, September, 1941 to date. Member of Regent Lodge No. 5, Free and Accepted Mason, having served as chaplain, secretary, junior and senior warden, and now eligible to serve as Worshipful Master, Mispah Chapter No. 6, Order of the Eastern Star serving for the third time as Worthy Patron, and Menelik Lodge No. 528; the Elks as secretary twice; vice-president for the current year of organizing committee of the Manitoba District Council (white).

ROMAIN, Mrs. Bettie (Clark), wife of Rev. W. R. T. Romain; daughter of Roden and Sarah (Hill) Clark; was born in Scotland Neck, North Carolina, May 12, 1899; educated Wilson public school, Wilson, N. C.; St. Paul Normal and Industrial School, Lawrenceville, Virginia; Joseph Brick Normal and Industrial School, Enfield, N. C., and Kittrell College, Kittrell, N. C. Sunday school teacher in Bethel AME and evangelist of the AME Church, Northwest Conference, serving in Bethel in Winnipeg and on the Alberta-Saskatchewan Cir.; member of Mispah Chapter No. 6, Order of the Eastern Star, serving for the present as Adah.

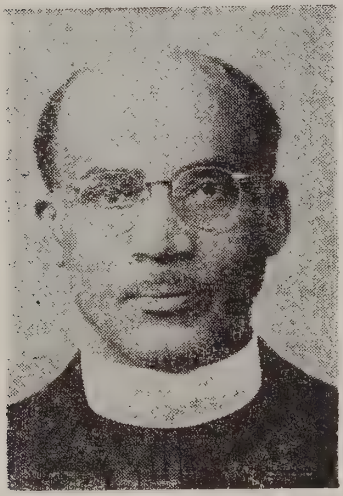
ROGERS, Rev. J. Frank, son of Duke and Susan Rogers; born Williamsburg, S. C., December 4, 1889; attended Coffee Co., Ga. public school, Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, Fla., high school, Ga. State College, Savannah, from which he received A.B.; D.D., Turner Theological June 1931. Served as class leader, local preacher, and pastor. Licensed to preach at St. Phillip Church, Savannah, Georgia by Rev. L. A. Townsley, 1913; admitted to Georgia Annual Conference at Savannah, November, 1918; ordained deacon at Waycross, Ga., 1922 by Bishop Flipper; Served as pastor of St. Luke Mission, 1923-1926; Blackshear, St. James Station, 1926-1930; St. James, Savannah, 1931-1936; Bethel, Augusta, Georgia, 1936-1939; Bethel, Albany, Ga., 1940. Paid the mortgage on Bethel AME Church, Augusta, Ga. Delegate to the General Conference in New York, 1936; alternate, 1940. Served as trusteee of Central Park Normal, 1923-1936; Morris Brown College, 1931; married Miss Lula Bell Parkhurst of Savannah, Ga., 1920. A daughter was born, 1922. Did graduate work at Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill.; taught at the Georgia State College as head of the English department for 11 years.

ROSSEAU, Rev. H. J. E., pastored St. Peters AME Church, Shippensburg, Pa.; son of Nicklos and Ellen Rosseau; born June 7, 1881 in Darlington County, South Carolina. Married Helen Henry, October 18, 1916. He was educated in the public schools in Darlington County, South Carolina; was converted in 1922 and joined Mt. Olive AME Church; was ordained deacon by Bishop Heard; and elder by Bishop Sims.



ROUNDTREE, Rev. I. W. L., son of Rev. William Roundtree; was born in Georgia; educated in the County schools, Cookman Institute, Jackson-Mission Institute, Live ville, Florida; Home Oak, Fla.; Howard University, Lincoln University, University of Pennsylvania, A. B., 1886; Drew Theological Seminary, B.D., 1889; Princeton Theological Seminary, Oxford University, England, and other institutions. He has specialized in Hebrew, Greek, and New Testament; also in Arabic and Sanskrit. His ministry has been chiefly in the New Jersey Conference which he entered in the 1880's, and has pastored all over the state and been presiding elder of all the districts of the conference. He was first elected delegate to the General Conference in 1892 and for over 30 years was active in the general affairs of the church. He was one of the founders of Bordentown Industrial School; he has been prominent in Republican politics and advisor of governors and other governmental officials of New Jersey; spent 3 years studying abroad chiefly at Oxford University, England; is now planning to go to the Holy Land to perfect himself in Arabic and cognate languages. His wife, who died some 20 years ago, was

Miss Fannie C. Colson, daughter of Professor Colson of Petersburg, Virginia. In early manhood he taught school in Georgia, Florida and Virginia.



RUSS, Rev. Joseph L., pastor North Woodbury, New Jersey; born in Manning Township, Salem County, N. J., September 8, 1883, son of Benjamin F. and Delia A. Brown Russ; he was converted at the age of 15 and in time became a minister; attending Manning Township public schools, Woodstown, N. J., high school; Miller College, Philadelphia, Pa. Received the S.T.B. degree from Miller College; served local church as class leader, trustee and steward; was licensed to preach 1905, by Rev. J. T. Hammond, presiding elder, in Mt. Zion AME Church, Fenwick, N. J.; was admitted to the New Jersey Annual Conference, Cape May, New Jersey, April, 1908; ordained deacon, Newark, New Jersey, 1910 by Bishop W. J. Gaines; ordained elder, Trenton, New Jersey, May, 1915, by Bishop Tyree; served as pastor in the New Jersey Conference at Mt. Laurel, Yorktown; 6 years; Bethel, Freehold, 14 months; Bethel, Camden, nine years; Bridgeton (Mt. Zion) 2 years; served as presiding elder of the Atlantic City District, 8 years; Camden-Trenton District, 3 years. He organized churches at: Milmay and West Pleasantville, in New Jersey. He paid mortgages on Bethel (Camden), 30 years standing; Yorktown. He also remodeled the church in Freehold; renovated the parsonage in Bridgeton; installed new heating system, and built a garage. He received over 700 members into the church; had 1400 conversions; delegate to General Conferences of 1936, 1940, and 1944; member of the Knights of Pythias, district deputy; Odd Fellows, Noble Father; Elks, Chaplain; Mason, Chaplain. He organized the Hughes and Browning Club in Piles Grove Township (Republican), Salem County; and served as treasurer of the New Jersey Annual Conference.

RUSSELL, Rev. David Alexander, born in Sumter, S. C., September 29, 1883; son of Benjamin and Emily (Bivens) Russell; attended the Douglas High School, Key West, Fla.; Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla.; D.D., from B. F. Lee Seminary in 1927. Held the following local church offices: class leader, steward, trustee, Sunday school superintendent; licensed to preach at Bethel AME Church by Rev. S. D. Houston in 1907; admitted to South Florida Annual Conference at Tampa, Fla., in February, 1914; ordained deacon at Deland, Fla., in 1917, by Bishop Hurst; elder at Daytona, Fla., 1920 by Bishop Hurst; served as pastor of: Walton, Florida, 1914-1915; Glenwood Circuit, 1916-1918; Crescent City Station, 1919; Stewart, Florida, 1920; New Smyrna, Florida, 1921-1923; Mt. Zion, Jacksonville, Florida, 1924; Starks Circuit, 1925; Callahan Station, 1926; St. James, Jacksonville, Fla., 1927; St. Paul, Ft. Pierce, Fla., 1928-1930; Arnett Chapel, Quincy, Fla., 1939-1940; Trinity Station, Spartanburg, S. C.; St. James, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; St. James, Norfolk, Virginia to date. Served as presiding elder of the following districts: Ft. Pierce, South Florida Conference, 1933-36; West Palm Beach, South Florida Conference, 1938; Ft. Smith, East Jacksonville District, East Florida Conference, Arkansas State, 1939. Organized Allen Chapel, Walton, Fla., 1914. Built the following churches. St. Paul, Glenwood, Fla., 1931; Arnett Chapel, Qunicy, Fla., 1940; rebuilt St. James, Winston-Salem, N. C., 1942; Pierce, Fla., 1928-1929. Paid mortgages of St. James Church, Norfolk, Virginia. Received 1750 members into the church; had 1330 conversions under his preaching; delegate to the General Conferences of 1932 and 1936.

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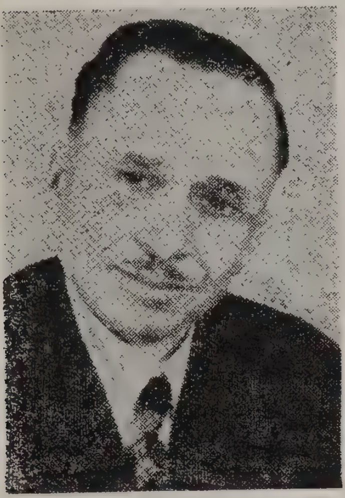
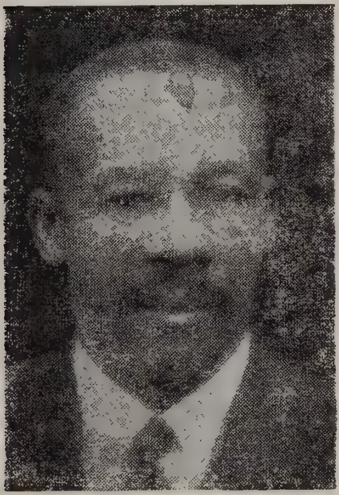
RUSSELL, Mrs. Minnie King, wife of Rev. D. A. Russell; born in Grady County, Georgia. She is the daughter of the late Rev. John King; former teacher in the Georgia school system, and served in the Norfolk and South Norfolk city system. At present she serves as private secretary to her husband. She is the mother of one son, David Alexander Russell, Jr.

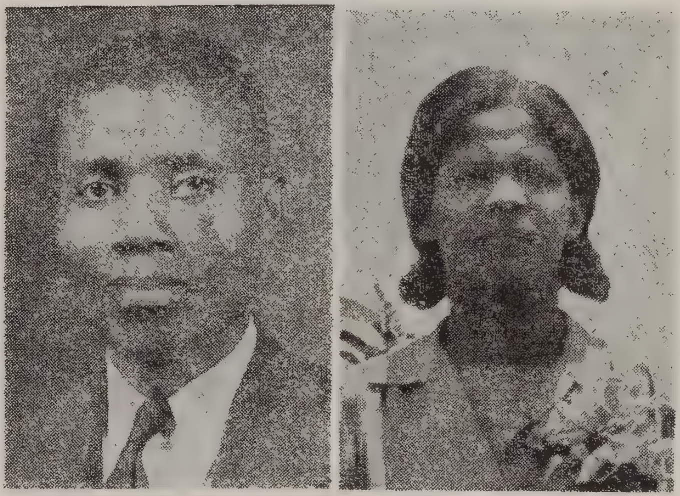


RUNYON, Rev. C. R., is the son of Rev. C. R. Runyon, who for 50 years was a traveling minister in the AME Church in Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. He is a Wilberforcean and a graduate of Payne Seminary; has pastored churches in Salt Lake City, Utah, Kansas City, Missouri, Portland, Oregon, San Diego, California, San Francisco, California, and is now presiding elder of the San Francisco District of the California Conference; a member of the Missionary Board, and a delegate to the General Conference in Detroit. For a number of years he has been happily married to Mrs. Vernon Carter Runyon a native of Kansas; served on general connectional boards.



SADDLER, Rev. P. D., presiding elder, Galveston District, Tex., has served the church from a humble mission to circuits and stations; the first Texas-born man that ever reported more than $1,055 Dollar Money for 5 consecutive years; been for 24 years a member of the General Conference and served on all the important committees, viz: episcopal revision and now a member of the Missionary Board; served as secretary to Bishops Smith, W. D. Johnson, and Brooks; a trustee of Paul Quinn College; built churches in Skidmore, Syresville and Houston; built first brick parsonage in Texas at El Paso, and one in San Antonio. Married Miss Sylvia S. Hurd who has ably assisted him throughout his ministry. They have 3 sons, one of them in the ministry; 1 daughter, a teacher in the public schools.

SANCHEZ, Rev. Firmin Canal, pastor, Allen Temple AME Church, Lake Wales, Florida, son of Eustaze P. and Adusta (Thomas) Sanchez; born June 28, 1902, in Marianna, Florida; attended Holmes, Washington and Jackson counties (Fla.) public schools and Edward Waters College; B.D. Edward Waters, 1944; converted June, 1916; joined Bethel AME Church, Bonifay, Florida, June, 1916; served as janitor, Sunday school teacher, class leader, secretary, steward; licensed to preach June 22, 1930, by Rev. R. B. Brooken; admitted to conference November, 1931; ordained deacon in Appalachicola, Fla., by Bishop Flipper, November, 1934; elder by Bishop R. A. Grant, Appalachicola, 1937. Pastored: Hurst Chapel, Pensacola, Florida, 1933; Red Bay, 1934; Youngstown, 1935; Malone and Post Oak, 1936 and 1937; Pope Chapel, Marianna, Fla., (rebuilt in 1938-39); Union AME Church, Lake City, Fla., 1939; Allen Chapel AME Church, Stark, Florida, 1940; Bethel AME Church, Tampa, Fla., 1941; Midway AME Church, 1942, Jacksonville, Florida; Allen Chapel AME Church, High Springs, Florida, 1943; Allen Temple AME Church, Lake Wales, Florida, 1944. Member of the Masons and Pall Bearers, NAACP; preached baccalaureate sermon for Roosevelt High School, Lake Wales, Fla., 1944; paid off mortgage of Allen Temple Church in 2 months, $1600. A trustee of Edward Waters College, and was delegate to General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., 1944.



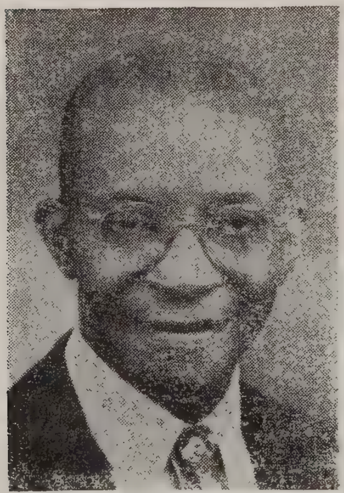
REV. AND MRS. F. C. SANCHEZ

SANCHEZ, Mrs. Nellie E. (Johnson), wife of Rev. Firmin C. Sanchez, daughter of Stephen and Viola (Cureather) Johnson; was born in Lake Butler, Florida, February 13, 1906; educated Lake Butler and Gainsville, Florida, public schools, Edward Waters College and Georgia State College. Taught school in Jackson County, Florida, and Chatman County, Georgia. Joined St. James AME Church, Lake Butler, Florida, 1917; ex-president of North Jacksonville, Florida, missionary society of the WHF and M Society.

SANDERS, Rev. C. H., youngest presiding elder of the 10th Episcopal District—Corsicana District; editor of the Methodist Brotherhood of Texas, the author of "Age and Efficiency" (the article that set the pace for the repeal of the Bishop's retirement law 1944). He graduated from Paul Quinn College, received his A.B. degree from Wiley College, and took a special course in psychology from the Ralston University, Meridien, Connecticut. He is of Dallas, Texas.

REV. AND MRS. C. H. SANDERS

SANDERS, Mrs. C. H., wife of Rev. C. H. Sanders, of Dallas, Texas, received her training at Paul Quinn College, Wilberforce University and A.B. from Wiley College. She is the conference branch president of the WMS, of the North Texas Annual Conference, and first vice president of the State. One of her projects is to perfect a Bible Training School during summer vacation in the Missionary society throughout the North Texas Conference; and she strives to further the cause of mission preachers. They have three sons, one in the ministry; one daughter, a public school teacher.



SCHLEY, Rev. R. A., pastor, Detroit, Michigan, was born in Macon, Ga., December 20, 1894; son of Rev. R. B. and Julia Ann (Kitchens) Schley; educated in Mason public schools and the Georgia State Industrial College, Savannah, Ga., from 1914 to 1918; graduating in shoe making; licensed to preach in 1916; was ordained deacon in 1921, in Mountzuma, Ga., by Bishop Flipper; elder in 1923 in Detroit by Bishop Conner. For 13 years he served as associate pastor of St. Paul AME Church, Detroit, Mich., and was superintendent of the Sunday school there for 4 years; was sent to New Hope Mission, Detroit, 1935-1937; Trinity AME Church, Detroit, Michigan, 1937-1941; in 1942, to Oak Grove AME Church, Detroit. He was married to Miss Lelia Gertrude Stroud in 1918. 4 children were born to them: Rubye Bell, Robert Jr., Richard R., and Estella Gertrude Schley.

SCOTT, Rev. Price Andrew, son of David and Sallie Scott; born at Lynchburg, Virginia, November 25, 1866; attended the public schools of Virginia and West Virginia, Shorter College at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. and Unitarian Theological Seminary in Meadville, Pa.; Sabbath school Association for Teacher Training and the International Sabbath School; received the following degrees: A.B., Shorter College; B.D., Unitarian Theological Seminary; served as public school teacher for 10 years in Virginia and West Virginia; editor and publisher of a religious newspaper, "The Oil City Herald" in Oil City, Pa.; and was assistant editor of a prohibition paper, "The Vindicator", in Franklin, Pa.; was converted at Evington, Virginia, November 25, 1890, and was received into the AME Church; licensed to preach in Clarksburg, W. Va., in 1891 by Rev. Charles A. McGee; was received into the Pittsburgh Conference held in Brown Chapel, Allegheny, Pa., in October, 1892; ordained deacon by Bishop Payne; ordained elder in Wheeling, W. Va., October, 1894 by Bishop Arnett. Pastored at: Wheeling; Meadville, Pa.; St. James Church, Erie, Pa.; Oil City, Pa.; McKeesport, Pa.; Allen Chapel; Bethel, Williamsport, Pa.; Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Bethel Church, Wylie Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.; St. Paul, in Washington, Pa.; St. James, in South Norfolk, Va.; St. Paul, Washington, D. C.; Bethel, Cambridge, Maryland; Campbell in Anacostia, Washington, D. C.; Randallstown, Baltimore; Mt. Calvary in Towson. Paid the mortgages on church in Allegheny, Pa.; and purchased a church and parsonage, Allen Chapel, and St. James Church in South Norfolk in May, 1919; received 3769 members into the church; had 4921 converts. Served several years as secretary of the Pittsburgh Conference and a delegate to the Centennial General Conference in 1916. Served as trustee of Kittrell College. Married Miss Cornelia D. Chinn at Bridgeport, W. Va. A trustee of Wilberforce at one time. He was editor and publisher of a religious newspaper, "The Oil City Herald" in Oil City, Pa.; and was an assistant editor of a prohibition paper "The Vindicator."

SEARCY, Rev. William Alexander, minister, son of Tom and Polly Searcy; born March 15, 1863 in Rockingham County, North Carolina; educated in public schools of North Carolina, State University of Iowa; held all local church offices; licensed to preach by Rev. H. H. Williams at Winston, N. C., in 1882, admitted to Iowa Annual Conference at Moline, Illinois in Sept., 1896; ordained deacon by Bishop Wayman at Keokuk, Iowa in 1895; elder at Chicago, Ill., by Bishop Arnett, in 1899; pastored Dubuque, Iowa, 1892; Newton, 1893; Cedar Rapids, 1895; Iowa City, 1896; Muscatine and Washington, (circuit) 1897; Alba, 1899; Clinton, 1901; Moline, Illinois, 1903; Keokuk, Iowa 1907; Monmouth, Ill., 1909; Ottumwa, Iowa, 1914; Edwardsville, Ill., 1916; East St. Louis, 1917; Madison, 1921; Harrisburg, 1926; Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, 1931; Elgin, Illinois, 1933; Marion, Ind. 1934; and Danville, Ill., 1939. Served as presiding elder of the Province of Ontario, Canada, 1931-1933; built St. James, Monmouth, Ill., 1910; Allen Church, Danville, Illinois, 1941, and Moline, Ill., 1904; paid mortgages on Alba, Iowa, and Allen AME Church of Danville, Illinois. Received 337 members into the Church and had 424 conversions; published articles in: the Muscatine Journal, The Moline Daily, Southern Christian Recorder, daily papers of Marion, and of Monmouth, Ill. Member of Masonic Lodge, Past Master Blue Lodge, Past High Priest of Royal Arch Chapter, Past Eminent Commander of Knight Templars, Past Joshua and Grand Joshua of Heroines of Jericho; Past Patron of Eastern Star and Past Grand Junior Warden; guest speaker Freedman's Aid, Sterling, Ill., 1903; guest speaker race-relations meeting, Lutheran Church, Moline, Illinois, 1906; commissioned by Secretary of State Baber to study and report race relations in East St. Louis, following the Riot of 1917.

REV. AND MRS. W. A. SEARCY

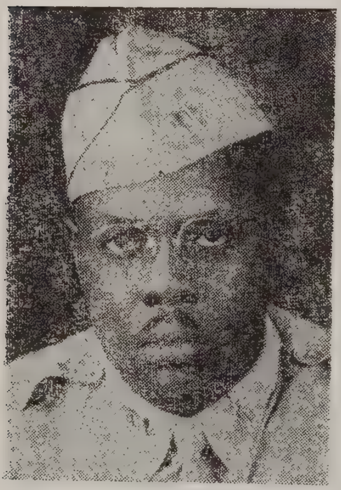
SEARCY, Bertha A., wife of W. A. Searcy; born February 2, 1874, at Primrose, Iowa; educated in the public schools of Lee County and the high school at Burlington, Iowa. Married May 17, 1892; she is the mother of seven children: Wm. Bertren, born September 16, 1893, at Le Crew, Iowa; Florence B., born May 10, 1895, at Des Moines, Iowa; Genevie P., born September 19, 1896, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Etta J., born November 28, 1897, at Muscatine, Iowa; Georgia N., born February 16, 1900, at Albia, Iowa; Elizabeth L., born September 12, 1902, at Clinton, Iowa; Deloise A., born March 28, 1907, at Moline, Illinois.

SELEPE, Rev. P. N., presiding elder, Heilbron District and pastor of Vereeniging Circuit of the Orangia Conference, South Africa; a member of the Advisory Board of Education AME Church; secretary-treasurer Annual Conference; for 9 years member of the Board of Trustees, Wilberforce Institute; and for 7 years member of the Board of Management Crogman Community Clinic; representative of the Fifteenth Episcopal District on the Editorial Board of the Southern Christian Recorder, and also of the South African Christian Recorder. He has been presiding elder for 14 years; serving 4 years as pesiding elder of the Swaziland District, during which time he built at Bremersdorp our largest AME Church in memory of the Mother Queen of Swaziland. He is chairman of the Board of Directors of the African's Own Printing and Publishing Company, (Pty.) Ltd. He is the first minister of AME Church to build a modern day school with 4 class-rooms. Under the administration of Bishop Wright, in 1939, he raised 50 pounds-($250) from the Meyerton Health Committee for the extension of the School. He was a former student of Wilberforce Institute; delegate to the General Conference in 1940. For the last three years in succession he

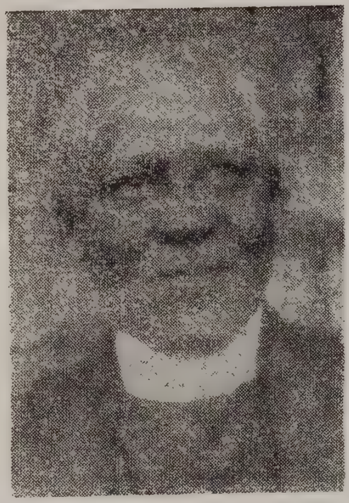
MRS. P. N. SELEPE

has been the undisputed "Dollar Money King" of the 15th Episcopal District, South Africa.

SELEPE, Mrs. Mildred (Montsioa), wife of Rev. P. N. Selepe, president, WM Society, Orangia Conference Branch, South Africa; born August 27, 1902, at Thaba 'Nchu, Orange Free State, South Africa; daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Detheko, Sesuto Tribe. Educated at Moroka Missionary Institution. Completed Primary course, March, 1932. Two Selepe children, Charlotte and Nimrod, were students at Wilberforce Institute; Charlotte attended Inanda Seminary, and is now teacher in Meyerton AME School. Other children are, Torrence, Rose Florence and Hilda. Mother Selepe was teacher at Thaba 'Nchu. Before marriage was member of the Wesleyan Church, secretary of Women, Manyano. Has been member of the IOTT, for 20 years; was 2nd vice president of conference branch WMS under Mother Mochubi, 1st vice president under Mother Demas; became president of Orangia Convention 1941. Member of Board of Trustees Wilberforce Institute. Member of the Semi-Centenary Committee; was elected delegate to General Conference, 1940.

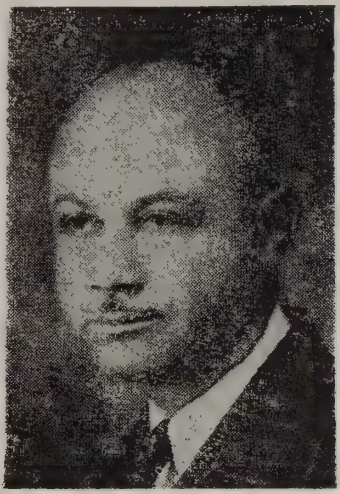


SHAW, Rev. Alvia Allen, chaplain USA, son of Calvin and Eva (Connor) Shaw; born in Duarte, California on May 7, 1915; married Ruth Ann Farris of Camden, Arkansas, March 25, 1943; educated in the public school system—Duarte schools; Monrovia high school, graduated 1932; studied 1 year at Flipper-Key-Davis College, Tullahassee, Oklahoma, graduated Citrus Junior College 1937; received A.B. from University of Southern California, 1939; completed academic studies M.Th. degree to be received pending duration. Joined Fountain AME Church, Duarte, Calif., 1923; was secretary and superintendent of Sunday school; president ACE League, Steward, and lay delegate to the annual conference; admitted to Southern California Conference in 1935. Pastored Central Avenue Gardens, Los Angeles, California; First AME Church, Duarte two years; Bethel AME Church, Monrovia, California until commissioned as First Lt. Chaplain, USA June 27, 1942. Served as President Monrovia Branch NAACP; member of Masons, other societies; Embarked for overseas duty May 3, 1943; promoted to the rank of Captain, October 27, 1943. Served with part of the famed 369th somewhere in the Pacific.



SENTSO, Rev. Bethuel Zaccheus, presiding elder, Gordonia District, and pastor of De Aar AME Church, South Africa; secretary Orangia Conference; born July 24, 1884 at Meeling, Basutoland; son of Zaccheus Sam and Martha Sentso; father an evangelist in the Paris Evangelical Mission, Mosuto tribe; educated at Morija Training College, completing teachers course, also taking studies in Junior Certificate course. Taught school in Basutoland, from 1908-1914, at Winburg, O.F.S. Studied theology in the Dutch Reformed Mission School, 1917; ordained by Dutch Reformed Mission. Resigned because of bad treatment growing out of the colour bar. Joined AME Church and ministry with many followers in 1930 under Bishop Young. Pastor of AME Church at Kroonstad, Heilbron, Bothaville, and De Aar. Appointed by Bishop R. R. Wright presiding elder of Gordonia District in 1937. Enlarged parsonage at Bothaville; built church at Hutchson; was reporter to the Voice of Missions and Christian Recorder papers in U.S.A.

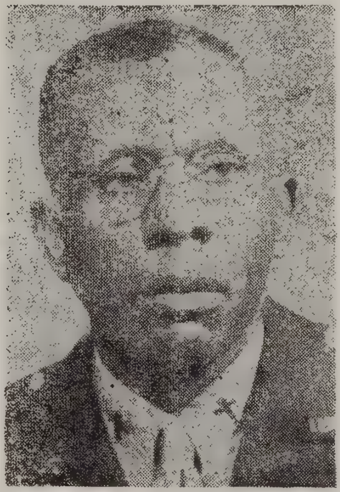
SHEPARD, Mrs. Mary H., the first woman delegate from St. Joseph AME Church, Durham, N. C., to the General Conference, is a successful business woman, an active worker in civic and social affairs and devotes most of her time to her church and Sunday school. She is president of the stewardess board, an active teacher in the Sunday school, and treasurer of the Western North Carolina Conference Branch of the WMS. She was brought up in the church by Christian parents, and later enhanced when she married the late Dr. Geo. W. Adams, an AME minister, with whom she worked as a loyal and enthusiastic wife.



SHORTRIDGE, Mr. William E., funeral director, born in Birmingham, Alabama, March 17, 1900. Completed elementary school in Birmingham; high school at Payne University, Selma, Ala.; Lieutenant in U. S. Army, 1918; graduated B.S. at Howard University, 1923; member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity; 33 degree Mason; affiliated with all fraternal and civic organizations in Birmingham; trustee of Bethel AME Church, since 1926; affiliated with National Negro Funeral Directors Association; outstanding business leader and layman; delegate to the 1944 General Conference; now operating 3 funeral homes: Birmingham, Ensley and Fairfield, Ala.

SHERMAN, Jr., Rev. Wallace O. P., presiding elder of the West Savannah District, Georgia Conference; son of Dr. and Mrs. W. O. P. Sherman, Sr., who gave over 50 years service to the AME Church, in different parts of Georgia. Dr. Sherman, Jr., is conference superintendent of the ACE League; secretary of the Presiding Elders' Council; and assistant secretary of the trustee board of Morris Brown College. Served as one of the assistant secretaries at the General Conference at Louisville, Kentucky. Served on the episcopal committee at the Chicago and Cleveland General Conferences; on the committee on Temporal Economy at the New York General Conference and alternate delegate to the Detroit General Conference; educated at Payne College, Cuthbert, Georgia; Georgia State College, Savannah, Georgia, and has D.D. from Morris Brown College.

SHERMAN, Mrs. Edith C., daughter of Elimous and Elivira Nelson of Egypt and Savannah, Georgia; two upstanding church workers for quite a half century. Mrs. Sherman was the state president of the Young People's Department of the WH & F M Society of the state of Georgia; and district supervisor of the WH & FM Society of West Savannah District, Georgia Conference; was educated at the Maple Street School, Savannah; Baldwin Home School, Jacksonville, Fla.; the Statesboro high school, Statesboro; and Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

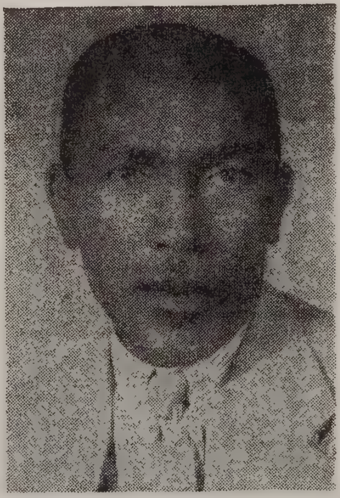


SHAW, Chaplain Frank S., son of Frank and Mariah (Langston) Shaw; born October 11, 1893, at Sherrill, Ark.; educated, Sherrill elementary and high school; Shorter College, B.D., 1929; D.D., Shorter College, 1941; held offices of steward, class leader and Sunday school superintendent; licensed to preach by Rev. W. T. Pope at Cheeks Chapel, Sept., 1924; admitted to East Arkansas Annual Conference at Stuttgart in December, 1924. Ordained deacon by Bishop Ross at Holly Grove, Ark., in 1925; elder by Bishop Ransom at Helena, Ark., in 1927; pastored Lee Chapel, Little Rock, Ark., 1931-32; Ward Chapel, 1930; St. James, Warren, Ark., 1934-35; Pilgrim Rest, Monticello, 1936; presiding elder Dermott District, 1937; St. James, Warren, Ark., 1938; St. John, Warren, Ark., 1939; Allen Temple, Pine Bluff, 1940-41; Bethel, Malvern, 1942; entered into the Chaplaincy 1943; served as presiding elder of the Dermott District, South Arkansas Conference, Ark. State, 1937. Built St. Luke, East Arkansas, 1924; paid mortgages on St. James, Warren; Bethel, Malvern and St. John, Fordyce. Received 564 members into the church and had 310 conversions; delegate to the General Conference 1936; served as trustee at Shorter College 1935-to date; served in World War I, 11 months and 23 days; daughter, stenographer in Army Air Forces, Wright Field, Dayton Civilian Defense.

SHIELDS, Rev. Henry McNeil Turner, pastor of St. John AME Church, Norfolk, Virginia; son of Elder S. W. and Mrs. S. B. Shields; was born in Bladon Springs, Alabama, in 1890. His early education was in the public schools of several cities where his father was pastor. Eleven years were spent at Payne University, Selma, Alabama and Morris Brown College; a graduate of old Ironsides, New Jersey State School, Bordentown, N. J. 1906; of Wilberforce University, 1910. He did eight sumners in education at Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama; taking B.S. in Education. In 1928, was appointed supervisor of Negro Schools of Bessemer, Alabama; served 7 years as principal of Dunbar High School of Bessemer, Alabama; with 58 teachers and 2700 students. At Long Branch, N. J., in 1906, he joined the conference, Bishop Arnett, presiding; pastored: Lynn and Chelsea, Massachuetts, where he built People's AME Church at a cost of $5000 and paid $2500 of this amount in 1912; Emanuel Church, Mobile, Ala., where the debt was greatly reduced; Greensboro, Alabama, St. Matthew Church, debt of $2000 being completely liquidated; at Snow Hill, where he taught and pastored, Brook's Chapel was built and paid for. In 1927 D.D. was conferred upon him by Payne University. He was successively presiding elder of the Greensboro District; pastor: Third Street Church, Richmond, Va.; Ebenezer, Baltimore, Maryland; presiding elder of Potomac District, Baltimore Conference. In 1939, he took charge of St. John Church, Norfolk, Virginia. In 3 years he burnt the mortgage of $14,500. Hundreds of people have been converted and married and baptized during his pastorates.

MRS. H. M. SHIELDS

SHIELDS, Mrs. Juliette M. (Weakley), wife of Rev. H. M. T. Shields, daughter of Alexander and Laura (Bailey) Weakley; was born in Florence, Alabama, October 15, 1904; educated in public schools and Burrell Normal AMA School of Florence, Alabama; and Alabama State College, Montgomery, Alabama; joined St. Paul, Florence, in 1915; served as Sunday school teacher, member of choir, League and Missionary Society, Conference Branch president, WH & FM Society of West Alabama Conference 1927 to 1933; serving to date, four years as assistant secretary to Virginia Conference Branch WMS; was a member of Parent WMMS; served in the chemical war-fare program as certified gas officer and squad leader of gas decontamination in zone No. 6 of Norfolk, Va., 1943-1945.



SIMMONS, Mr. A. Copeland, of Allen Temple AME Church, Somerset, Bermuda, born March 17, 1895; joined the church in 1922 under Rev. P. E. Womack; had been a Sunday school scholar and a follower of the church for a number of years; appointed Sunday school teacher in 1924, steward 1926; district superintendent of Sunday schools 1930; delegate to electoral college for General Conference 1936. Presented the Sunday school convention of 1938 with beautiful attendance banner for the highest average attendance; appointed superple Sunday school; conference superintendent of Sunday schools 1939; elected lay delegate to General Conferences 1940, 1944 and 1948.

SIMMONS, Rev. Henry Grady, pastor of Brown Chapel AME Church, Ypsilanti, Michigan; son of James B. and Malissa (Maddox) Simmons; born September 3, 1895 at Hampton, Ga.; married Lucile P. Crosby of Ypsilanti, Michigan, January 16, 1918 at Cleveland, Ohio; father of 3 children: Grady N., born March 10, 1919, in Ann Arbor, Michigan; Henry E., born October 30, 1926, in Detroit, Michigan; Helen P., born March 22, 1933, in Big Rapids, Michigan; educated in public schools at East Point, Georgia, Cleveland, Ohio and Morris Brown College; was converted May 10, 1904 in Grant Chapel AME Church at East Point, Georgia; held offices in the church as Sunday school teacher, ACE officer, steward, class leader; licensed to preach November 25, 1926 at Ann Arbor by Presiding Elder John W. Saunders; admitted to Michigan Annual Conference, September 18, 1927; ordained deacon by Bishop Carey in the Ebenezer AME Church, Detroit, Sept. 1, 1929; elder by Bishop Parks at Bethel AME Church, Detroit, August 28, 1931; served as pastor of Campbell Chapel AME Church, Whittaker, Mich. 1928-30; St. James AME Church, Elkhart, Indiana; AME Church, Three Rivers, Michigan, 1930-35; St. Paul, Port Huron, Michigan, 1935-38; Brown Chapel AME Church, 1938 to date; was conference superintendent of the ACE League, 1927-29; repaired church and parsonage at Whittaker, Mich., at cost of $500; repaired church at Three Rivers, at a cost of $200; put new furnace in church at Port Huron, at a cost of $250; repaired Brown Chapel AME Church to cost of $8,000; all accounts were paid in full. He received 400 people into the AME Church; conversions 100; baptized 150 people; married 50 couples. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, NAACP, secretary-treasurer of the Port Huron Ministerial Alliance, secretary-treasurer of the

International Ministerial Alliance of Port Huron, Sarnia, Ontario, 1936-38 (both white), president of the Ypsilanti Ministerial (white) Alliance, 1944; president of the Ypsilanti Negro Ministerial Alliance 1942-43; treasurer of the Carver Community Association. Served in World War in France, 1917-1919, commissioned 1st Lieutenant, Inf., secretary of Michigan Conference, Finance Committee, 1937 to date. Served as 1st Sergeant of Company "C" 802 Pioneer Infantry.

REV. AND MRS. H. G. SIMMONS

SIMMONS, Mrs. Lucile P. (Crosby), wife of Rev. H. G. Simmons, daughter of William and Lottie (Evans) Crosby, was born in Ypsilanti, **Mich.,** October 23, 1894; educated in the public schools of Ypsilanti; was married January 16, 1918 to Rev. Simmons; joined Bethel AME Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1909; served as Sunday school teacher, member of the choir, president of the local Missionary Society, 1938-44; was licensed an evangelist of the Michigan Conference.

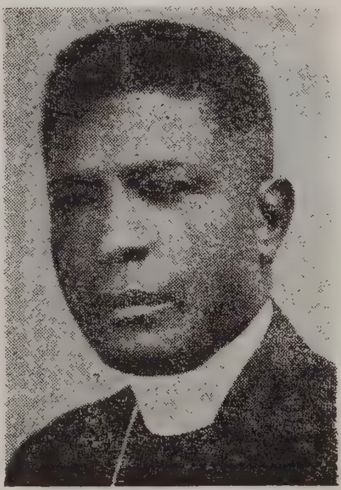
SIMS, Rev. David Henry, former bishop, son of Rev. F. R. and Mrs. Evelyn Sims; born in Alabama, July 18, 1886; graduate from the Georgia State College, 1905, where he received the A.B. degree; licensed to preach; entered Oberlin Theological Seminary, 1909 and received his B.D. in 1912; A.M. from University of Chicago. Was delegate to the World Student Volunteer Convention from Oberlin College, in 1910; served as pastor at Painesville, Ohio, Narragansett Pier, R. I.; subsequently taught at Morris Brown College, transferred to the Atlanta Conference and was appointed League Superintendent and pastor of Morris Brown College AME Church. He became vice-president of Morris Brown, and in 1917 was elected dean at Allen University; transferred to the Piedmont Annual Conference and was appointed to Mount Pisgah AME Church, Greenwood, S. C.; remained at Allen becoming president succeeding Rev. R. W. Mance. In 1932 was elected bishop, served 4 years in South Africa and later in Alabama 1936-40; and from 1939 to 1946 in the First Episcopal District. In November, 1946, was expelled from the episcopacy by an entra-session of the General Conference. He contested the action of the General Conference in the Federal Courts and the court sustained the action of the General Conference. He was twice married; by his present wife, Mrs. Mayme Sims married in 1932, one daughter, Careve, was born.

SIMS, Mrs. Mayme Anna, wife of former Bishop D. H. Sims, born in French Lick, Indiana, May 7, 1905; graduated from the high school of French Lick as an "A" student, winning several medals for scholarship; graduated from Howard University, June 1928 with B.M.; graduate work at the Chicago Musical College, and the University of Chicago; taught music at Dover State College, 1928-30; head of music department of Allen University 1930-32; married Bishop D. H. Sims in 1932. They have one daughter, Careve Davanna, born in Cape Town, South Africa; elected delegate to General Conference from South Africa, 1936, and member of Episcopal Committee 1936; supervisor missionary divisions of the 15th Episcopal District, 1932-36; 9th Episcopal District, 1936-1940; 1st Episcopal District, 1938-1946; chairman of the joint constitution committee for merging the Missionary Societies of the AME Church, 1944; chairman of the committee on Missionary Education, Literature and **Promotion** in the Woman's Missionary Society of the AME Church, 1944; member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority; member of Allen AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; served as chaplain of stewardess board **A.**

REV. AND MRS. D. H. SIMS

SIMMONS, Mr. J. Frederick, a postal employee, and the son of Jacob Benjamin and Hester Annette Simmons; attended Emanuel AME Sunday school from early childhood; later he became a member of the church and senior choir, a teacher in the Sunday school and treasurer of the same for several years. During the pastorate of Dr. Jesse E. Beard he was appointed director of the junior choir; later elected Sunday school superintendent of the Edisto district over which Dr. L. Ruffin Nichols presided. During the pastorate of Dr. R. E. Brogdon, he was elected to the trustee board, and is still active.

SIMS, Rev. George T., pastor AME Church, Canton, Ohio, is the third child Rev. and Mrs. F. R. Sims. Reared in Alabama; he received his college and seminary training in Morris Brown, Fisk and Lincoln Universities; was converted in Saint James AME Church, Atlantic City, N. J., under the pastorate of Rev. Harry P. Anderson. Ordained deacon and elder by Bishop Connor and appointed to his first pastorate at Ward's Chapel AME Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Successively, he served St. John AME Church of Pine Bluff, Arkansas; Quinn Chapel, Fort Smith, Arkansas; Visitor's Chapel, Hot Springs, Arkansas; and Greater St. John Church of Montgomery, Alabama. As a presiding elder in the State of Arkansas, he served the Forest City District, the Dermott District and the North Little Rock District. He was presiding elder in Alabama, and of the Cleveland district in North Ohio; was chief secretary of the General Conference. As a pastor, paid church mortgages, built parsonages, and installed pipe organs. He was elected dean of Lampton College, Alexandria, La., when he was but little more than a lad, and has served in every General Conference since 1916. He was married to Miss Beatrice Childs, of Mississippi. Their son George T., Jr., is pastor at Stamford, Connecticut. After her death he married the present Mrs. Sims.



MRS. VELMA A. SHERMAN AND DAUGHTER
St. Andrew Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

SIMS, Rev. Lee Andrew, born December 25, 1901, to Rufus and Annie Sims in Greensboro, Alabama, at which time both parents were members of St. Matthew AME Church. They both were baptized in this church and to them 11 children were born and baptized in the same church. After finishing the elementary school Lee Andrew was sent to Marion Lincoln Normal School. After finishing there he moved with the family to Bessemer, Alabama, and there united with Allen Temple AME Church where he taught Sunday school, served as class leader and steward; licensed to preach by Dr. Edmondson, presiding elder. In the middle of the year he was sent to a mission by presiding elder, Rev. T. W. Coffee. On his arrival he found 1 member, Brother Woods, a building that had been ten years without a service. Here he stayed for 6 years, adding 81 members to the church and increasing dollar money from $1 to $66. At conference he was given a 4 year scholarship in Payne University, Selma, Ala. He successfully pastored while in school, making an increase in everything. Next he was stationed at Old St. Matthew AME, Oxmore, which burned down, and which he rebuilt. He was then sent to St. Mark, Brighton and paid the $1200 debt in 3 years and added new members. While in Brighton he was a student of Miles Memorial College. About this time Payne had need for a larger location in North Birmingham, Ala.

SIMS, Rev. Yancey Lee, pastor of Riverton, N. J., was born in Thebes, Georgia, November 8, 1898; son of Rev. and Mrs. F. R. Sims; attended the public schools of Americus and Macon, Georgia; graduated from Morris Brown and Howard Universities; D.D., Payne Theological Seminary; entered the ministry from St. James AME Church, Newark, N. J., Rev. C. S. Spivey, pastor; was admitted to New Jersey Conference in 1933; ordained deacon at New York Conference in 1936; and elder in 1937 at Albany, N. Y.; served as pastor of Allen Memorial AME Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Bethel AME, Huntington, L. I.; Metropolitan AME, New York City; and St. James AME Church, Atlantic City, N. J., and the present charge Riverton, N. J.; delegate to 1944 General Conference; member of the Missionary Board, NAACP, YMCA, Masons, Elks, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

REV. AND MRS. Y. L. SIMS

SIMS, Mrs. Anna B., wife of Rev. Y. L. Sims and mother of Gwendolyn; recording secretary of the New Jersey Conference Branch, W.M.S.; member of the Executive Board Federation of Women's Boards of Missions; regional vice president, National Interdenominational Ministers' Wives Alliance; member of Atlantic Chapter No. 3, OES; member New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs, and a member of the General Conference 1944, served as teller; delegate to Quadrennial Convention of the Women's Missionary Society in 1947.

SMITH, Bishop Charles Spencer, (deceased), 28th bishop, son of Nehemiah Henry and Catherine Smith; born in Colborne, Canada, March 16, 1852; received public school education at Bowmanville; at the age of 14, he went to Buffalo, N. Y. and employed himself as a general utility boy in a boarding house. In 1869 he went to Louisville, Ky. and was employed as a teacher at Payne's Station of the Freeman's Bureau; later he was assigned to Hopkinsville, Ky. In Aug. 1871, he was licensed to preach at Jackson, Miss.; admitted to Alabama Conference in 1872; ordained deacon in 1873 and elder in 1876; was elected to the House of Representatives of Alabama for a period of two years in 1874. In 1884 was an alternate to the Republican National Convention. He presented the idea of the Sunday School Union to the bishops in 1882, and in 1884 he was elected secretary-treasurer of the same. He purchased the original site for the Sunday School Union at 209 Public Square, Nashville, Tenn.; in 1900 he was elected bishop; served in South Africa, Louisiana, Georgia, Texas, and elsewhere, was historiographer of the church at the time of his death; was great orator and voluminous writer. He wrote the "History of the AME Church"; was twice married: in April, 1876, to Miss Katie Josephine Black who bore him three children; after her death he married in 1888 Miss Christine Shoecraft of Muncie, Ind. who survives him. One child was born Charles Spencer Smith, Jr. Bishop Smith died in 1922. (See Centennial Encyclopaedia, 1916).

SMITH, Mrs. Christine S., honorary president of WMS and widow of Bishop C. S. Smith; was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, and was educated in the schools at Muncie, Ind. After her graduation she went South, and became vice president of the State Normal and Industrial School at Normal, Alabama, and later became the wife of Rev. Charles S. Smith, founder and secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Union of the AME Church, Nashville, Tenn. Here Mrs. Smith served as assistant-manager and cashier until her husband was elected bishop in 1900. Then she moved to Detroit, Michigan; she organized the first club group among women in Nashville and allied it with the National Association of Colored Women after its organization in Washington in 1896. In 1915 she presented to the Women's Parent MMS at its session at Detroit, Michigan, the program for the young people. She was delegate to every biennial session of the National Association of Colored Women; state president of the

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Michigan State Association of Colored Women and served the constitutional limit; member of the executive board of the Detroit Urban League; member of the first Interracial Committee appointed by the Mayor of Detroit; served two terms as chairman of the committee of management of the Lucy Thurman Branch YWCA and chairman of the committee which erected the new building; served 6 years as residential and maintenance secretary Detroit YWCA; served on numerous cultural and administrative committees in Detroit. In 1923 she was elected the first vice president of the Women's Parent MMS, and in 1931 was elected its president; was 3rd vice president of the United Council of Church Women 1941-1944; member of the executive board of the same since 1944; recording secretary of the Home Missions Council of North America since 1945; member of the Race Relations Commission of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; member of the African Committee, and Public Relations Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, a vice president of the same since March, 1946; general secretary of the WMS from 1944 to 1947, and set up headquarters in Philadelphia. At the quadrennial meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1947, she was made honorary president of the WMS.

SMITH, Chaplain Daniel Lewis, son of Daniel and Mary (Culpepper) Smith; born June 4, 1913 in Monticello, Fla.; educated public school, Dunbar Junior High, Stevens, and Morris Brown College. B.D., Lee Theological Seminary, 1935; A.B., Morris Brown, 1937; A.M., Atlanta University, 1939; licensed to preach at Lee Theological Seminary by Rev. L. M. Moore in 1933; admitted to Florida Annual Conference at Jacksonville, Florida, in 1933; ordained deacon at Thomaston, Georgia by Bishop Fountain in 1935; elder by Bishop Fountain at Atlanta, Ga., 1937; served as pastor Mt. Pleasant AME Church 1935-36; Chaplain for high school, Lincoln 1940-42. Published articles in the Christian Recorder, Atlanta Daily World, and Florida Bulletin. Commissioned 1st Lt., Chaplain, October 17, 1942; overseas June 5, 1943. The first chaplain colored or white to broadcast over radio station twice weekly in his war zone. Member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. After graduating from the Chaplains' School, Harvard University, he was assigned to the 93rd Division, 368th Infantry, Fort Huachuca. Later continued his duties in North Africa.

REV. AND MRS. D. L. SMITH

SMITH, Mrs. Lillian Gray, wife of Rev. D. L. Smith; daughter of Rev. David Gray, Sr., received her A.B. degree from Morris Brown College and is a member of Zeta Phi Beta sorority. For several years, Mrs. Smith served as principal of the Elementary Demonstration Practice School, Greensboro, Ga.; was rewarded for excellent work as principal with Rosenwald scholarships for two consecutive summers. Married Chaplain Smith, March 8, 1943 at Greensboro, Ga.

SMITH, Rev. Horace P., pastor of St. Paul, Louisville, Ky.; born in Columbia, Tenn., September 7, 1888; son of Anna G. Smith; attended Williamsport, Tennessee and Louisville, Ky., public schools, Turner College, Shelbyville, Tenn.; served as steward, class leader, church clerk and Sunday school superintendent in local church; licensed to preach at Trinity AME Churh, Louisville, Ky., October, 1931; ordained deacon at Louisville, Ky., in 1934 by Bishop H. Y. Tookes; elder at Paducah, Ky., 1936 by Bishop Ransom. Served as pastor of: Wayman Chapel, Shepherdsville, Ky., 1935-40; St. Paul, Louisville, Ky., 1940 to date. He bought and paid for lot with school building on it which was dedicated for a church at Shepherdsville, 1936; covered and remodeled St. Paul AME Church; received 26 members into the church and had 6 conversions; served as sergeant and company clerk in 348 Service Battalion in World War I, 3 months in USA and 9 months overseas; member of the Knights of

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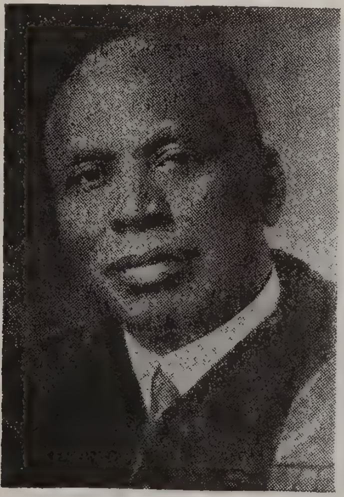
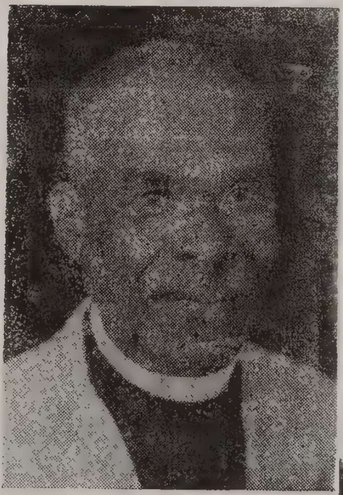
Pythias, Gordon Lodge No. 280, Williamsport, Tenn., Keeper of Records and Seals; vice president of the AME Ministers Alliance, Louisville, Ky.

SMITH, Mrs. Elizabeth (Greenfield), wife of Rev. Horace P. Smith, daughter of George W. and Jane (Russell) Greenfield, was born in Williamsport, Tenn., October 25, 1890; educated in public school of Williamsport, Tenn., and Tennessee State College; and Adult Education, Louisville, Kentucky; married August 4, 1917; taught school 13 years in Maury Co., Tennessee; joined Clayborne Chapel, Williamsport, Tenn., 1903. Sunday school teacher, Sunday school treasurer in Clayborne Chapel, 1911-1921. Sunday school teacher, superintendent, president stewardess board, president Missionary Society, member West Kentucky Conference Branch Missionary executive board. President AME Ministers' Wives' Association, West Kentucky Conference 1942-1944. Chaplain Interdenominational Ministers' Wives Alliance, Louisville, Kentucky. Treasurer AME Ministers' Wives' Alliance, Louisville, Kentucky; vice president Jefferson County Sunday School Association 1944; president Parent Teachers Association, Lincoln School, Louisville, Ky., 1934-1938; Register of Deeds, Busy Bee Court of Calantha 253 Tennessee, 1920-1924; delegate to General Conference 1944. Mother of 7 children, Frank M. (married), Elyria, Ohio; Harold V. and Doris L.—students of Kentucky State College. Leo G. and James B.—students of Central High, Louisville, Kentucky; Horace P., Jr., and Anna M. (deceased).

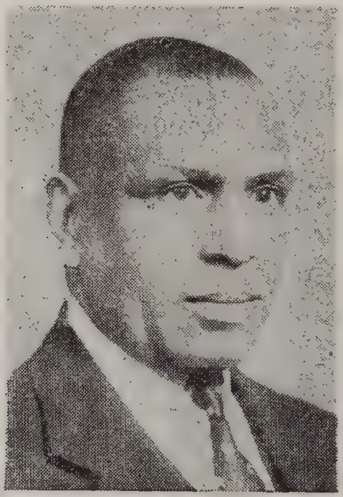


SMITH, Rev. James H., deceased, author of "Vital Facts", son of Henry and Edith (Williams) Smith, born January 3, 1874, at Lincoln County, Tenn.; educated public school, Lincoln County, Fayetteville, Tenn., and Turner College, Shelbyville, Tenn. Honorary D.D. Turner College, 1914; LL.D. Paul Quinn College, 1942; licensed to preach at St. John, Mulberry, Tenn., by Rev. S. R. Reid, in October, 1896; admitted to Tennessee Annual Conference at Fayetteville, Tenn., in October, 1898; married Miss Mattie Mitchell, Nov. 20, 1898; ordained deacon by Bishop Salters at Nashville, Tenn., in 1898; elder, by Bishop Tanner at Nashville, Tenn., in 1903. Pastored: Cedar Grove Mission, 1898-1899; Center Grove Circuit, 1899-1900; Chapel Hill Circuit, 1900-1902; Lewisburg Circuit, 1902-1904; Bethel, Knoxville, Tenn., 1904-05; Chattanooga, Warren Chapel, 1911-1916; Nashville, St. John, 1916-1919; Bethel, Dallas, Texas, 1919-1923; Wesley Chapel, Houston, Texas, 1923-1927; St. James, Dallas, 1927-1929; St. Paul, 1930-1932; Grant Chapel, Austin, 1932-1933; Allen Chapel, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1933-1935; Allen Chapel, Ft. Worth, 1941-1944. Served as presiding elder of the Knoxville District, East Tennessee Conference, 1905-1906; Fayetteville District, East Tenn. Conference, 1906-1911; Waxahachie District, North Texas Conference, 1929-1930; Fort Worth District, North Texas Conference, 1935-1939; Galveston District, Texas Conference, 1939-1941; organized Dechard Mission, Tenn., 1907; St. James, Orange, Texas, 1940; built St. James, Unionville, Tenn., 1901; Wesley Chapel, Houston, 1924; paid mortgages on Bethel, Knoxville; Wesley Chapel, Houston, Texas; Grant Chapel, Austin, Texas; Allen Chapel, Fort Worth, Texas; Wesley Chapel, Houston; and Allen Chapel, Ft. Worth, Texas. Received approximately 2000 members into the church and had approximately 1500 conversions. Delegate to all General Conferences from 1908 to 1944; served on Southern Recorder Board 1924-1928; Church Extension Board 1936-1944. Trustee at Turner College, Tennessee, 1899-1919; Wilberforce University, Ohio, 1912-1920; Paul Quinn College, Texas, 1935 to date. Published articles in the Southern Christian Recorder, Dallas Express, Ft. Worth Mind, Kansas City Call, Waco Banner. Published the following books: The Story of the Cross, 1941; The Modern Dance, 1923; Vital Facts Concerning AME Church, 1939; Negro Directory of Dallas, 1928; Negro Directory of Ft. Worth 1936. Chairman, Committee of Civilian Defense; member Board Negro Welfare Council, Ft. Worth; President Interdenominational Ministers Alliance; Director Religious Education, 10th Episcopal District, AME Church.



SMITH, Rev. Joseph Daniel, pastor Bethel AME Church, Shelly Bay, Bermuda; born at Shelly Bay, Bermuda, December 21, 1879, the son of Thomas and Alice Smith. He attended Mangrove Bay School, Bermuda Collegiate Institute and Wilberforce University, B.D. June 20, 1912; D.D., 1924; served as choirmaster, superintendent of Sunday school, steward, trustee, exhorter, and local preacher in the church; licensed to preach in October, 1901, by Rev. R. H. Shirley at St. John's Church, and admitted to the Bermuda Annual Conference at St. Paul's in July, 1906. In 1908 at Dayton, Ohio, he was ordained deacon by Bishop Derrick, and in 1911 elder at Youngstown, Ohio, by Bishop Derrick. He pastored Harveysburg, Ohio, 1910; Yellow Springs, 1911; Allen Temple, Bermuda, 1912; Collymore Rock, Barbados, 1915; Allen Temple, Bermuda, 1929; Bethel, Bermuda, 1936 to date. He served as presiding elder of the Barbados district, Windward Islands in the West Indies, 1915; the Barbados and Virgin Islands, Windward Islands—West Indies, 1925-1927 and the Barbados Islands from 1927-28. He organized Metropolitan Church at Barbados in 1920 and Connell Town at Barbados in 1924; delegate to General Conferences of 1916, 1924, 1928, 1936, 1940, 1944 and 1948, also represented Bermuda in the 6th World's Sunday School Convention, Washington, D. C. in 1910. He contributed to the Christian Recorder, Voice of Missions and the local papers occasionally. He was vice president of Smith's Parish Political Association, vice president of the Bermuda Ministerial Association, on the executive committee of the Bermuda Citizens Association, vice-president of the Bermuda AME Ministers' Alliance, a member of the Bermuda Savings Certificates Committee, and the Protection of Children Committee; recently a candidate for the House of Assembly; a Mason, Thistle Lodge (Scottish), Barbados PDGC, and an honorary member of Abercorn Lodge (Irish) in Bermuda. In November, 1912 married Miss Charlotte Sylveste Smith. To this union were born Daniel Quinn, September, 1913; and Eula Alice.

SMITH, Mr. Pecival Bell, deceased, born in Pembroke, Bermuda, April 15, 1894; son of Alice and Henry Smith; educated in the Dulcia Evening School and Berkeley Institute, Pembroke, Bermuda. Completed the course as shipwright at Bermuda dockyard; was converted at early age and joined St. Paul AME Church, Hamilton, Bermuda; served as usher and Sunday school teacher; came to America in 1919 and married Miss Rosalie L. Spencer of Flatts, Bermuda, in New York City; joined Grant AME Church in Boston, Mass., and served as secretary of the trustee board, and treasurer of the Sunday school; was a member of Plymouth Rock Lodge, Overseas Club, and member of the St. Mark Brotherhood; died March 8, 1945 at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.



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SMITH Mrs. Rosalie L., wife of Percival B. Smith, was born in Flatts, Bermuda, the fourth daughter of Richard and Leonora Spencer. She was converted at an early age and joined Bethel Church in Shelly Bay, Bermuda, under Rev. Joseph Gomez. She received her elementary education in private schools in Bermuda and is a graduate of Girls High School in Boston, Ancrum School, and the Russell School of Expression in Boston. She has also studied at Boston University Summer School. In 1920 she joined Grant Memorial AME Church, coming from Bethel, in New York City where she was an active member, and where she was married to Mr. Percival B. Smith by the Rev. M. W. Thornton, pastor. She was a member of the Parent MMS and a delegate to the Quadrennial since 1923. In the local church she has served as Sunday school teacher, secretary, assistant superintendent and superintendent; secretary, and president of the League; in the Missionary Society as secretary, vice president and president. In the Conference Branch WMM Society she has been chairman of Arts and Crafts, secretary-treasurer of YPD, second vice president and first vice president. For three years she was conference superintendent of the New England Church Schools, resigned in 1942. At present she is secretary of the trustee board of Grant Church, vice president of the local Missionary Society, vice president of the New England Conference Branch.

SMITH, Rev. Thomas H., pastor of Allen Chapel AME Church, Kalamazoo, Michigan, son of Thomas and Annie (Scott) Smith; born January 4, 1899; educated public school Raymond, Miss.; Jackson, Miss., Campbell College; and Fisk University; Meharry Medical College. Held church offices of steward, class leader, choir president and League president. Licensed to preach by Rev. J. W. Sanders at Detroit, Mich., in 1927; admitted to Michi-

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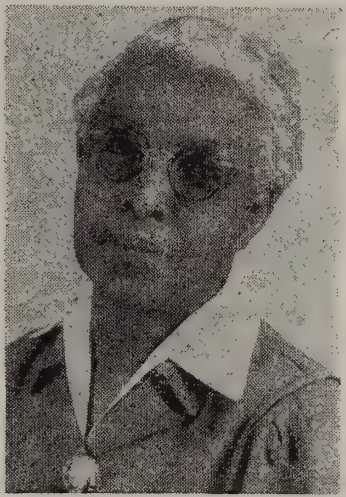
gan Annual Conference at Detroit in 1927; ordained deacon by Bishop Heard at Benton Harbor, Mich., in 1930; elder by Bishop Parks at Detroit in 1935. Pastored Holly Chapel, Coleman, Mich., 1937-38; St. Luke, Roseville, Mich., 1938; built St. Luke AME Church,Roseville, Mich., 1941-1944; Allen, Kalamazoo the present church. Received 37 members into the church and had 16 conversions. Grand Auditor K of P Jurisdiction of Michigan, member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Conference Sunday school superintendent; served 3 years president of Michigan Conference Ministers Protective Association; secretary Michigan Conference; superannuates, Orphans and Widows Fund, and District Sunday school superintendent.

SMITH, Mrs. Doris M. (Green), wife of Rev. T. H. Smith; born July 4, 1901 in Macon, Georgia; married Thomas H. Smith in Detroit September 6, 1925; educated public school and Ballard Normal of Macon. She has been active in the Missionary Society of the Michigan Conference Branch; was first president of the Young Ladies Auxiliary of Ebenezer Church and has been president of the local society of St. Luke, Roseville, for 5 years; and is corresponding secretary of the Michigan Conference Branch; alternate to the Quadrennial Convention; and is serving her second term on the Board of the Council of Church Women of the City of Detroit; was one of the five Negro Women on the Program of the World Day of Prayer.

SPEESE, William Henry (deceased), son of Moses and Susan (Cropps) Speese; born May 23, 1864, in East Bend, North Carolina. Married Fanny D. (Slater) Speese May 18, 1897; educated in Tabor College, Tabor, Iowa, and Chicago Theological Seminary, graduating in 1898, receiving A.B. and D.D. degrees; joined AME Conference under Bishop Arnett in 1910. Pastored appointments in Iowa, Illinois, the Dakotas, and California for 32 years, counting those he had brought to Christ by the hundreds. Built up run-down churches and parsonages. Much interested in community life, especially where it concerned Negroes. Made school conditions better; improved sanitary conditions in "Negro districts" built good roads leading to Negro schools and churches. Passed to his reward in Berkeley, California, July 15, 1938.



MRS. FANNY D. SPEESE

SPEESE, Mrs. Fanny D. (Slater), wife of Rev. Wm. H. Speese, (deceased), daughter of George and Sarah (Venable) Slater; was born in Richmond, Missouri, December 11, 1872; educated in public schools of Aurora, Neb., high school in Chicago, Ill., Normal school in Carbondale, Ill.; joined Bethel Church in Chicago, Ill., in 1887; Sunday school teacher, social worker in Hull House, Chicago; president of ACE League, 1887 to 1897. Married May 18, 1897; taught school at Chester and Carrier Mills, Ill. Transferred with husband from Illinois Conference to California Conference in 1924. Superintendent St. Paul Sunday school in Berkeley 11 years; president of Stewardess Board 9 years to date. Delegate to General Conference in 1944.

SPENCER, Mrs. Loretta Corryne (Bacon), daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Benj. Bacon, was born June 19, 1904, at Paducah, Kentucky; graduated with highest honors from Lincoln High School, Paducah, Kentucky. Under-graduate work Lane College, Southern Illinois Teachers College with A.B. from Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Ky.; graduate work at Fisk University and Indiana University; taught in public schools of Paducah; principal of Central High at Lacenter and Lawrenceburg, and Dean of Girls and assistant principal at Lincoln Institute; at the present time principal of Maddoxtown School, Lexington, Kentucky. Converted 1914 in Saint James CME Church, Paducah. Served as District president Sunday School Convention 1920-1933; Vice president Conference Branch Missionary Society 1929-1933; taught Sunday school, Church secretary; Anti-Basileus Beta Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; married C. J. Lunderman, Sr., 1921, one child, Charles Jr., (law student at Lincoln University); married B. F. Spencer December 26, 1934; moved to Frankfort, joined St. John AME Church. Served as president Busy Bee Club; lay delegate 1942-1947; delegate 1948 General Conference, instructor St. Paul School of Religion, Lexington, Kentucky, 1947.

SPICER, Miss Sirilda Belva, pastor Solomon's AME Church, Grand Island, Neb., daughter of Jackson and Euphemia (South) Spicer; born Bedford, Iowa; educated public schools of Bedford, Ia., and Lincoln, Neb. A.B. and M.A., Nebraska University; joined First AME Church, Kansas City, Kansas, May 1929, Sunday school teacher in the junior division; was called to the ministry in 1936. Licensed Evangelist at the Nebraska Conference, Omaha, Neb., October, 1941, by Bishop Noah Williams; taught public school in Cherry Co., Nebraska, Sedalia, Mo., and Kansas City, Kans. member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Makes her home with her mother, Mrs. E. R. Spicer, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

SPILLMAN, Rev. Burry, was born in Mercer Co., Kentucky; called to the ministry in 1900. In the West Kentucky Conference he pastored: Asbury AME Church, Louisville, Ky., for 2½ years. He has built 3 churches, 2 parsonages. He served as presiding elder of the Frankfort District 10 years and of the Danville District 4 years. He was treasurer of the Kentucky Conference and business manager of the Young People's Congress. At the 1947 conference he was made conference evangelist.

SPILLMAN, Mrs. Jane Hall, wife of Rev. Burry Spillman; was an ardent missionary worker; she was elected delegate 4 times to the Quadrennial, serving in many offices of the conference branch of the Missionary Society and was first vice president at the time of her death.

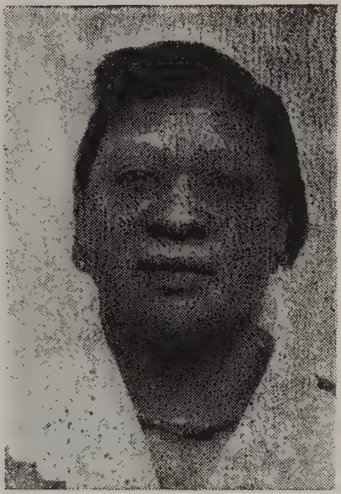
SPIVEY, Rev. Charles S., pastor St. John AME Church, Cleveland, Ohio; born in Cairo, Illinois, September 12, 1891; son of Charles S. and Mary M. (Small) Spivey; attended Cairo, Illinois public schools; Wilberforce University, A.B. 1916; (Magna cum laude); Payne Seminary, B.D., 1918; Yale, STB., 1919; Philadelphia Divinity School, STM, 1930; D.D. Wilberforce, 1924; licensed to preach at Allen Temple, by Rev. T. D. Scott, Cincinnati, Ohio; admitted to Ohio Annual Conference, 1910. Ordained deacon at St. Paul, 1912 by Bishop Shaffer; elder at Allen Temple in 1919 by Bishop Jones. Served as pastor of South Charleston, Ohio, 1916-1917; Marysville, Ohio, 1918; Washington Court House, Ohio, 1919-1921; Zanesville, Ohio, 1921-1922; North Street, Springfield, Ohio, 1923-1928; Union, Philadelphia, Pa., 1928-1930; St. James, Newark, N. J., 1930-1936; Bethel, Indianapolis, 1941 (4 months); St. Paul, Lexington, Ky., 1942 (3 months); Toledo, Ohio, 1943, (8 months); St. John, Cleveland, since 1943; built Washington Court House Church, 1920; and North Street, 1927. Paid mortgage on St. Paul, Zanesville, and St. James Church, Newark, N. J. Member of all General Conferences since 1924. Was dean of Payne Theological Seminary, 1933 to 1944. Author of "A Tribute to the Negro Preacher", 1942. Was a YMCA Secretary in the World War No. I.

REV. AND MRS. C. S. SPIVEY

SPIVEY, Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth (McGee), wife of Rev. C. S. Spivey, Sr., daughter of Rev. Charles A. and Mrs. Gay (Ankrum) McGee, was born Sept. 8, 1897 in Bradford, Pennsylvania; was educated in the public schools of Clarksburg, West Virginia, Uniontown, Cannonsburg and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Wilberforce University, B.S., 1940; elected to Zeta Sigma Pi, national honorary social science fraternity, and to Sen Mer Rekh, local honorary fraternity while at Wilberforce. In her junior year she received the Delta Sigma Theta scholarship award and on graduation received the Edward Earle Eubank medal for sustained high scholarship. Taught school in West Virginia. Married C. S. Spivey in 1920; mother of 3 children: C. S. Spivey, Jr., graduate of Wilberforce University, and B.D., from Yale University, STM, from Oberlin University, and Acting dean of Dickerson Theological Seminary, Allen University; Mary Elizabeth, A.B.

Wilberforce University, M.A. Smith College, LL.B., University of Michigan Law School; and Dorothy Gay, B.S. Wilberforce University and at present a graduate student at Western Reserve University.

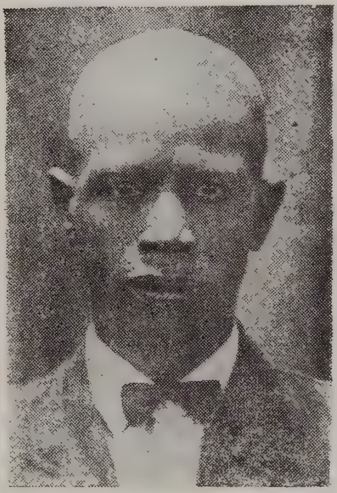
SOCKWELL, Mrs. Oceana, proprietor of the Sockwell Photographic Studio, Braddock, Penna.



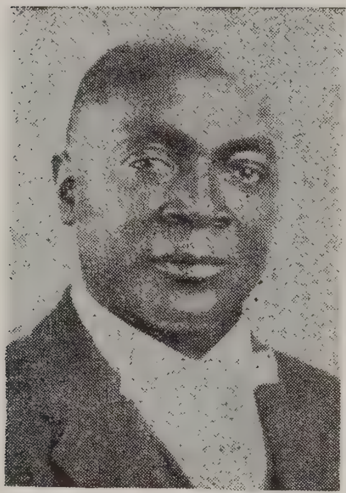
STALEY, Lillian M., born in Florida, converted in 1909; graduated in Valentine Cutting and Designing School in Dressmaking College, in Chicago, Nov. 19, 1920; was called as a missionary in 1925 in Battle Creek; was authorized to do general work in the church by Rev. D. A. Blake, presiding elder, November 8, 1941.

SPIVEY, Mr. Joseph A., born December 3, 1883, at Hilton, Ga.; was converted and joined the Good Hope AME Church in 1909. Served as steward, secretary. In 1911 he married Mattie Ford and moved to Philadelphia. Joined the Elmwood AME Church in 1916. Later moved his membership to Emanuel AME Church where his brother was pastor and organizer. Served as steward, class leader, trustee and superintendent of Sunday school—is serving his 18th year. He was a member of five electoral colleges in succession; delegate to the General Conference in 1936, 1944 and 1948.

STANFORD, Rev. Levin Walter, retired, son of Levin H. and Hattie D. Stanford; born August 24, 1876 in Philadelphia, Penna.; received scholarship to Wilberforce from the Philadelphia Annual Conference in 1904. B.D., Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University, June 18, 1925. Converted and joined Bethel AME Church Jan. 17, 1897 under the pastorate of Rev. (afterwards Bishop) L. J. Coppin; held church offices of class leader, Sunday school teacher and superintendent of the primary department. Licensed to preach by Rev. Theodore Gould, July 6, 1899; ordained deacon by Bishop Arnett, June 12, 1904; elder by Bishop Coppin Sept. 10, 1905; built Zion AME Church, Philadelphia, 1928; served as presiding elder of the Harrisburg District and pastor of several churches in Philadelphia Conference.



STANTON, Rev. Joseph B., son of Thomas and Leanna Stanton, born October 11, 1880, in Panola, Alabama; educated public school Alabama and West Alabama Normal and Industrial; held church offices: class leader, steward, trustee and Sunday school superintendent. Licensed to preach at Panola Church by Rev. J.C.W. Oliver in August, 1908, admitted to South Mississippi Annual Conference at Canton in Nov., 1909; ordained deacon by Bishop J. W. Alstork at Pickens, Miss., in 1911; elder by Bishop J. W. Alstork at Ensley, Ala., in 1913. Pastored Panola, Alabama, 1912; Edgewater, Ala., 1913; Benham, Ky., 1915; Rhode, Va., 1917; Bellaire, Ohio, 1919; Mitchell Chapel, Mansfield, Ohio, 1920; McIntyre, Bloomingdale, 1923; Shaffer Chapel, Cambridge, Ohio, 1932; Barnesville, Ohio, Bethel, 1935; St. Paul, Smithfield, 1938; received 700 members into the church and had 450 conversions; member of NAACP; chairman Troop 26 Boy Scouts of Cambridge, Ohio, 1934; teacher of Religious Education, Smithfield public schools; Chaplain and Grand Lecturer Masonic Lodge A.F.A.M. Married Miss Cora Mae Linear, October 12, 1924. The following children: Gresham T., Clyde S., Joseph B., Jr., Melvin O., Viola F., Barbara Ann and George K.



STARKEY, Rev. L. V., presiding elder of Birmingham District; was born in Greensboro, Ala.; was converted and joined the church under Rev. Thomas Hamilton at St. Paul AME Church; attended the public schools in Greensboro, Hale Co., Alabama, and studied under Professors G. B. Griffin and Beverly; also attended and received the degree of Doctor of Divinity at Payne University, Selma, Alabama, 1915; he taught in the public schools in Hale County for 6 years; married Miss Sylvana Jones who died after 7 years of married life; later married Miss Rebecca Young of Mobile, Alabama; licensed to preach at St. Matthews AME Church, Rev. G. W. Warren, pastor, and Dr. W. H. Mixon, presiding elder; he was pastor of Thomasville Mission; Orrville Circuit; St. Matthew Circuit; Pine Grove Station; Uniontown Station, and Bethel, Mobile, all in Ala.; and presiding elder of the Fulton, Demopolis, Camden, Selma, Montgomery, Mobile, Opelika, Bessemer districts and at present the Birmingham district. He has been a member of every General Conference since 1908; member of the Church Extension Board for 20 years. He has converted hundreds of people to the way of God.

STARKS, Mrs. Sophia Nickerson, beautician, was born in Quincy, Florida, of parents who had formerly been slaves. She worked hard that she might glorify Negro womanhood through beauty culture, beginning in 1916 in Jacksonville, Fla. Her first shop was an improvised place on her mother's back porch. She later established in St. Augustine, the Poro System of hair dressing. Leaving St. Augustine, she went to Cleveland, Ohio, where she established a beauty shop, and studied in the Hansom School of Beauty Culture. In 1925 she closed her business and returned to Jacksonville to the bedside of her mother who lived to the age of 101 years; her grandmother, over 100 years. Here she established the first school of beauty culture in Jacksonville. Her first class of 15 graduated in 1927. In 1938 the Nickerson School of Beauty Culture was registered under the laws of Florida as an accredited school of beauty culture. Since its inauguration more than 400 students have graduated; it has an enrollment of 80 students and a faculty of 4 teachers, in a modernly equipped building. Mrs. Nickerson also established the Nickerson Beauty Products Company. In 1929 she married Wesley Starks, who passed away in February, 1943. Mrs. Starks is an enthusiastic civic and AME Church worker, active in the YWCA, Business and Professional Women's Club, National Beauticians' Association, and State-wide Beauticians' Association, the Nickerson's Alumni Club, and other organizations.

STEADY, Rev. H. M., African missionary; born at the village of Waterloo in Sierra Leone, West Africa, June 21, 1859; son of Joseph and Elizabeth Steady. He received his education at the Countess of Huntingdon, Wesleyan, and Church of England Schools. In 1882, he was elected and appointed among his comrades Head Master of Jebt Church of England School. In 1887 he married Miss Hannah Adelicia Beatrice George. In 1890 he joined the "Zion" AME Church and was licensed to preach; in 1891 was ordained deacon of the AME Church; in 1893, ordained an elder. In March 1897 he started open-air preaching. He served as presiding elder of the Sierra Leone Conference for twelve years. He was a member of the General Conferences from 1908 to 1928. He is succeeded as superintendent of Sierra Leone by his son, Rev. I. E. Steady who was educated at Wilberforce and Yale Universities.

STEPHENS, Chaplain Fred E., born of Tatesville, Kentucky, June 6, 1908, son of Sandy and Bertha Ann Davis Stephens; attended schools in Owensboro, Ky.; Douglas High School, Evansville, Ind.; Indiana University, A.B. 1932; Gammon Theological Seminary; Morris Brown B.D., 1938; Shorter College, LL.D., 1942; licensed to preach at Scott ME Church by Rev. Overton, Denver, Colorado; admitted to Atlanta Georgia Annual Conference, Atlanta, November, 1936; ordained deacon at Atlanta, Ga., 1936, by Bishop Fountain; elder at Colorado Springs, 1938 by Bishop Williams; served as pastor of St. Luke AME Church, Atlanta, Ga., 1936-1938; Prince Chapel, Tucson, Ariz., 1938-1940; St. Paul, Columbia, Mo., 1940-1943; built Prince Memorial, 1939; paid the mortgage of St. Paul AME Church; received 300 members into the church and had 160 conversions under his preaching. Published articles in the following newspapers and magazines: Indianapolis Recorder, Christian Recorder, Western Christian Recorder, Georgia African Methodist; has been a Chaplain in the Army of the United States, and served overseas; member of the following: Kappa Alpha Psi College Fraternity, Masonic Lodge, vice president of Young Democratic League, of Colorado, 1934; NAACP, YMCA; member of City Recreational Commission, Columbia, Missouri, 1942-43; secretary of the Inter-racial Ministerial

Alliance, Tucson, Ariz., 1939. Received the following honors: Radio speaker for two years at Tucson, Ariz., and two years at Columbia, Mo.; has delivered many baccalaureate and commencement addresses. 1st Negro chaplain of the only Negro service unit in the Air Corps of the American Army. Had an outstanding glee club in his army unit.

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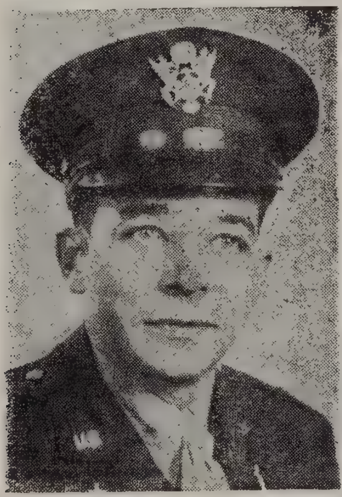
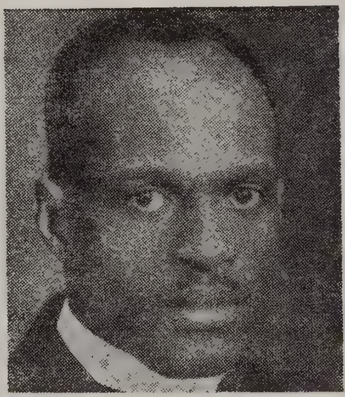
STERRETT, Chaplain Paris Vaughn, son of John Albert and Mary Linda Sterrett; born June 19, 1913; educated in public school of Philadelphia; Lincoln and Wilberforce Universities. B.S. Wilberforce, 1936; M.A., Boston University, S.T.B., Boston University. Licensed to preach by Rev. W. S. Drummond at Morris Brown Church, Philadelphia, in March, 1928; admitted to Philadelphia Annual Conference at Philadelphia in May, 1931; ordained deacon by Bishop Heard at New York in 1935; elder, by Bishop Heard at Cambridge, Mass., in 1937. Pastored New Bedford, Mass., 1939-1942; St. Paul Cambridge, Mass., 1942; delegate to the General Conference 1940, Detroit, Michigan. Served on the Social Service Board, 1939-1942; published articles in the New Bedford Standard Times, Oracle Magazine; member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Vice Grand Basileus. Chaplain (1st Lieutenant) United States Army, 366th Infantry, Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Chaplain Sterrett was wounded in North Africa, and returned to the United States, and honorably discharged on account of his injuries. He is a member of the Philadelphia Annual Conference.



STEVENSON, Rev. William P., pastor, Jones Tabernacle AME Church, Philadelphia; was born October 21, 1902, Stanton, Virginia. At the age of 10 months, his father died. When seven years old his mother brought him to Philadelphia where he entered school. On March 25, 1917, he was converted at St. John's AME Church. He preached his trial sermon July 15, 1923, and was licensed to preach July 19, 1923. Ordained deacon by Bishop Heard, May 15, 1927, in Mother Bethel AME Church; and elder by Bishop Jones, June 2, 1929, in Bethel Church, New Haven, Conn. He pastored: Narragansett Pier, R. I., 1927; Pittsfield, Mass., 1928-1930; Tyree, Philadelphia, Pa., 1930-1932; Jones Tabernacle, 1932 to the present. A.B. (cum laude) 1926, Lincoln University, Penna., S.T.B. (cum laude) 1928 ibid; D.D., Wilberforce University, Ohio, 1936; attended summer school at Drew and Boston Universities and Union Theological Seminary. AME representative in Federal Council of Churches of Christ of America; Pennsylvania State Federation of Churches, and Philadelphia Federation of Churches; director of Christian Education of the First Episcopal District, editor of the Intermediate Sunday School Quarterly of the AME Church; 32nd degree Mason; member of the K of P, the Elks; appointed by Bishop Sims to hold 56th session of Bermuda Annual Conference, 1940; member Board of Directors of Frederick Douglass Memorial Hospital, of Stevens Housing Corporation; served on the Local Draft Board No. 32 Selective Service System; member of Commission on combined Hymnal of AME and AME Zion Churches; of AME Commission to Cuba 1939. Delegate General Conferences, 1940, 1944 and 1948.

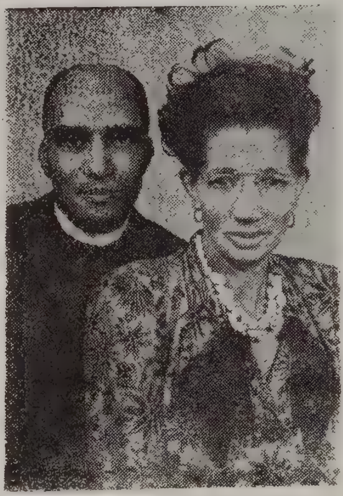


STEWART, Rev. Carlyle Fielding, pastor of Ebenezer AME Church. Detroit, Michigan; son of Rev. Henry Elijah and Lida (Becks) Stewart; born at Adrian, Michigan; educated in Chicago public school schools, Evanston High School and Northwestern University; received B.D. from Payne Theological Seminary (1921) and M.A. from University of Chicago (1928); licensed to preach by Rev. H. E. Stewart, his father, at Ebenezer, Evanston, in 1915; admitted to Chicago Annual Conference at Chicago in Sept., 1916. Pastored Selma, Ohio; St. James, Minneapolis; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Wayman Chapel, Chicago; St. James, St. Paul, Minnesota; St. Peter, Minneapolis, Minn.; Ebenezer, Evanston, Illinois, since October, 1941. Paid mortgages on Saint James, Minneapolis; Saint

James, Saint Paul, and Ebenezer, Evanston, Illinois; and Ebenezer, Detroit, Michigan; delegate to all General Conferences since 1928; married Alice L. Walker of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, July 14, 1927. Four children: Barbara Jeanne; Carlyle, Jr.; James Walton, Frances Elizabeth.

STEWART, Rev. Charles E., pastor Bethel AME Church, New York City, was born in Michigan; educated in Illinois public schools, Illinois College, Chicago Musical Col- Howard University, Wilberforce University, lege and Balatko Musical College; B.D., Wilberforce University; LL.B., Howard University; D.D., Wilberforce University; LL.D., Freylenheisen University. Held church offices, from janitor up to presiding elder inclusive. Licensed to preach by Rev. N. J. McCracken at Bethel Church; admitted to West North Carolina Annual Conference; ordained deacon by Bishop Coppin at Charlotte; elder by Bishop Coppin at Greensboro. Pastored: Ebenezer, Baltimore; Metropolitan, Washington, D. C.; Trinity, Baltimore; St. Paul, Raleigh, North Carolina, and Emanuel, Portsmouth, Virginia. President of Kittrell College, North Carolina; served as presiding elder of the Baltimore District, Baltimore Conference. Rebuilt Ebenezer and Emanuel; paid mortgages at Emanuel, Trinity, Ebenezer, Metropolitan; installed pipe organ at Ebenezer, Metropolitan and Emanuel. Delegate to General Conference since 1920. Served on the Financial Board, and Publication Board, and served as trustee and secretary of Wilberforce University trustee board; also trustee at Kittrell College. Published articles in the Afro-American, special correspondent for Journal and Guide and has written special articles for magazines. Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Masons, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, Elks, St. Lukes, Past Noble Father, thirty-third degree Mason, and many civic clubs. Voted 1st Citizen of Portsmouth, Va. 1940; invited to speak before noted societies and Universities; pastor of Trinity Church, and Dean of Religion at Wilberforce University, and professor in Payne Theological Seminary 1945-47. Pastor of Bethel, New York since January, 1947.

STEWART, Rev. Walter Thomas, was born in Malvern, Arkansas, and received his early education in the state. He finished his high school at Shorter College, Little Rock, Ark. He married Kathryn Ross of Boley, Oklahoma and was called to the U.S. Army during World War I. Serving as a sergeant overseas, and returning to the United States with his young wife, he came to Philadelphia, joined Ward AME Church, 46th and Aspen Sts., Rev. J. G. Robinson, pastor. He was called to the ministry, and licensed to preach by the Dr. R. F. Wright, presiding elder. The Philadelphia Annual Conference sent him to Wilberforce University, where he completed his education. He has been pastor of: Stroudsburg, Pa., 4 years, leaving a beautiful 7 room parsonage, (built by himself). Tyree AME Church in West Philadelphia 3 years, painting the church, and paying a debt of $750; Reading, Pa., for 4 years, where he painted the church inside and out, believing that God loves a clean sanctuary; Trinity, 24th and York Streets, Philadelphia, where he is an outstanding influence in the community. He has also remodeled the church and parsonage, and is serving his fifth year.



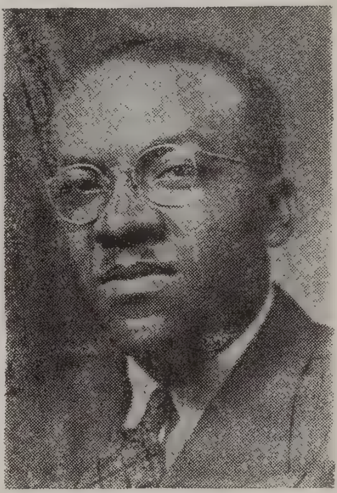
REV. AND MRS. W. T. STEWART

STEWART, Rev. H. E., pastor Milwaukee, Wis., born in New Albany, Ind., fourth son of Henry and Louise Stewart; baptized when 6 weeks old by an AME preacher; converted when 14. Entered the ministry when 20 years old; ordained deacon by Bishop John M. Brown; elder by Bishop Turner; was elected leader of the Indiana delegation in 1904 and was a member of the General Conference for 32 years with the exception of 4 years. Transferred to the Chicago Conference in 1904 and was stationed at Institutional Church, serving 4 years the first time and 2 years later. Pastored Wayman Chapel 5 years;

Ebenezer, Evanston, 5 years, and during that time paid a mortgage debt of $6,000; Quinn Chapel, Chicago, 5 years and paid a $16,000 mortgage debt. Transferred to Louisiana, pastor of St. James, New Orleans, 3 years and Bethel, Baton Rouge 1 year. Served on the Educational Board for two quadrenniums; on the Allen League Board 4 years. Graduated from Wilberforce in 1899, and served as a trustee of that institution for 25 years. The father of 4 sons and one daughter: Hilbert, teacher and musician; C. F. Stewart, pastor in Detroit, Paul Stewart (deceased); Henry Kenneth Stewart, a teacher in the public schools of Chicago, Ill., and Louise Stewart Payne, graduated from Wilberforce and now employed by the state of Illinois as a social worker. Rev. H. E. Stewart is serving now his 60th year in the ministry without a break; is pastor at St. Mark, Milwaukee, Wis. His first wife was Lida Becks, who passed in 1934. His present wife was Emily Williams Boyer.

STINSON, Rev. George Thomas, was born in Grenada County, Mississippi, son of S. B. and Sallie Jane (Hardiman) Stinson; attended the public schools of said County. Converted and joined the Union Hill AME Church in August, 1895; licensed to preach May, 1902 by Rev. S.R. Andrews, presiding elder; ordained deacon, November, 1907 by Bishop Salter; elder Nov., 1911 by Bishop Turner; studied in the Okolona Normal College, graduated at Campbell College 1912, B.D.; studied at Wilberforce, University; received D.D. from Wilberforce, 1926; LL.D. from Shorter College; A.M. from Campbell College. Is a successful pastor and presiding elder, building churches and adding many souls to the church. Has raised large sums of money for education, dollar money and missions. Brought into the Annual Conference many young ministers, many of whom are giving fine account of themselves. Elected delegate to every General Conference since 1916 Married Mis Nancy B. Wilson of Grenada County, Miss., December, 1907. To this union six children were born: Dorotha Jane Stinson, Priscilla Bell Stinson, Urias Baxter Stinson, George Thomas Stinson, Jr., Richard Allen Stinson (deceased), Caroline Henrietta Stinson. All of the surviving children have received a college education in Morris Brown and Wilberforce Universities. Rev. G. T. Stinson has been voted for the bishopric in the AME Church.

STEWART, Rev. William R., was born in Moline,, Illinois, September 20, 1906. He completed his high school education in Moline and entered Wilberforce University, Oct., 1924, where he received B.D. from Payne Theological Seminary. He has also studied at Huron College, (Presbyterian), Huron, S. Dakota. He served the following churches in the Northwestern Annual Conference: Huron, South Dakota; Oskaloosa, Ia.; Clinton, Ia.; Sioux City, Iowa, and Davenport, Ia. For 9 years he served as chief secretary of the Northwestern Annual Conference. Through his leadership church debts were liquidated in these communities and increases made in each church membership. In 1941 (October) he was transferred by Bishop Gregg to the Illinois Conference and stationed at historic St. Paul AME Church, Springfield, Ill. In the three years of his pastorate thus far at St. Paul he has led the congregation in clearing the church of $2000 of indebtedness and many improvements have been made. He is married and has one son, eleven years of age. Rev. Stewart is the son of Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart. His mother was President of the Chicago Conference Branch, WMMS for 15 years.



STOKES, Mrs. Hazel M., was born in Xenia, Ohio, daughter of Charles and Frances Edwards; graduated from Xenia high school, Wilberforce University, Dayton Teachers College, and took special work in social group supervision and music at Temple University, Philadelphia. She married Attorney W. O. Stokes, Dayton, Ohio; mother of Marie Stokes Alston, a teacher of French and English at Dunbar High School, Dayton; Lieut. William R. Stokes, U. S. Army; Rev. Rembert Stokes, pastor of St. Paul AME Church, Cambridge, Mass. All the children hold degrees from Wilberforce University. She joined St. John AME Church at an early age in Xenia, Ohio; organized the Pinnacle Culture Society in Dayton; member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; concert singer and

vocal teacher; directed chorus of 300 voices at the meeting of Bishops' Council at Convention Hall, Philadelphia, 1939.

STOKES, Rev. Rembert Edwards, pastor, St. Paul AME Church, Cambridge, Mass.; born June 16, 1917, Dayton, Ohio, son of Atty. W. O. and Hazel Marie Stokes; graduate of Central Elementary School and Steele High School of Dayton; Wilberforce University, B.S.; Boston University School of Theology, S.T.B.; candidate for Th.D. in Social Ethics; attended Harvard Divinity School. Local preacher, Bethel AME Church, Lynn, Mass.; ordained deacon at New England Annual Conference, Charles St. AME Church, 1941; elder Bethel AME Church, New Bedford, Mass., 1942; pastor Mt. Zion AME Church, Jamestown, R. I., 1941-42; St. Paul AME Church, Cambridge, Mass. since 1942; burned mortgage, doubled membership, remodeled church at cost of $15,000; organized Youth Center. Delegate to General Conference of 1948; member Zeta Sigma Pi, honorary fraternity for Social Sciences; member Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity; president YMCA, Wilberforce; first Negro president Mt. Vernon Student Association, Boston University School of Theology; member Executive Committee, New England Student Christian Movement; listed Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges from Boston University; member board of directors of Cambridge Red Cross; member Mass. FEPC Executive Committee; member board of directors of Cambridge Boy Scouts; candidate Cambridge City Council, 1945; first vice-president, Boston Branch NAACP. Married Laura Nancy Phillips, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Charles Henry Phillips of CME Church, Cleveland, Ohio, March 2, 1946. Daughter Linda Marie Stokes, born Feb. 5, 1947, Boston, Mass.

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STOKES, Mrs. Nancy Phillips, wife of Rev. R. E. Stokes, born July 31, 1919, daughter of Ella Cheeks Phillips and Bishop Charles Henry Phillips, Senior Emeritus, CME Church. Fisk University, B.A.; Western Reserve University, M.A. in Social Administration; formerly management assistant in charge of recreation at Carver Park Housing Estate, Cleveland. Listed in Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges; member Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority; married Rev. Rembert Edwards Stokes, March, 1946; 1 daughter, Linda Marie Stokes.

STOVALL, Rev. Thomas B. (deceased), was appointed by Bishop A. Grant, to a small mission of 5 members with 25 children at Fairfield, Iowa. The colored people came to the AME Mission, as they were not welcomed at the white churches. He was ordered to move the mission because of the noise made by the members. Three blocks from the city square he found an old house and lot for $500. Making a small down-payment he went to the ministerial alliance for aid; in 40 days he had $600 and the old house and lot were deeded to Bethel AME Church, Fairfield, Iowa, with Sam Sykes, John Love and Joe Love, trustees, and Thomas B. Stovall, Sr., pastor. This was the first colored church in Logan County, Iowa. A good white friend, donated the lumber for the new church. In 60 more days the new church was ready to be dedicated free of debt. Bishop Shaffer (the first colored bishop ever known to have come to Fairfield) dedicated the Mission. After serving Fairfield, Rev. Stovall was sent to Davenport, Iowa, where they had started a $10,000 church, the work had stopped and the old church building had been sold. After a time Rev. Stovall got a wealthy lady to put $3000 in the bank for the new church. Other good citizens of Davenport fell in with large donations. The whole building was finished and ready for dedication in three months after the pastor's arrival. Bishop Lee in dedicating the church said it was the finest colored church west of Chicago. After 5 years, he was sent to St. Peters AME Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he spent 5 years, the limit at that time. He found the building so leaky that folks raised their umbrellas

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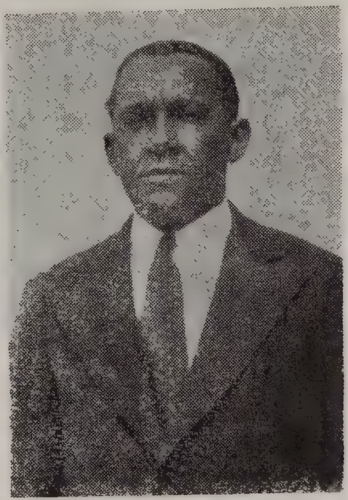
in church, he had the building repaired and modernized. He also organized Wayman AME Church on the North side of the city. Allen Mission in the extreme northern part of Minneapolis was organized by him also. He served over 25 years as presiding elder and did much to develop the Northwestern Conference. He was a delegate to the General Conferences of 1924, and 1932, and alternate in 1936; served four years on the Missionary Board.

STOVALL, Mrs. Lillie B., widow of Rev. T. B. Stovall, was born in Vicksburg, Miss., April 4, 1879; daughter of Nancy Anderson; converted in Wesley Chapel, April 16, 1895. Rev. Redman was her pastor in Vicksburg. Rev. W. M. Morris baptized her. In 1916 the Rev. G. W. Smith appointed her leader of a class of young people, from 12 to 20 years of age. She led that class until 1925, when she moved to Chicago. She attended the Cherry Street school. Soon after being left an orphan she married Mr. Henry McNeil and lived with him for 25 years. In Chicago she married Mr. W. W. Humphrey of Minneapolis, Minnesota, with whom she lived 8 years. Rev. J. C. Coston of Chicago came to Minneapolis in 1931 to run a revival at Wayman Church. She joined Wayman Church while he was there and has been a member ever since; now serving on the stewardess board. In 1937, Mr. Humphrey passed on and she married Rev. T. B. Stovall, her presiding elder.

STRATTON, Rev. Charles Wesley, pastor of Wayman Temple, Bloomington, Illinois; seventh child of Henderson and Sophia Stratton; was born in Murphysboro, Ill., March 3, 1896; attended the public and high schools in his home town, receiving later education at Paul Quinn College; converted in 1914 and joined Bethel AME Church, Murphysboro. He went to Chicago in 1916, joining Institutional AME Church. He served as postal clerk in Chicago, and was transferred to the Indianapolis, Ind., post office in 1922. As a churchman he has served as janitor, Sunday school teacher, treasurer, class leader and steward. For years resisted the call to preach; was licensed to exhort under the pastorate of Charles Sumner Williams, Institutional AME Church, Indianapolis, Ind., in 1930 and was licensed by Rev. C. L. Upthegrove, presiding elder of South Indianapolis District. Four months afterwards, he was appointed pastor in Fort Smith and Van Buren, Arkansas, by Bishop Young, 1930-1932. He paid every debt; Bishop Brooks appointed him to Gaines Chapel, Dallas, Texas, 1932-1934. After the death of Bishop Brooks, at his own request, he returned to his native state, and was stationed at Chester, Ill., 1934-1936, (while serving this charge he was appointed chaplain of the Illinois State Penitentiary); he next served Mound City, Illinois, 1936; here he was out of his church 16 Sundays on account of flood; but he lifted a mortgage of 15 years standing, which was later burned by Bishop Gregg; now serving as pastor in Harrisburg, Ill., where in one rally he raised $1200, paying his church out of debt and reporting the largest increase of dollar money in his conference; ordained deacon in 1935 in Quincy, Ill., being the last ordination performed by Bishop Parks. Ordained elder in 1937, in Cairo, Illinois, by Bishop Gregg. He preached the Baccalaureate sermon at Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, in 1933, where he received the B.S. degree. He was appointed delegate from Illinois to the American Negro Exposition in Chicago in 1940, by Governor Henry Horner. He is a member of the F & A M, NAACP, Ministerial Brotherhood of the Illinois Conference, and the only race member of the Harrisburg Ministerial Association; delegate for the Illinois Conference to the General Conference of 1944, and extra session Nov., 1946; received D.D., from Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington.



STOWE, Rev. Eugenius Herman, was born on February 10, 1902 in Penbroke, East Bermuda; the son of Walter Herman and Mary Lauretta Stowe. His elementary and high school training were received in Bermuda. He was graduated from the Theological Seminary of Wilberforce University, in June, 1932; in the United States he was ordained deacon and elder. He married the former Miss Marjorie Gwendoline Simons of East Side Somerset, Bermuda, a graduate nurse of Lincoln Hospital, New York, on February 23, 1942. He is now pastoring Vernon Temple AME Church, Southampton East, Bermuda. Formerly he served at Shorter Chapel, South Charleston, Ohio; St. John, Bailey Bay, Bermuda; St. Phillips, Harris Bay, Bermuda; Heard Chapel, Penbroke East, Bermuda. He was a delegate to the General Conference of 1940 and 1944.

refinancing was arranged, and has left funds in the church treasuries; purchased Wayman Church,

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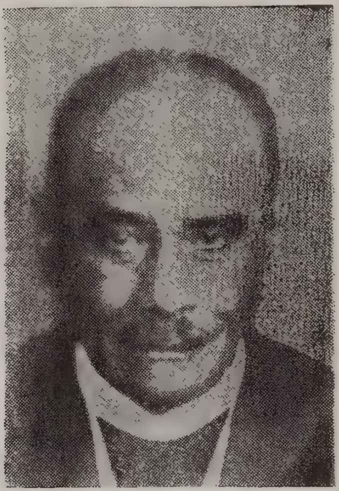
STOVELL, Rev. Rufus J., born in St. George's, Bermuda, on March 18, 1873. He attended Bermuda Collegiate Institute. He held the office of superintendent of Sunday school, and was ordained elder at Bermuda in 1911 by Bishop Derrick. Rev. Stovell has served as minister in every church in Bermuda and built Vernon Temple at Southampton, West Bermuda. He was elected a delegate to the General Conference at Chicago, Ill., in 1928. and was affiliated with the Bermuda Union of Teachers. Member of the Abercorn Lodge of Masons 123, Irish Constitution; The Alexandrina Grand Lodge, and the United Order of Odd Fellows 1023. He received the honor of retired school teacher of Bermuda and was placed on the association's pension list.



SWANN, Sr., Chaplain Melvin Chester, born November 6, 1914; attended Samuel C. Taylor School, Douglas High School, Baltimore, Maryland; Clark University, Atlanta, Ga.; Gammon Theological Seminary; Bishop Williams School of Religion at Western University; Chaplain's School of Harvard University; licensed to preach at Trinity AME Church, Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 1932, Rev. J. F. Moses, presiding elder. Ordained deacon at Brundidge, Alabama, Oct. 28, 1934 by Bishop R. A. Grant; elder at Birmingham, Alabama, November 7, 1936, by Bishop Sims; commissioned Chaplain, 1st Lt., U.S.A. Oct. 1943 at Coffeyville, Kansas. Now a member of the Chicago Conference. Chaplain Swann is married and has 1 son.

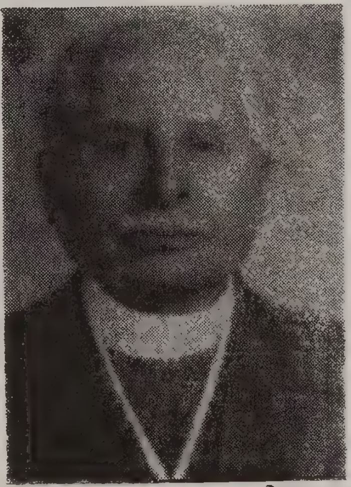
SYDES, Rev. J. H., was licensed to preach in 1885 and entered the Illinois conference in 1887; has served every charge in the conference mostly in Springfield, Cairo, Quincy, Peoria Districts. Has pastored nearly 38 years; presiding elder 22 years; delegate to the General Conference 3 times; trustee of Wilberforce from 1900 to 1912.

SUMMERS, Mrs. Viola G., teacher in the Calhoun Training School, Calhoun Co., daughter of Irvin and Maryan Golden, and widow of Rev. T. M. Summers; graduate from Allen University 1894; served as local president, district secretary and is now the president of her district missionary society, conference branch secretary, of the Central South Carolina Conference; delegate to the Quadrennial Convention 4 times. She is a member of the trustee board, stewardess board, and deaconess board.

TALBERT, Rev. Horace, deceased, former secretary of Wilberforce University, son of William and Jane Ellen Talbert, slaves, was born September 21, 1853, the sixth of 7 children; attended the school of the Rev. Basil L. Brooks, in Asbury AME Chapel, Louisville, Ky.; later he entered the school of Prof. William H. Gibson, at Quinn Chapel, Louisville; he worked in a tobacco shop, on a steamboat and otherwise to help defray the expenses of a college course. The Rev. Robert G. Mortimer, who conducted a high school in the basement of his church was asked to take charge of the Language Department of Wilberforce University, and Horace at 18, with others, went with him. He was converted in October, 1864, at Asbury; licensed to exhort by Prof. Mortimer, in1871, at Wilberforce, and four years later received local preacher's license from Rev. John A. Clark, pastor of Trinity Church at Wilberforce; admitted to the Ohio Conference at Springfield, by Bishop Payne; and later appointed, by Bishop Wayman, assistant pastor to the Rev. Yeiser on the Springboro, Ohio circuit. On his graduation, June 17, 1877, Bishop Wayman assigned him to the AME Church at Cynthiana, Ky., ordained deacon, September 1877 at Midway, Ky.; and returned to Wilberforce to study theology; April, 1878, Bishop Payne appointed him to St. Paul AME Church at Cambridge, Mass., and he studied at Boston University; ordained elder, 1878; pastored at Maley Street Church, Lynn, Mass.;

Bridgeport, Conn.; Bordentown, New Jersey, 1881; here he completed the beautiful edifice, erected a Sabbath school room, and brought 400 souls into church membership, and secured the Frisby parsonage; the little church at Crosswick, four miles distant, also under his care, was greatly strengthened. The Sunday School Union was organized and Rev. Talbert was elected its first recording secretary. He was transferred to the New York Conference and stationed at Albany and served as chaplain of the legislature. Next to Elmira, New York, where he purchased a beautiful property at Fourth and Dickerson Streets. Successful pastorates at Owego, New York, and Jamaica, Long Island, followed. He remained at Jamaica for 3 years, during which time he organized St. John Church, in East New York, and purchased lots and erected a handsome edifice at Westbury Station, Long Island, which was under his care; also founded the New York Conference High School; and assumed the editorship and management of "The African Watchman"; and served as presiding elder of the Brooklyn District. Buffalo, New York, was his next charge; then he was called to the chair of languages at Wilberforce University. In 1897 he was elected secretary of Wilberforce, a place which he held until his death. He collected large sums for Wilberforce; in 1904 induced Andrew Carnegie to give $15,000 to erect a library; through Professor Talbert's solicitations also, Mr. James Callanan, of Des Moines, Iowa, left by will $5,000 to Wilberforce; and Mr. George W. Hardester, of Urban, Ohio, bequeathed $6,000. He persuaded President Theodore Roosevelt to detail First Lieutenant Benjamin O. Davis, of the 10th Calvary, United States Troops, as instructor of military science and tactics at the University. On September 4, 1879, he was united in marriage to Miss S. Frankie Black, at Washington, D. C.; fourteen children were born of their union. Mrs. Talbert was the first woman of Ohio to become a member of the county board of education. She was an ardent club worker, and a member of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority. Dr. Talbert died November 12, 1917, at Wilberforce.

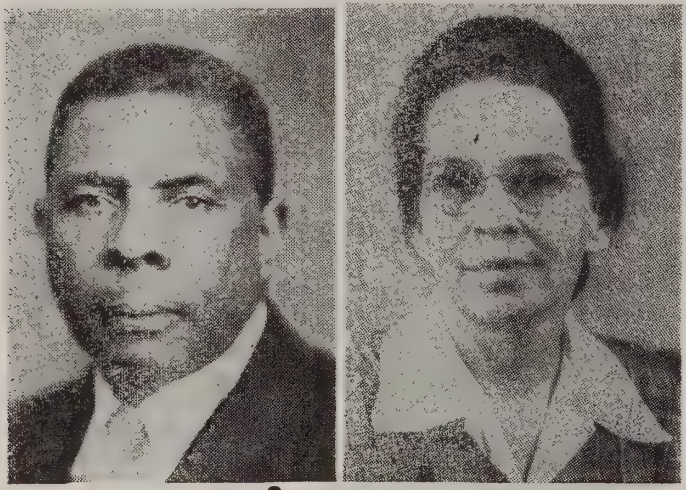
THOMPKINS, Dr. William J., deceased; formerly physician and Recorder of Deeds of District of Columbia; born July 5, 1884, at Jefferson City, Missouri; son of Marino and Eliza (Williams) Thompkins; married Jessie Floyd Embry, June 19, 1913; two children, Helen Yolande, (now Mrs. J. S. Simmons), born October 29, 1915; Marion Elizabeth, born Nov. 17, 1927; educated, B.S., Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri; pre-medical training, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.; M.D., Howard University, Washington, D. C.; interne, Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D. C.; superintendent, Geeral Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., 6 years; chief of Surgical Staff; Asst. Commissioner of Health, Kansas City, Mo., 8 years; Recorder of Deeds, Washington, D. C., 1934 till death; member Board of Curators, Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., ex-vice president, National Medical Association; ex-president, Midwest Life Insurance Co.; member Citizen's Joint Conference Committee, Civic Welfare and Educational Groups; president, National Colored Democratic Association, Inc.; Past Grand Grammateus, Sigma Pi Phi; Mason, 33rd degree; member Elks, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, United Brothers of Friendship, Pig Skin, Bachelor-Benedicts, Mu-So-Lit Club, Washington, D. C.; officer Reserve Medical Corps, U. S. Army; politics, Democrat; member of AME Church; published and owned the "Kansas City American" fifteen years; had charge of the colored contingent of all states west of the Mississippi River for the Democratic Party in 1924 and 1928, and in 1932 was president of the National Colored Democratic Association. Dr. Thompkins, despite opposition from District officials, succeeded in having legislation enacted providing for a new modern office structure, in place of an old building which the Government had rented for 20 years. In 1941, President Roosevelt broke ground for the building, and Senator (now President) Truman had the President's speech published in the Congressional Record. In the building are portraits of former Recorders of Deeds and several large murals depicting contributions of the Negro to American history.



TAYLOR, Rev. Brice U., presiding elder of the South Chicago District, Chicago Conference, is a Tennessean by birth; educated in public schools of Emporia, Kans., Payne Theological Seminary of Wilberforce University, and lecture courses of the University of Chicago; received D.D. from Morris Brown College; in the ministry over 40 years; member of General Conference 1924, 1932; chairman of the Illinois, Indiana and Chicago delegation in 1924; trustee of Wilberforce University, and of the Chicago Conference; secretary-treasurer of the Chicago Conference for 25 years. Served as president, secretary and treasurer, respectively of the Chicago Ministerial Alliance; was secretary-treasurer of the $5,000,000 drive; also was a member of a committee of 25, headed by Bishop Carey, that called on President Coolidge regarding racial problems; was speaker at the Wilberforce University Diamond Jubilee in 1931; delivered principal address for the Supreme Royal Circle of Friends of the World at Kansas City jubilee in 1921; was pastor of St. Paul, Des Moines, Iowa; Wayman, St. Stephens, Quinn Chapel, Chicago, and other churches; paid every church that he has pastored out of debt with the exception of one, for which

Chicago, a $75,000 structure and paid it out of debt in five years; was delegate to the Ecumenical Conference of Methodism at Atlanta, Ga., in 1931.

TAYLOR, Rev. Louis C., minister and attorney at law, son of Henry and Amanda Taylor; born August 20, 1885 in Waco, Texas; educated in public school of Waco, Texas; Carnegie at Roger, Ohio; LL.B. Oskaloosa (now Drake University) Oskaloosa, Iowa (1922-26); George Williams College, Chicago, Ill.; Moody Bible Institute, 1932-1935; People's College, Kansas City, Mo., 1918-1922; diploma, Evangelical Teacher Training Association 1934-1935. Held church offices: steward, trustee, Ward Chapel AME Church, Muskogee and Boley, Oklahoma; licensed to preach at Ward Chapel AME Church by Rev. S. L. Greene in July 1922; admitted to N. E. Oklahoma Annual Conference at Tulsa, Oklahoma, in November 1922; ordained deacon by Bishop Parks at Okmulgee, Okla., in 1924; elder by Bishop Parks at Tulsa, Okla., in 1925. Pastored Brookville Circuit 1922-1924; Bethel Church, 1925-1927; associate pastor Bethel, Chicago, 1927-1932; African Inland Mission, Chicago 1932-1939; evangelist 1939-1940; pastor of Shepherdsville, Kentucky, 1940-1943; organized African Inland Mission Chicago, 1933. Received 380 members into church and had 110 conversions. Served as trustee at Flipper-Key-Davis University, Oklahoma, 1923-1927; member of the Urban League; practiced law principally in Oklahoma, Illinois, and Kentucky since 1914; secured charter for First National Bank, Boley, Oklahoma, and served as magistrate in Okfuskee County, Oklahoma, 1923-1926; served as brief writer in Department of Commerce, Chicago Division; and has practised in Kentucky since 1939. In 1945-46, he traveled extensively in the British West Indies as counsel for the United Pentecostal Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc., retrieving $100,000 worth of property for that body.

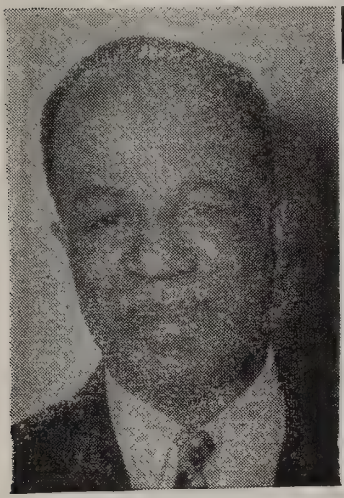


REV. AND MRS. L. C. TAYLOR

TAYLOR, Mrs. Johnnie Pearl McDaniel, teacher and wife of Rev. L. C. Taylor, daughter of Squire and Mary Pearl (Cooper) McDaniel, was born March 4, 1898, in Augustine, Texas; educated in public school of Texarkana, Texas, and Arkansas; B.S. from Prairie View College, Texas (1918-1919-1925-1926); B.S. from Kentucky State College (1940-1942); Moody Bible Institute (1932-1934); associates with her husband in all of his church work. They have one doughter, Marie, graduate of Luther, Oklahoma, high school, and Crane Junior College, and a former student at Wilberforce University.

THOMAS, Mrs. Helen Cooke, evangelist of the Chicago Conference, daughter of Thos. and Elizabeth Cooke; was converted in Quinn Chapel AME Church, Steubenville, Ohio. Now a member of Greater Bethel AME Church, Chicago, Ill.; member of the Woman's Missionary Society.

TERRELL, Rev. Hubert Cecil, former chaplain of the 351st Field Artillery, Camp Livingston, La., was born in Birmingham, Alabama on December 28, 1913, the son of Hazy C. and Mabel C. Terrell; attended elementary and high school in Birmingham, Ala.; Alabama State Teachers College, Morris Brown, and Miles Memorial College; received A.B. from Morris Brown in 1936, and B.D. from Turner Theological Seminary in 1938; licensed to preach at Turner Chapel by Rev. W. B. Lawrence in 1933, and admitted to the Atlanta Annual Conference at Monticello in November, 1933. In 1935 he was ordained deacon at Thomaston, Georgia, by Bishop Fountain, and in 1937, elder at Atlanta, by Bishop Fountain. He served as pastor of St. John, Atlanta, from 1934-1935; East Cain St. Mission, Atlanta from 1935-36; Fountain Temple, Atlanta, from 1936-1937; St. James, Atlanta, from 1937 to 1938, and Allen Chapel, Birmingham from 1938-1939. He is a member of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity.



TALBERT, Henry P., son of Rev. and Mrs. Horace Talbert, of Wilberforce University, for over 40 years has been a member of the AME Church, having served as steward, president of the ACE League, and a trustee. During World War I he moved to Detroit, Michigan, and in 1919 became clerk in the post office, which he now holds, having reached the grade of special clerk. He became president of the ACE League at St. Stephen AME Church, Detroit. In 1916 he was delegate from Ohio Conference to the general conference, and in 1928 delegate from Michigan Conference; he was one of the organizers and for 10 years was president of the Wilberforceans of Detroit. When Rev. T. J. White, founder of St. Stephen AME Church, Detroit, started Trinity AME Church in Mr. Talbert's home, Mr. and Mrs. Talbert turned over to the trustees of Trinity as a gift the contract for the two-family flat they were buying. Trinity was taken into the Michigan Conference in 1931. Mr. Talbert is a trustee and treasurer, his wife and 4 of his children are members. Mrs. Talbert, before her marriage, was Miss Dora Russell of Xenia, Ohio; she was a faithful member of St. John's there. Six children have blessed this home—four of whom are married, and two at home. There are five grand children.

THOMAS, Mrs. Susie A., member of Allen AME Pa., which she joined in Church, Philadelphia, 1906 under Rev. M. C. Brooks; served as president of Senior Stewardess Board under Rev. Spencer Carpenter; elected trustee 1928 under Rev. Chas. W. Stewart, which office she still holds, also president of the Heart and Hand Auxiliary since 1921. Mother of five daughters, Mrs. Clara Ealy, Mrs. Irene McColumn, Miss Edna May Thomas, Miss Eddyth Thomas and Mrs. S. Anna Parrish.

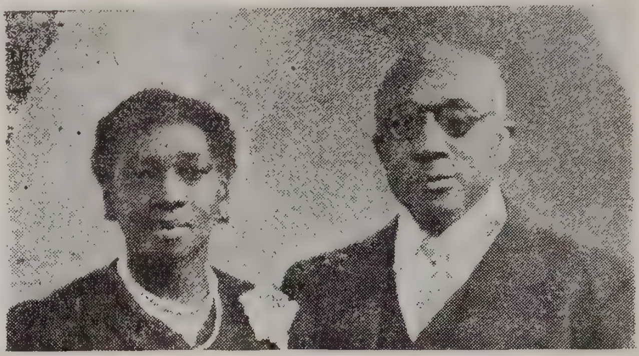
THOMAS, Rev. Henry H., born 1886, Newberry, County, South Carolina, and reared in Long Branch, New Jersey; graduated 1913 School of Religion, Howard University; entered the pastorate 1914; ordained elder 1915 by Bishop Tyree; served as pastor of Mt. Zion, Riverton, New Jersey, 2 years; Trinity, Long Branch, New Jersey, 5 years; St. Paul, AME Church, Orange, 26 years. Delegate to several General Conferences. His wife, Mrs. Caroline S. Thomas, a former teacher in Asbury Park public schools, was president for many years of the New Jersey Conference Branch, WMMS, and was editor in chief of the Woman's Missionary Recorder, 1936-1940, and up to the time of her death was a prominent connectional missionary figure.

REV. AND MRS. H. H. THOMAS

THOMPSON, Rev. Chauncey N., pastor of Calvary, Braddock, Pa., son of Andrew and Laura Virginia (Jones) Thompson; born July 19, 1893, Baltimore, Md.; educated public school Baltimore, Hampton Institute, and Morgan College, Wilberforce University, B.D., Payne Seminary June 1917; held church offices: class leader, and local preacher; licensed to preach by Rev. N. D. Temple at Brown Chapel in June, 1915; admitted to the Pittsburgh Annual Conference at Wilkes Barre, Sept. 1916; ordained deacon by Bishop Shaffer at Huntington, W. Virginia in 1918; elder by Bishop Shaffer at Morgantown, W. Va., in 1920. Pastored: Parkersburg, W. V., 1917-1918; Bluefield, W. Va., 1918-1920; Quinn Chapel, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1920-21; St. Paul, Charleston, W. Va., 1921-1925; Payne Chapel, Connellsville, Pa., 1925-1927; Allen Chapel, Pittsburgh, 1927-1929; St. Paul, Uniontown, 1929-1930; St. Paul, Washington, 1930-1933; St. Paul, Zanesville, Ohio, 1933-1934; St. James, Erie, Pa., 1934-1936; Bethel, Scranton, 1936-1938; Calvary, Braddock, 1939-1944; received 300 members into the church and 75 conversions; delegate to General Conference 1924, 1932, 1936, 1944, and 1948; alternate 1928; member of the NAACP, and the YMCA.

THOMPSON, Mrs. Em Burt, is a member of the the AME Church; born in Clarksville, Tenn., daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Burt, completed high school course as valedictorian at Burt High school, the institution named for her father, at an early age prior to completing her college training at Fisk University and the University of Michigan; taught biology at Tennessee A & I State College for five years; was with Howard University in the Personnel Department one year; now very active in civic affairs of Lynchburg, Va., where her husband, Dr. Herman E. Thompson, is a practising dentist; member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; member of the board of management and treasurer of YWCA, Lynchburg, Virginia.

THOMPSON, Rev. Edward W., pastor of Bethel AME Church, Coxsakie, New York; born in New Bern, North Carolina; attended public and high schools in that city; converted and joined the Reed Chapel AME Church; came north and joined a church in Brooklyn, N. Y. After a few years joined Allen AME Church, in Providence, R. I. Rev. W. H. Jones, pastor; served as steward, class leader, trustee, and superintendent of Sunday school. Took correspondence courses at Brown School of Religion, and Moody Bible School. He was licensed to preach November, 1947, by Rev. M. F. Sydes, presiding elder; was admitted to the New England Annual Conference, May, 1918, by Bishop Evans Tyree; ordained deacon May, 1919, at Fall River, Mass., by Bishop Tyree and Bishop Ross; elder by Bishop Heard, May, 1921, at New Bedford, Mass. Served the following charges: Lowell, Massachusetts, Plymouth, Mass.; New Canaan, Conn., where he organized and built a new church; transferred to the New York Conference 1928, under Bishop J. H. Jones, and served as pastor in Hempstead, L. I.; Babylon, L. I.; Warwick; Binghamton; Seneca; Lackawanna, where he paid the last dollar on the land for the building of a new church served Owego 1 year, and was sent to the present charge where he is serving his fourth year. He has painted and decorated the church. Member of Odd Fellows and K of P; married June, 1941, Miss Maggie E. Elm, of Camden, S. C., who was born in Camden, S. C., attended the public school in that city, and the Brownwell school in the same city. She was a member of the ME Church; upon coming to New Rochelle, N. Y., she joined the Mt. Carmel AME Church, and has served every place in the church.



REV. AND MRS. E. W. THOMPSON

THOMPSON, Rev. Floyd William, born in Lexington, South Carolina, May 19, 1900, the son of Thomas and Mary R. Thompson. He attended the grade and high schools at Lexington, and college at Harbison College, Irmo, S. C., and Allen University; and Modern Business College of Sharon, Pennsylvania. Licensed to preach at Saluda Circuit by Reverend W. B. Bowles in January, 1922; admitted to the Pittsburgh annual conference at Washington, Pa., in 1925; ordained deacon at Scranton, Pa., in 1927, by Bishop Jones; and elder at Wilkes Barre in 1929 by Bishop Heard; served as pastor: West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, 1925-1926; Everette, 1927; Masontown, 1929; West Newton, 1930-1931; Duquesne, Pennsylvania, 1932-1935; Tarenton, 1936-1940, and St. Paul, Mc-

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Keesport, from 1940 to present time. On September 12, 1931, he married Miss Juanita Lancaster of Uniontown, Pa.; 3 children: Floyd William, Mary Elizabeth, and Leon Wesley. He rebuilt the parsonage in Duquesne, Pa., and improved the grounds valued for $4,000; built a parsonage, remodeled the church and established a modern playground and re-established the YMCA in Tarenton; organized Friendship Church in Columbia, South Carolina in 1922; paid mortgages at Tarenton and McKeesport in 1937 and 1943 respectively; had over 325 accessions and 250 conversions; delegate to the General Conference of 1936; chairman of Board of Directors of YMCA, Tarenton; chairman Zone No. 18 of the Red Cross Division.

THOMPSON, Rev. William Marion, pastor of Liberty Hill AME Church; son of John Wesley and Amelia Thompson; born November 27, 1896; Abbeville County, South Carolina; educated in public school, St. Peter Grammar School, Morris Brown High School, Allen University, B.D., and D.D.; converted 1908 and joined St. Peter AME Church; held church offices of Sunday school teacher and local preacher; joined the Piedmont Annual Conference and was ordained deacon at Anderson, S. C., in 1918; elder, at Greenville, by Bishop Chappelle, in 1919; pastored: Newberry Circuit, Pendleton Station, Prosperity Station, Mt. Pisgah Station, Greenwood, S. C.; Cokesberry Station, in the Piedmont Annual Conference; the Eastern Circuit and Lancaster Station in the Columbia, S. C., Annual Conference. Published the "Revealing Shadows" and has published articles in the Christian Recorder. Taught school in Anderson, Abbeville, Newberry, Greenwood, Union, and Lancaster counties; now teaching in Clarendon County; married Miss Mary Louise Johnson of Union, S. C., December 28, 1938. He has made commencement speeches at Lancaster High School, St. Paul, Summerton, S. C., and Allen University. Has added thousands of members to the Lord's field. He is serving his fourth year at his present position, and has added 313 members to the church.

REV. AND MRS. W. M. THOMPSON

THOMPSON, Mrs. Mary Louise, wife of Rev. W. M. Thompson; daughter of Mrs. Mary Johnson, born Sept. 10, 1910 Union County, S. C.; educated in public school, Union County, S. C.; Sims High School, South Carolina; Allen University, South Carolina. She joined Thomas Chapel AME Church when she was quite young; held church offices of stewardess, Sunday school teacher, and active church worker. Taught school in Union, Lancaster, and Clarendon counties and is principal of the St. Phillip Grammar School in the last named county.

THOMPSON, Mrs. Ellen Colwell, daughter of Prof. Arthur Hampton and Emma Lorena (Burch) Colwell; born September, 1885, Baton Rouge, La.; educated public school Bryan, Texas; Straight University and at Dillard, working towards A.B. Held church offices as organist of St. James AME Church, New Orleans, La.; leader of Young Women's Class, president of Missionary Society, Sunday school teacher in girlhood, and now president of Louisiana State Branch Woman's Missionary Society; alternate to the General Conference 1932-1936-1940; published articles in the Woman's Missionary Recorder, Shreveport Sun, Shreveport, La.; and Louisiana Weekly, New Orleans, Louisiana. Has written a number of pageants and plays produced locally and in other cities, the latest being, "The Church in National Defense". Member of the Canal Street Branch YWCA, chairman Committee of Management, President Ladies Independent Ben. Association; Associate Grand Matron Order of Eastern Star; Past Matron L'Amite Chapter O.E.S., vice-president B Sharp Music Club (affiliate of National Association Negro Musicians) Phyllis Wheatley Club; Woman's Auxiliary of Flint-Goodridge Hospital; hostess USO; Committee on Home Hospitality and Recreation for Service Men.

THORNTON. Rev. J. B., was born February 8, 1882 in Jefferson County near Church Hill, Miss. At the age of 3 years old, his mother moved near Cannonsburg, Miss. and married Mr. Henry Thomas. Between the time he spent doing his chores on the farm, he attended the rural school. At the age of 18, he moved back to Church Hill, Miss., with Thos. Plummer who taught him for three years. He was converted in 1899 and served in all of the offices of the church. He married Miss E. M. Wood, December 22, 1904 at Jefferson Chapel AME Church and began preaching in 1907. He joined the conference in 1915 under Bishop J. M. Conner. The following children were born: J. A. Thornton, presiding elder of the Hattiesburg District; Lennard and Bennard, twins; D. E. Thornton and Edison; Eddie and Freddie (twins); Rev. Samuel who is pastor in McComb, Miss.; Mary Thornton, and Rev. J. R. Thornton who is pastor of Durant Circuit, Greenwood, Miss. Rev. Thornton's first charge was at St. Luke Mission, 1915 and later he served the following churches: McNair Mission, Yakena Mission, Grand Gulf Circuit, Patterson Circuit, Pleasant Grove Circuit, Raymond Circuit, Crystal Spring Ct., Gulfport Station, Westpoint Station, and Graysport where he is still serving. He was ordained elder in 1919 in Port Gibson, Mississippi by Bishop Heard. During his pastoring, he has added many members to the church, paid many church debts and has converted many souls.

THORNTON, Rev. Montrose William, born at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, February 3, 1873; educated in the public schools of Mt. Pleasant, the Des Moines high school; took a business course at Capital City Commercial College; was called to the ministry; joined St. Paul AME Church in which he had been reared; served as an official, and superintendent of Sunday school; entered Drake University as a divinity student, becoming its first Negro graduate, June 15, 1892; served a year in the Freedmen's Bureau; ordained elder and joined the West Tennessee Conference, St. Andrews, Memphis, Tenn., November 13, 1892; ordained deacon by Bishop John M. Brown, and appointed to Etna and Allen Creek, Tenn., Sept. 11, 1893; assigned to Iowa City, Iowa; thence to Davenport and Washington, Iowa; Carmi Circuit, Illinois; re-obligated as an elder at Peoria, Ill., by Bishop Arnett; assigned to Lansing, August 13, 1896; married Miss Olive E. Black, of Wabash, Ind., Sept. 1, 1897; four children were born; next to Logansport, Ind., Jan. 23, 1898; appointed educational commissioner and president of Campbell-College under Bishop Derrick; five acres of land were purchased, the first College building erected at a cost of $3,000, fully equipped, and an enrollment of 150 students recorded; under his management Campbell prospered. Assigned to Bryn Mawr, Pa., 1900, and educational commissioner of the First Episcopal District, 1901; presiding elder of the Harrisburg District; 1902, pastor of Bethel, Wilmington, Delaware, 1903-1907; he made numerous improvements, paid mortgage on parsonage; became nationally prominent in the fight against the mob that burned George White, the first Negro so outraged above the Mason-Dixon Line; pastor of Mother Bethel, Philadelphia, 1907-1912; breaking the time record in successive appointments; reduced the bonded indebtedness from $24,000 to $16,000; burned one mortgage, completed the tomb of Bishop Allen; presiding elder of the Philadelphia District, 1912; next pastor of Charles Street Church, Boston; the mortgage was paid, an electric light plant installed and the finest parsonage owned anywhere in the connection was purchased; Bethel, New York, 1920-1925, raised $13,000 in one rally, cancelling the mortgage and installing the first chimes in any Negro church organ in New York City, church and parsonage remodeled and membership increased to 4,700; presiding elder: Mayersville District, Central Mississippi Conference; Philadelphia and Harrisburg Districts, Philadelphia Conference; the Manhattan and Long Island Districts, New York Conference; he is credited with the discovery of the remains of Bishop Allen, covered with debris of 20 years in the unfinished basement of Mother Bethel Church; the sarcophagus in which they now rest was constructed under Dr. Thornton and has become the shrine of the connection; he was a pioneer in the clergy attire; a delegate-member of every General Conference since 1900; now pastor of Ward AME Church, Philadelphia, which completes 50 successive years in the ministry of the AME Church. The Philadelphia Annual Conference observed a golden anniversary celebration in his honor; received D.D. from Campbell College, Paul Quinn, and Wilberforce University. He is the author of several books; has edited a magazine, a weekly paper and a constant contributor to church and racial literature. He is president of the Equal Rights League; has presided and addressed large audiences at Faneuil Hall, and Tremont Temple, Boston, and other forums of renown.

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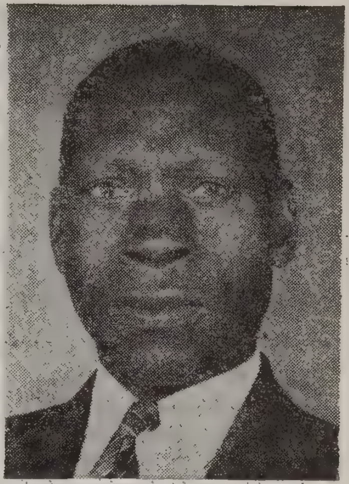
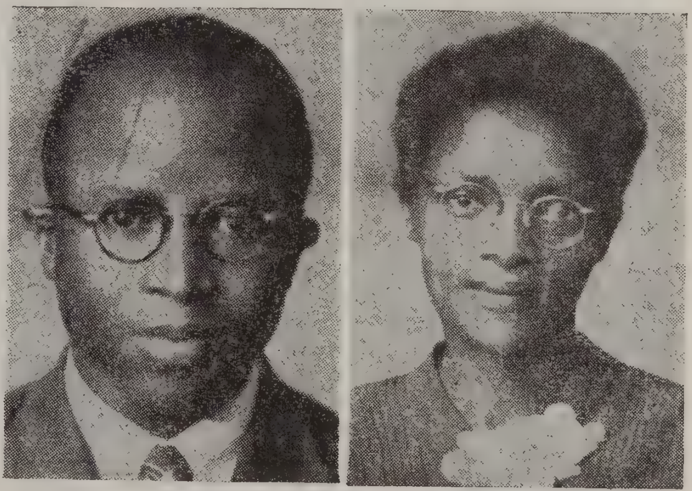
THORNTON, Mrs. Alma G., wife of Rev. M. W. Thornton, daughter of Rev. Hillyard and Catherine S. Gandy, a product of the public schools of San Antonio, Texas, and Washington, D. C.; member of Mother Bethel, Philadelphia, active in local missionary organization, Philadelphia Conference Branch, WMS; served on the Committee for World's Day of Prayer, is the reporter for the Ministers' Wives Alliance of the Philadelphia District, and holds a life membership in the National Council of Negro Women; and membership of the Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, OES of Washington, D. C.

THURMAN, Rev. Albert Gentry, presiding elder St. Joseph-Moberly District, Missouri, minister, son of Rev. Joseph Hamilton and Louisiana (Rembert) Thurman; born October 24, 1887, Pearce, Miss. Married Alice Stanford, Dec. 24, 1905. To this union 8 children were born: Walter G., Flora Aurelia, Arthur O., Ruth Amelia, Blanche Alberta, A. G. Jr., Alice Thelma, and Vera Bertha; educated in public school Grenada, Miss., and Western University; held church offices: teacher and superintendent of Sunday school, steward, class leader and secretary of class leaders council in St. Paul AME Church, St. Louis, Mo.; licensed to preach by Rev. C. M. Hayden at Greenwood, Miss., in June, 1915; admitted to Missouri Annual Conference October, 1919. Ordained deacon by Bishop Parks at Cape Girardeau, Mo., in 1920; elder by Bishop Parks at St. Louis, Mo., in 1923. Pastored: St. Luke, Elmwood Park, Mo., 1920-23; Union-Labadie Circuit, Mo., 1923-25; burned mortgage on Union Church, Farmington, Mo., 1925-27; Gilbert Memorial, Kansas City, Mo., 1927, and remodeled the church; Willis Chapel, Kansas City, Mo., 1927-1929; Liberty, Mo., 1929-31; St. Joseph, Mo., 1931-33; Sedalia, Mo., 1933-35; St. Paul, Pueblo, Colorado, 1935-36; reducing $1000 mortgage to $165. Received over 500 members into the church and had 50 conversions; served as trustee of Western University 1931 to date. Published articles in the Christian, Western and Southern Christian Recorders, and Kansas City Call. Received the Grand Master degree in Gibralter Lodge No. 6268, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, and served as Elective Secretary, 1917-22. Served as Prelate in K of P, Pride of West, No. 1, St. Louis, Mo. Has served as recording secretary in the Southwest and North Missouri Annual Conferences; statistical secretary, in the North Missouri Conference, and is now chief secretary of the North Missouri Annual Conference and for 6 years. Pastored Gregg Tabernacle, Kansas City, Mo., 1937; and served 7 years at St. Luke, Liberty, Mo., where he built an auditorium, installed a steam heating plant; 2 years at Columbia, Missouri, and presiding elder since October, 1946.



TINSLEY, Mr. Homer Beecher, carpenter, son of Thomas and Mary Tinsley; born July 15, 1901, Cuthbert, Ga.; educated public school Cuthbert, Ga., Tuskegee Institute, Ala. Held offices: steward, trustee, Sunday school superintendent, president ACE League, secretary and treasurer of steward board, and secretary of trustees; admitted to Central Ala. Annual Conference at Selma, Ala., Dec., 1944; served as trustee at Daniel Payne College 1940-44; member of Montrose Civic, vice president Manager of Citizens Ind. Insurance Company, traveling inspector of People's Ind. Insurance Company. A F& AM Lodge No. 639, Daphne, Ala., also trustee. Built a church at Muskogee, Fla. Has helped to build many churches, parsonages and schools. Has taken a drafting course in the Chicago Technical College.

TLADI, Rev. Samuel John Naledi, pastor, Port Elizabeth, presiding elder, Grahamstown District of South Africa, manager of school, concession registrar and marriage officer in the Cape Province, fourth son and sixth child of Abraham and Elizabeth Tladi of Potchefstroom, trained as teacher in Diocesan Training College. Awarded T. 3 certificate by Transvaal Education Department. Founder and organizer of AME school at Benoni, Transvaal, 1934. Completed studies for A.Th., 1929; admitted annual conference 1933. Ordained deacon by Bishop Sims, 1935; ordained elder by Bishop Wright, 1938; served as pastor at Gwelo, S. R., Molepo, Langa, Port Elizabeth. Served as private secretary to Bishop Wright, 1937-1940, and conference statistical secretary, 1937-1943. Allen League President, Zambesi Conference. Appointed presiding elder of



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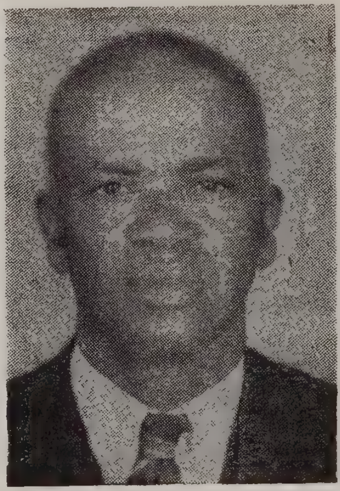
Grahamstown District 1942 by Dr. J. R. Coan. General Conference delegate 1944. Married Miss Diana, daughter of Father and Mother M. M. Mokone.

TLADI, Mrs. Diana N., daughter of Rev. Mangena and Delia Mokone of Pretoria, B.; educated in St. Marks, Athlone, and later Pretoria. Among the first eighteen students to attend Wilberforce-Lillian Derrick Institute, now known as Wilberforce Institute, South Africa. Received P.T.2, and studied for J. C. Taught in the AME Schools at Evaton, Viljoensdrift, founded in 1924 Marabastad AME Church School, Pretoria. Resigned owing to marriage leaving staff of 6 teachers and over 100 pupils. First connection with missionary work was during college days in the juvenile society. Elected recording secretary to the Pretoria Branch of conference under the presidency of Mrs. D. B. Nojekwa, 1928; later assistant recording secretary for the Transvaal, and recording secretary for the Zambesi conference branch. In November, 1943 was elected president for the Cape Conference Branch of the W. H. and F. M. Society.

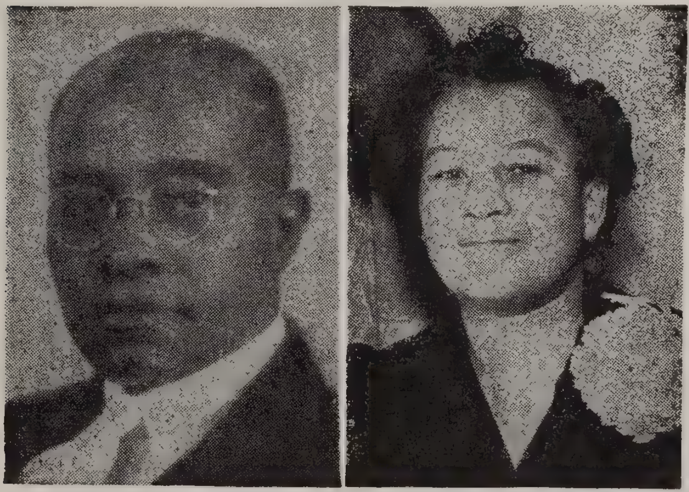
TOOKES, Bishop Henry Young, bishop, son of Summer M. and Pennie M. Tookes; was born in Madison, Florida, 1882; educated Florida Memorial College and Edward Waters; converted at St. Thomas AME Church, Rev. J. B. Blacknell, pastor 1897; licensed to preach 1901; admitted to Florida conference at Lake City, Florida, in 1904; ordained deacon in 1906 at Mt. Olive, Jacksonville, by Bishop Salter. Served as pastor of Jasper Station, 3 years; New Bethel, Jacksonville, 2 years; Grant Memorial, 5 years; presiding elder of North Jacksonville District, 4 years; East Jacksonville District, 2 years; South Jacksonville District, 5 years; Mt. Zion, Daytona, 2 years; Bethel, Chicago, 2 years; and entertained the General Conference of 1928; presiding North Jacksonville District 4 years; elected bishop in Cleveland, Ohio, 1932; served as bishop in West Africa, Kentucky, and Tennessee, 1932-1936; Arkansas and Oklahoma, 1936-1940; Florida, 1938 to the present. Under his administration Edward Waters College was accredited; the H. Y. Tookes Library was built costing $25,000; 100 room girls' dormitory costing $125,000; J. M. Wise Stadium costing $50,000; bought $45,000 of property for the college, and paid $52,000 bonded indebtedness freeing Edward Waters College completely from debt; increased Dollar Money from the 7th place to the first place in the connection, raising $53,000 in 1946. Married Miss Maggie Pearl Tookes, in 1906 at Jasper, Florida; one child, Miss Garrett Tookes, graduate of Howard University, A.B., and Columbia University, A.M., studying for the Ph.D. in Columbia. Mrs. Tookes is graduate from Florida A & M College, Tallahassee, and was a teacher for 18 years. Bishop Tookes received D.D. from Morris Brown; LL.D. from Wilberforce; S.T.D. from Edward Waters; 3rd degree Mason, territorial grand master.

TOOKES, Mrs. Miriam Sims, teacher in State College, Dover, Delaware; daughter of Rev. Felix Rice and Emma Eveline (Griffin) Sims; born January 1, 1896; educated at Georgia State College, Savannah, and Talladega College, Alabama, A.B., Talladega College June, 1915; held church offices: teacher in the Sunday school, supervisor of Missionary Society, St. John AME Church, Birmingham, Alabama; delegate to General Conference 1940; served as trustee at Daniel Payne College, Birmingham, Ala. 1940-1941. Member of Housewives Club of Chicago, Ill., secretary of Mary B. Talbert Federated Club, Chicago, Ill., assistant secretary, 3rd Ward Democratic Club, supervisor of YWCA of Langston University, and secretary Talladega Club of Chicago.



TOOSON, Rev. A. L., presiding elder, was born in Hale County, Cypress, Alabama. His parents were Berry and Jane Tooson. He joined the AME Church at an early age. He received his early education in the public schools of Hale County and took a business course from Rochester, New York; licensed to preach from St. Luke AME Church in 1910, by Rev. H. Jackson, pastor and Rev. D. P. Moore, presiding elder. He joined the North Alabama Conference in 1911 under Bishop Parks. He served in that conference until the organization of the West Alabama Conference, of which he was elected chief secretary for 10 years. He has pastored some of the leading charges in both conferences. He was the founder of the AME Ministers Brotherhood of Alabama. He is presiding elder, Greensboro District and treasurer AME Ministers Brotherhood of Alabama. He is also a member of the Budget Committee of the AME Connectional Council and advocate for a separate Pension Department in the AME Church.

TOWNSEND, Rev. Thomas Jefferson, pastor of Tanner Chapel AME Church, Phoenix, Arizona; son of Willis (Jude) Townsend; born February 7, Madison County, Alabama; married Henrietta Elizabeth Burrus, Nashville, Tennessee, 1916, and had 8 children: Crystal, Clara, Ernestine, Louise, Thomas Jefferson, Jr., and the triplets: Reginald, Ruth and Regina. Ruth died at birth, Reginald at 8 months. Rev. Townsend was educated in the public schools of Alabama and Tennessee College, Nashville, Tenn., and Chicago, Ill. Converted May 3, 1911, and joined Lakeside Methodist Church, May 7, 1911; served in the Sunday school, ACE League, class leader; was licensed to preach at St. Louis, Mo., 1922 by Rev. William H. Peck; was admitted to the Missouri Annual Conference, November 1922; ordained deacon by Bishop A. J. Carey, November, 1924, at Boonville, Mo.; elder, by Bishop Carey, November, 1926, at St. Louis, Mo. Pastored: Bethel, Pacific, Mo., 1922-26; Olive Chapel, Kirkwood, 1927; St. John, St. Louis, Mo., 1927-29; St. Matthew, St. Louis, Mo., 1930-36; Parks Chapel, Webster Groves, Mo., 1936-39; Mount Olive, Emporia, Kansas, 1939-1940; Second Church, Los Angeles, 1940-41; Tanner Chapel, Phoenix, Ariz., 1941 to date. Bought property for St. John, St. Louis; negotiated for purchase of the magnificent building of Second Church, Los Angeles; paid more than $3,600 on the debt at Tanner Chapel during the past 2 years; president of local interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Phoenix for three terms; state vice-chairman of the Spiritual and Recreational Welfare of Soldiers under Civilian Defense, State of Arizona; chairman of the board, Mary Bethune League; delegate to the General Conference in 1944; joined Mason and Pythians; member of the NAACP. His daughter Crystal graduated from Arizona State Teachers College and is a teacher in Phoenix public school; Clara, Louise and Ernestine are in college; Regina will graduate from high school in 1944 and Thomas went to the Army in March, 1944.



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TOWNSEND, Mrs. Henrietta Elizabeth (Burrus), wife of Rev. Thomas J. Townsend, daughter of Frank E. and Mary L. (Lawson) Burrus; was born at Woodland Mills, Tenn., October 8; educated in the public schools of Obion and Clarksville, Tenn., and State Normal College, Nashville; joined AME Church, Woodland Mills, 1905; sings in choir, member of conference branch Colorado Conference, 1941-1946; class leader and supervisor of Junior Missionary group.

TOWNSEND, Rev. Vince M., presiding elder, Arkansas Conference; son of Nathaniel and Jane Townsend; born December 11, 1869, Arkadelphia, Ark.; educated public school, Peak high school, Peak, Arkadelphia, Ark., Shorter College, North Little Rock, Ark. B.D., Shorter College, May, 1911; held church offices: Centennial, Little Rock, Augusta Station, Jonesboro Station, Osceola Station, Camden Station, presiding elder of the Newport, Little Rock, Monticello, and Hot Springs Districts; licensed to preach by Rev. Cyrus Berry at Arkadelphia Church in 1896, admitted to West Arkansas Annual Conference at Arkadelphia in 1897; ordained deacon by Bishop Derrick at Camden, Ark., in 1898; elder by Bishop Derrick at Little Rock, Ark. Pastored Daleville Mission, 1897; Stamps Mission, 1899; Centenial and Augusta Station, 1900-1905; Camden, 1924-1931. Served as presiding elder on the Newport District, Arkansas Conference 1909, Little Rock District, Arkansas Conference 1911; Hot Springs District, West Arkansas Conference, 1922; Little Rock District, Arkansas Conference 1937; Hot Springs District, Arkansas Conference, 1940 to the present; organized Norman Chapel, Keo, Ark., 1920; Oak Grove near Arkadelphia, 1941; Stamps, Ark., 1898; built Scott, Ark., 1915; Stephen, Ark., 1899; Center Point near Scott 1916; St. Paul, Arkdelphia, 1940; paid mortgage on Osceola in 1907; delegate to all General Conferences since 1908. Served on the Financial Board 1912 to 1936, except 1916-1920, when he was member of the Missionary Board; trustee at Shorter Collgee, 1910 to date; accountant for 12th District; published articles in the Southern, Christian and Western Recorders and many other secular papers; honors: president Connectional

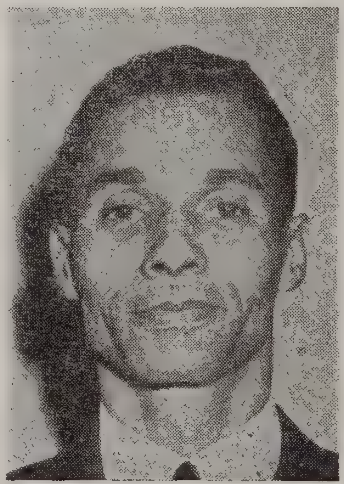
Council for 6 years, on Committee to go to President Coolidge, treasurer Franternal Council of Negro Churches. Served as presiding elder of South Memphis District, 1944 to 1946.

TRAVIS, Mr. Oneth Morview, merchant, Monticello, Kentucky, son of Jacob and Nancy (Overstreet) Travis; born October 27, 1894, Albany, Ky.; married Marguerite Goss of Somerset, Kentucky, February 28, 1923; 2 children, Oneth M., Jr., born December 14, 1923; Nancy Lou, born January 11, 1928; educated public school, Albany, Ky., Wayman Institute, 1913; Lincoln Institute, 1916; Business Administration, La Salle University (Extension Department) 1920; converted 1914, joined AME Church, Frazier, Ky., 1914; later joined St. John AME Church, Monticello, Ky. Held offices of Sunday school teacher, steward, trustee, secretary-treasurer; member of Kentucky Annual Conference, 1925 to date; member of finance committee, 1933 to date; member of Annual Conference Board of Education; member of district board of education and finance committee 1944 to date; trustee of the 13th District School of Religion; member of the Men's Service League; delegate to all General Conferences from 1932 to 1948; served on Southern Christian Recorder Board, 1936-1940; Financial Board, 1940-1944; Educational Board, 1944-1948; chairman redistricting committee, 1940; member of Episcopal Committee, 1936-1944; served in World War in France 1918-1919 with 317 Service Battalion QMC Company C, promoted to 1st Sergeant June 1, 1918; taught public school in Monticello, Kentucky, 1919-1920; the firm of Jacob Travis and Son was organized 1921; became manager 1921; sole owner 1936; member of Knights of Pythias, Masons, and Fraternal Council of Negro Churches; member of the Board of Control of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, also on board of Dependent Widows an Orphans Aid; represented Grand Jurisdiction of Kentucky, in Supreme Lodge; director of the Department of Youth; guest of The Courier Journal and Times, at the State Fair 1927; only Negro member of Republican State Central Committee; chairman of The Executive Committee of the Congressional District of Negro Republicans of Ky.; chairman, State Republican Campaign (Negro division) 1944. Honorary Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms at the Republican National Convention, Chicago, June, 1944; served as trustee of Monticello school; instrumental in the consolidation of Negro schools of Wayne county; sponsored building of high school for Negroes in 1929 and later the erection of Gymnasium at a cost of several thousands of dollars; introduced transportation system for Negro school which was later adopted for white high school; for service rendered the school was named "Travis High School." Appointed first Negro to Kentucky's State Board of Education by Governor Simeon S. Willis, November 14, 1945; received more than 400 votes (2nd highest) for Secretary of Education, General Conference, Philadelphia, Pa.; son, O. M. Jr., graduate Wilberforce University, served in U.S. Navy, now at Lincoln Institute, Kentucky. His daughter Nancy Lou, a senior at Wilberforce University.

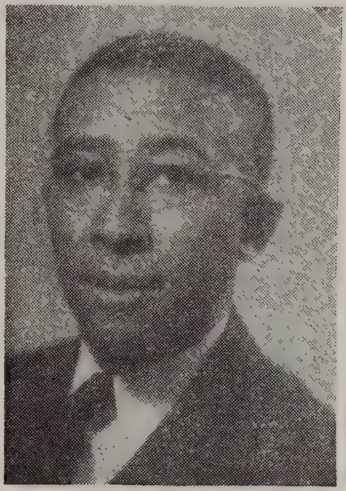
MR. AND MRS. O. M. TRAVIS

TRAVIS, Mrs. Marguerite (Goss), wife of Mr. Oneth M., daughter of Peter and Mattie (Bogle) Goss, was born in Somerset, Ky., January 5, 1902; educated in public school of Somerset, Kentucky; Lincoln Institute 1922; taught in Wayne county, Kentucky; married February 28, 1923; converted in 1914; joined 1st Baptist Church, Somerset, Ky., 1914; joined St. John AME Church, Monticello, Ky., 1933; served as chorister, president of junior stewardess board, member of Kentucky Conference Branch Woman's Missionary Society 1938 to date; secretary-treasurer of Kentucky Conference Branch Sarah E. Tanner Memorial Fund (now Tanner-Turner Memorial Fund) since 1939; delegate to Quadrennial Missionary Connection of 1943 & 1947.

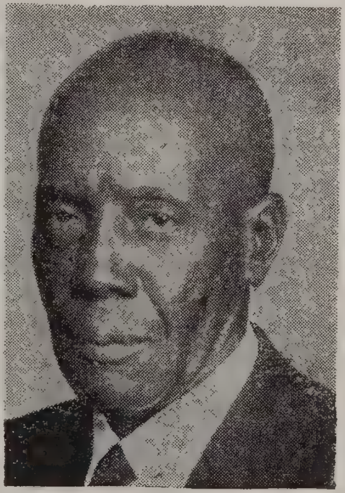
TRUMAN, Mr. James H., a truck operator, was born in Wilson, Pennsylvania October 19, 1899, the son of Charles and Luella Truman; served as church reading clerk, Sunday school superintendent, and trustee. He has one son in the Medical Detachment of the 350th Engineers Group, Corporal Richard Truman. Mr. Truman has been a constant buyer of war bonds and stamps; is a member of the Local 249 Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers and a Negotiating Committeeman. He is a member of St. James AME Church, Pittsburgh, where he served as; treasurer of senior choir, member men's usher board, assistant



superintendent Sunday school. In 1941 represented St. James Church at Bishops' Council in New Orleans. The father of two children: Richard H., and Mrs. Ella Gaddy. Was married to Miss Mary Hardy.



TUE, Jr., Mr. James, laboratory assistant, was born September 1, 1906 in Dover, Delaware; son of James H. and Lottie Tue; was graduated from the Booker T. Washington High School, 1922; was converted and joined Mt. Zion AME Church in 1923; served in local church as superintendent of Sunday school, 1923, and steward, 1924. He married Miss Cora Anderson in 1926 and two children were born: Dorothy, age 17, and Phillip, age 12. He served as laboratory assistant in the State Department of Health for 18 years. Mr. Tue was a delegate to the General Conference in 1944 because of his fine services to the church. He is a member of the NAACP, the Delaware People's League, Elk, and is active in his community.



TURNER, Rev. J. M. presiding elder, son of Taylor B. and Eliza Turner, born August 18, 1880, Bolivar Co., Mississippi; educated public school, Bolivar, and Webster, Des Moines, Iowa; D.D., Shorter College, May, 1941; held church offices: janitor, secretary, steward, trustee, Sunday school superintendent, ACE League; licensed to preach by Rev. E. F. Davis at Bethel Church, June, 1913; admitted to West Arkansas Annual Conference at Stamps, Ark., November 1914, elder by Bishop Connor at Malvern, Ark., in 1917; pastored: Bethel, Pine Grove Mission, 1914; Center Point Circuit 1914-1915; Green Hill, Elizabeth, Drab Circuit, 1916; Emmet Circuit, 1917; Ashdown Circuit, 1918-1919; El Dorado Circuit, 1920-1922; Shorter Chapel Station, 1923; Bethel, Stamp Station, part of 1923; Bethel, Hope Station, 1924-25; Carthage Circuit, 1926-1927. Served as presiding elder of Texarkana District, West Conference, Ark., 1930; Magnolia District, West Conference, Ark., 1931-1935; Helena District N. E. Conference, Ark. 1937-1938; built Lees Chapel, El Dorado, Arkansas, 1921; delegate to General Conference 1928-32-36-40; alternate 1924; served as trustee at Shorter College 1925-43; published articles in the Christian and Southern Christian Recorders; member of Connectional Council of the AME Church, alumni association of Shorter College, Fraternal Council of Churches of America.

TYLER, Rev. Edward Ernest, pastor, Union AME Church, Philadelphia, was born in Centerville, Queen Anne County, Maryland, the son of Pezavia and Elizabeth Tyler, members of Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, Burrisville, Maryland. He embraced religion in early life and joined the church of his parents. Attended the public school of Burrisville, the grammar school of Baltimore, Maryland, Morgan College, Baltimore, where he completed the college preparatory course. Received B.A. from Howard University; M.A. from Columbia University, New York; and B.D., from Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, and Union Theological Seminary, New York; D.D. from Howard University, and Wilberforce University. In 1917, he was the first recipient of the scholarship award given by the 1908 class of bishops, In 1918 he was elected instructor in Payne Theological Seminary, and the Western University School of Religion; member of all General Conferences since 1928; from 1928 to 1936 he was a member of the Church Extension Board; in 1932 and 1936 he was endorsed by his conference for bishop; in 1936 he was offered the Chaplaincy of Wilberforce University and an instructorship in said University. From 1937 to 1939, he was a graduate student at the New York University under the supervision of the American Institute of Christian Philosophy. While a student at Howard University, he bought a lot and built the first AME Church in Lakeland, Maryland. In 1908, on graduating from Howard University, he was assigned to Metropolitan AME Church, Cumberland, Maryland, paid off the mortgage and renovated the church; then to Bethel AME Church, Madison, New Jersey. Paid off the mortgage, renovated the church and installed a pipe organ and stained glass windows. From Madison to Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Salem, New Jersey; rebuilt the parsonage, renovated the church and installed a pipe organ and stained glass windows. Next to Bridge Street AME Church, Brooklyn, New York, where he bought the adjoining property for a church May, 1913, he was assigned to Allen AME Church, Jamaica, N. Y.; paid long standing obligations, reduced the mortgage, almost doubled the membership and effected many changes in the church building. In June, 1940 he was assigned to Union AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa., where he is now; many long overdue obligations have been paid in full, including a second mortgage; the organ has been rebuilt and paid for at a cost of $1000; and many features added which have contributed to a more worshipful service. Special consideration has been given the youth of the church. A campaign for $25,000 is on to liquidate the mortgage and modernize the entire church plant. He was twice married, first to Miss Adah Eugenia Dale, who passed away January 4, 1929. They had one adopted daughter, Mrs. Hazel Elizabeth Day. In 1932, he was married to Mrs. Florence E. Readding, widow of Rev. Andrew T. Readding.

TYLER, Mrs. Florence Readding, wife of Rev. E. E. Tyler, was born and educated in Baltimore, Maryland and married to Rev. Andrew T. Reading in 1915. To this union four children were born; Andrew, Jr., who is now practicing law in New York City; Anna May, who is a student in the Brooklyn Law School; Florence Edith, teacher in Douglass High School, Baltimore, Maryland; and Kathryn Elizabeth, who is in college. She helped her husband, Rev. Readding to build a large community church in Jackson, Michigan. They later served at Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Michigan and St. Peters Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, where in 1930, Rev. Readding passed. In 1932 she married Rev. Edward Ernest Tyler. She is still actively engaged in the local church work and president of the Missionary Society; on the Residence Committee of the Southwest Belmont Branch of the YWCA. In addition to all these outside activities, she still finds time to sew for herself and for her three daughters; her hobbies are sewing and raising flowers.

TYSON, Rev. Hiram S., pastor of Allen AME Church, Hartford, Connecticut; also director "Booker T. Washington Colored League Social and Community Welfare". Speaker every Thursday over the radio station WHDL, Blue network, subject: "Design for Living"; was president of the Ministerial association of Olean, N. Y., and its vicinity (white); also one of the chaplains of the Rocky Crest Sanatorium, Rock City Road, Olean, N. Y. Church and parsonage free of debt.

TYSON, Mrs. Addie S., wife of Rev. H. S. Tyson, a delegate to the General Conference four times, 1928-1936-1944-1948; a former school teacher and a great church worker.

WALKER, Rev. H. Clarence, was born in Boone Mill, Franklin County, Virginia, August 5, 1898; son of Samuel Henry and Sallie Walker, devout AME's. His paternal grandfather was local preacher; his uncle, Rev. W. E. Walker, served the leading charges in the Western North Carolina Conference and as pastor and presiding elder in the Michigan Conference, and Bermuda. He was converted at 7 years, and served almost every local church office. He completed the Boone Mill elementary school and high school of Salem, Va., the Normal Training School at Rocky Mount, Va.; taught school in both Franklin and Hanover Counties, Va. Entering the ministry, he served as local preacher under the Revs. Isaac Ewer and George R. Jones who advised him to join the Virginia Annual Conference which met at Danville, Va., April, 1919; received a scholarship to Payne Theological Seminary, graduating in 1923, B.D.; was ordained deacon in Richmond, Va., by Bishop J. Albert Johnson; two years later, elder, by Bishop Johnson; received D.D. from Wilberforce University in 1934. He was married to Miss E. V. Parker, a public health nurse of New York City, in 1924 and had one daughter now 12 years old. He was pastor of St. Paul, Winchester, 3 years; Bethel, Wytheville, 3 years; Bethel, Hampton, 3 years; First Trinity, Norfolk, 6 years; Mt. Zion, Princess Anne, 2 years; Macedonia, Suffolk, 1 year; now serving in Lenoir, N. C., in the Western North Carolina Conference. At St. Paul, Lenoir, the membership has been increased and the business side of the

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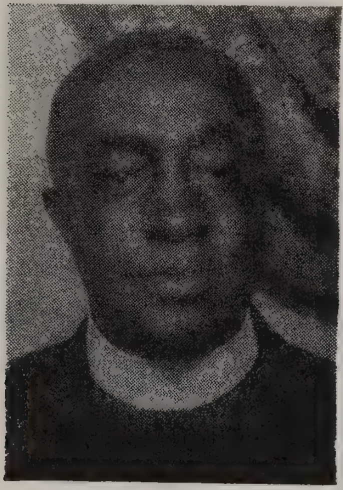
church is in the smoothest operation in its history. In the second year of his administration the Western North Carolina Conference was entertained. He served as secretary of the district conferences, recording secretary of the Virginia Annual Conference, superintendent of the annual conference Sunday school, president of the AME Preachers Meetig in Norfolk and vicinity, secretary of Preachers Relief of the annual conference, secretary Western North Carolina Conference.

WALKER, Mrs. Elsie Viola, wife of Dr. H. Clarence Walker, daughter of Levi and Anna B. Parker, devout Christians; was born near Winchester, Va. Later went to live with an older sister in Washington, D. C., and entered the business department of Armstrong Manual Training School. Afterwards she studied at Flushing (N. Y.) High School, at Columbia University, (N. Y.) and at Lincoln Hospital (N. Y.) After graduation from Lincoln she served on the nursing staff of that Hospital. She served as staff nurse of Henry Street Visiting Nurses Association, New York City. During her husband's pastorate in Norfolk, Va., was on the nursing staff of Norfolk Community Hospital, King's Daughters Baby Clinic, and Norfolk General Hospital. For 10 years she was a member of the executive board, and for 8 years corresponding secretary of the Virginia Conference Branch WMMS; now secretary of the Morganton District of the Western North Carolina Conference, WMS.

TYLER, Rev. A. D., graduated from Daniel Payne Theological Seminary of Alabama receiving B.D. He has served as principal of the Pell City High School, and pastored churches in the Ninth District. Under Bishop Ransom he was appointed presiding elder of the Charleston (West Virginia) District. At present he is pastor of historic Saint John AME Church, Xenia, Ohio. Has served widely as an evangelist. Hundreds have been led to Christ through his revivals.



THOMPSON, Moses S., president of New Jersey Laymen; born in Rimini, S. C., son of Moses S., and Sarah E. Thompson; daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. George H. Brown; baptized in Antioch AME Church by Rev. Julius L. Benbow; converted under the preaching of the Rev. S. Chisolm, for 3 years a member of Williams Chapel AME Church. Coming to Jersey City, New Jersey in 1927, he joined Bethel AME Church, Rev. D. J. Brown, pastor; served as ACE League president, Sunday school superintendent, class leader, steward, church clerk, and first local lay president and now conference lay president; delegate to the 1948 General Conference.

WALKER Mrs. Elnora, born Louisville, Ky., July 27, 1898; daughter of Allen and Gabie (McAtee) Alexander; attended Phillis Wheatley elementary and Central High School in Louisville, Kentucky; held the following local church offices: stewardess, president of Missionary Society, supervisor of Young People. Delegate to General Conference in 1944, and alternate in 1936. Delegate to the Quadrennial session of 1939 & 1943.

WALKER, Rev. Dougal Ormonde Beaconsfield, pastor of Bethel, Buffalo, N. Y.; son of George Oswald and Maria (Jeffers) Walker; born at Layou, St. Vincent, January 5, 1890; educated in public school of Layou, Latin School of Kingstown; Howard University; Shaw University, A.B., Boston University, S.T.B., Harvard University, Western Reserve University, M.A., and University of Chicago; received D.D. from Allen University and LL.D. from Campbell College. Entered the ministry as licentiate of Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, D. C.; local preacher of Charles Street AME Church, Boston, Mass.; ordained deacon by Bishop Tyree, 1913; elder, by Bishop Tyree, 1915. Pastored: People's AME Church, Chelsea, Mass., 1912-1915; Bethel, New Bedford, Mass., 1915-1920; St. James, Winston-Salem, N. C., 1920-1922; St. Paul, Raleigh, N. C., 1922-1925; Bethel, Wilkes Barre, Pa., 1925-1926; St. James, Cleveland, Ohio, 1926-1936; president Wilberforce University, 1936-1941; Bethel, Buffalo, October 1941 to date. Among his achievements: completed church at Chelsea, furnishing the same, increased membership from 8 to 103; rebuilt Bethel, New Bedford after a disastrous fire, liquidating entire indebtedness; purchased land for new parsonage at Winston Salem, doubling Dollar Money in

less than 2 years; purchased land and built parsonage at Raleign, N. C., doubling Dollar Money, raised $19,000 in 10 months at Wilkes Barre, building a $10,000 parsonage and added 215 members; reduced indebtedness of St. James, Cleveland, from $76,000 to $15,500, increasing membership from 486 to 1,267; founded St. James Literary Forum as a platform for free and unhampered discussion of all questions affecting the welfare of human beings; paid judgment against St. James of $35,000; as president of Wilberforce, he brought about accreditation to the University with the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, 1939; reduced its indebetdness from around $300,000 to $159,000; increased its endowment, and its assets from $889,000 to $1,169,000; completed Library; placed showers in Shorter and Emery Halls, built roads, bridge across ravine, purchased farm of 105 acres, installed refrigeration system, built store-room and modern bakery; erected power plant to furnish light; started erection of laundry and Faith Hall of Science; cleared Bethel AME Church, Buffalo, of $10,700 in 1 year and 3 months; married Miss Eva Emma Ravallion, 1915; one daughter, Miss Deon Yvonne Walker, A.M. former member of the Wilberforce faculty. He was elected dean of Payne Theological Seminary in June, 1944, but declined; member of all General Conferences since 1932; serving on the episcopal committee in 1932, and chairman of the committee on revision of the discipline in 1940 and 1944; entertaining pastor of the General Conference of 1932.

WALKER, Mrs. Maymie Baker, widow of Dr. J. C. Walker; age 78, was born in Louisville, Ky.; attended public schools of Louisville, State University, Louisville, Ky; was principal of business School of Extine Norton University; came to Springfield, Ky. dean of women at Allbion Academy in Franklinton N. C. She was licensed for missionary evangelist at the annual conference of West Kentucky; consecrated deaconess of Quinn Chapel, Louisville, Ky., 1940 by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. She is the president of Louisville District of West Kentucky Conference Missionary Branch; member of the local Missionary Society of Quinn Chapel, and social service worker, member of Israel Beard Circle No. 12; past chaplain of Kentucky Council of the Ladies of the GAR and USO.

WALKER, Rev. Robert Henry, presiding elder, was born in Midway, Ky., July 19, 1892; son of Charles and Emma (Daughtery) Walker; attended Davistown, Versailles high school, and spent 2 years at Simmon University, Louisville, Ky.; was licensed to preach at Midway by Rev. Micken, in April, 1924; ordained deacon Sept. 1929, by Bishop Davis; elder at Lexington, 1931, by Bishop Davis. He served as pastor: Monticello, Ky., 1931-1933; Harrodsburg, 1933-35; Cynthiana, 1936-1937; Ashland, 1937-41; Nicholasville, 1942. He paid the mortgages at Monticello. Cynthiana, and Ashland; received 150 members into the church and had 700 conversions; delegate to the General Conference in 1944; alternate, in 1940. He served as private 1st class in World War I; overseas from July, 1918 to March, 1919.

WALKER, Rev. W. E., was born in Franklin County, Va., January 21, 1869, converted in 1880, joined the AME Church and was baptized by Rev. J. C. Williams, later joined St. Paul, Danville, Va., and was class leader, teacher in Sunday school, steward and president of YMCA, and president of Royal League. Studied at Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., 1887-1893 in the scientific and theological departments. Joined the Virginia Conference in April, 1893, and was then transferred to Western N. C. Conference and stationed at Chapel Hill, in May, 1893: ordained deacon at Asheville by Bishop Gaines; elder at Readville, N. C., by Bishop Gaines. He served Chapel Hill, N. C., 2 years; completed the church, at $1200, and received 80 members; St. James, Winston-Salem, 3 years; paid the debt of $1700, bought a lot and built a mission on Belor Pond, and received 330 members; St. Joseph's, Durham, 3 years; built a new parsonage, paid $6000 on church debt, received 480 members; organized a mission in North Durham and built a church; St. Paul's AME Church, Raleigh, N. C., completed this church; paid $20,000, and received 880 members; Hamilton, Ont., served 2 years; Charleston, W. Va., 3 years, remodeled the church and paid $1000 on

local debt, received 130 members; Chillicothe, Ohio, 2 years, built a new church, at a cost of $15,000, receiving 120 members; St. Paul's, Hamilton, Bermuda, and presiding elder of Bermuda Conference; in 1917 he was transferred from Bermuda to Lansing, Michigan, installed electric lights, furnace, etc., and took in 400 members, was chaplain of the Senate and the House of Representatives in Michigan, and was appointed by Governor Sleeper to represent the state in the Educational Congress at New York. Later he was appointed by Governor Grossbeck to represent the state in the Sociological Congress in Washington, D. C.; served Pontiac one year; painted the church, built the steps, and put a bell in, added 350 members; then to St. Stephen AME Church, Detroit, completed the church at a cost of $85,000, took in 1,500 members; next, St. Paul, 1927-1929, which had been sold, but he met the emergency, increased Dollar Money to $700, and took in 500 members; presiding elder over the Detroit District, 1929-1934, during which time he brought the Sunday schools up to the highest place in history; organized Trinity Mission on Beechwood Avenue, and placed Rev. T. J. White as pastor; pastor of Oak Grove AME Church, 1934-1942; completed the church, put in and paid for a new Hammond organ, new windows, new pulpit, and took in 350 members; in 1942, to Trinity, Detroit, where he is now. He is chairman of the committee on admission in the Michigan Conference; a notary public, and real estate salesman. His wife, Mrs. Helen Walker, conducts a beauty parlor. He has 3 sons: Robert, who owns a gasoline station; Phillip and Edward, in U. S. postal service, all married.

WALLACE, Rev. Jesse Paul Quinn, presiding elder, born in Garwood, Washington County, Pennsylvania. His grand-parents were among the first persons to join the AME Church when it was organized in Western Penna. Among the pioneer preachers who frequented their home, was William Paul Quinn, (afterwards Bishop Quinn) who married his father's cousin. Rev. Wallace was educated in the grade, high, and normal schools of Pennsylvania and Ohio. He taught school for a while, afterwards entering Wilberforce University where he took the normal course. Entering Payne Seminary as a charter member, he was graduated from the regular course in 1895; has since taken extension work in several universities. He joined the AME Church before he had reached his teens; was licensed to preach April 19, 1891, in St. James AME Church, St. Paul, Minnesota; pastored churches in the Ohio, North Ohio, Pittsburgh, East Florida, Michigan, and Indiana Annual Conferences; was president of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Florida; a member of every General Conference since 1908; was 8 years a member of the Missionary Board; 4 years on the Financial Board, and is now a member of Church Extension Board and its vice-president; member of Wilberforce University trustee board, and of the Payne Theological Seminary Board; was secretary of the Wilberforce University executive board, and chairman of the committee to receive bids for the erection of the new Shorter Hall; was vice-chairman of the alumni association and its treasurer; several times a member of the episcopal committee at the General Conference. In 1910 while pastoring Bethel Church, Detroit, he was appointed by Governor Chase Osborne, of Michigan, as a delegate to represent Michigan at the Negro National Educational Congress in St. Paul, Minnesota; a frequent contributor to the church papers, under the caption of "Facing the Facts"; was pastor for 29 years; now presiding elder of the Northern District of the Indiana Annual Conference.

WALTON, Rev. Charles W., presiding elder, New York, was born in Omaha, Steward County, Ga., September 15, 1889; son of Joseph and America Walton, devout AME's; third son of 8 children, orphaned at 5 years of age; converted at 9 in Steward Chapel AME Church; finished the public school and was voted a scholarship to Morris Brown College; in 1911 he married Miss Alice S. Banks, daughter of Joseph and Catherine Banks of Americus, Ga., by Rev. J. T. Hall. Mrs. Walton is a great helpmeet, a staunch missionary worker of the New York Conference, and is now the branch contingent treasurer, supervisor of the Brooklyn-Long Island District missionary societies and other district organizations. Rev. Walton was licensed to preach by Presiding Elder W. D. Johnson, in 1914, at Parrott, Georgia; admitted to the South West Georgia Con-

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ference at Columbus, Ga., 1915 by Bishop Flipper; came to New York in 1917 and joined Bethel Church during the pastorate of Rev. A. R. Cooper; from there entered the First World War, being honorably discharged in 1918 when he resumed his membership in Bethel and served as class leader and Sunday school teacher; admitted to the New York Conference at Albany, in 1920 by Bishop Heard; ordained deacon in 1922 at New Rochelle, by Bishops Heard and Carey; ordained elder in Buffalo 1924 by Bishops Heard and Brooks. Appointed to Yonkers, N. Y., in 1923, where there was not a single member nor a place of worship; in 11 years he built up a membership of more than 500 and purchased a church building at a cost of $25,000, raising $5,000 in one drive; appointed presiding elder of the Manhattan District, 1934-1936; Brooklyn District 1936 to date. While serving in Yonkers he attended the Episcopal Seminary there; Daniel Payne Seminar of Birmingham, Ala., in 1942. He was leader of the delegation of the New York Conference to the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May, 1944; elected for 1948.

WALKER, Mrs. Sarah Florine, was born March 7, 1892 in Monticello, Ga., daughter of McClendon Goolsby and Sallie Goolsby Johnson; graduated from Cedartown high school and Atlanta University and H. Normal; taught rural school in Georgia. Member of Trinity AME Church; served as superintendent, and other offices of the church, secretary of Lay Organization in Detroit, Michigan.

WARD, Rev. Armstead Milton, deceased; born in Lafayette County, Missouri, May 30, 1859, son of Wesley and Hannah Gordon Ward, successful farmer. In early childhood, his father moved to Saline County, Missouri, where he purchased his home and became a prosperous farmer, with wife and nine children. Here Milton grew to manhood, attending school in a school house built by his father for the accommodation of his and other children. After reaching manhood he went to Sedalia, secured a job as janitor of a church and became a student at Lincoln School. He taught school in Missouri and Kansas, respectively; and studied theology under Methodist Episcopal ministers. He was converted and joined the ME Church (there being no AME Church at that time in Sedalia). Later he entered Hobson Normal School, graduating in 1886. He joined Brown Chapel AME Church and was licensed assisted by Bishop Abraham Grant at Wichita, Kansas, in 1890. Pastored the following churches: Oswego, Garnet, Ossawatomie, Baxter Springs, Pittsburg Circuit, Kansas, 2 years each; St. James Church, Lawrence, Kansas, and Bethel Church, Leavenworth, 1 year each. He was made presiding elder and served 6 successive years over Fort Scott district. Next he pastored Campbell Chapel, Atchison, for 1 year, and of St. John's, Topeka for 2 years. From Topeka he was sent to Kansas City, Kansas, where he built a magnificent brick structure at the corner of Eighth and Nebraska Avenue—the First AME Church; restoring African Methodism in that city, where he found a discouraged and almost a disheartened people. Bishop A. Grant sent him to Shorter Chapel, Denver, Colorado. He raised in one rally $2,200, purchased a 9-room brick parsonage. He took the lead in establishing the Glenarm Branch of the Denver YMCA. In 1912-17 he was presiding elder of the Rocky Mountain District of Colorado Annual Conference; then pastor of Campbell Chapel, Denver, where he repaired and modernized the parsonage, and installed furnace and steam heat in the church, and added many new members. He was returned, February, 1919 to Shorter Chapel and raised $700 for building fund of Greater Shorter Chapel. In Sept., 1919, Rev. Ward was appointed to Los Angeles' First AME Church. During his 5 years pastorate here, he received 1400 members, and enlarged the auditorium, adding nearly 400 to the seating capacity, raised in one rally $6,138.50; Gleaning Day added $1,200 more. At the expiration of five years, he left a membership of 1745; 72 in the adult choir and 60 in the youth choir. Conference claims were more than doubled. September, 1924, he was appointed presiding elder of San Francisco District, California Conference; established a church at Elaho, Nevada, and at Fowler, California. In 1929-36, pastor of Parks Chapel, Oakland. Here he roofed, repaired, and painted the church nd parsonage and increased the members. In 1936-1939 presiding elder of San Francisco District. In 1939 appointed

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to preach by presiding elder ("Big Jim") J. W. Wilson. Ordained deacon by Bishop John M. Brown at Emporia, Kansas, in 1887; elder by Bishop Ward. pastor of St. Paul Church, Berkeley. Due to ill health he retired, having served fifty-five years. He was twice married: to Miss Ella Nora Crosby in 1887; the second time to Mrs. Lydia C. Smith, February 10, 1915. To the first union 3 children were born—The Rev. Alexander Wayman Ward, Hannah Vera Ward (deceased), Thomas Virgil Ward (dentist). Rev. Ward passed from labor to reward February 6, 1941 at 7:15 P. M. His funeral was held in Parks Chapel and the interment was in Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, California.

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WARD, Mrs. Lydia C. Smith, widow of Rev. A. M. Ward, daughter of Rev. Jeremiah and Martha Gordon Cuffey, was born in Norfolk County, Va., December 3, 1870. Here father was a pioneer member of the Virginia Annual Conference and during 38 years of his ministerial life built many of the leading churches. She was schooled in the county schools, Norfolk Mission College, and Hampton Institute, Virginia; taught 2 years in the Roanoke City public schools and resigned June, 1893 to marry Mr. Richard T. Smith, newspaper man of Washington, D. C., New York, and Philadelphia. He died in 1911, leaving a widow and 2 sons. Mrs. Smith served for more than 12 years, as a reporter on "The Brooklyn (N. Y.) Daily Eagle", and had frequent important out of town assignments including AME General Conference, being one of the first women of her race to serve on a New York daily paper. She was a volunteer worker in the YWCA of New York, serving 2 years as first vice-president. Attended the conference of volunteer workers held at Baltimore Maryland, in 1913. In 1912 she was one of 50,000 women who marched the streets of New York City singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" in an effort to create public sentiment for votes for women. She was, for 6 years, secretary of the Equal Suffrage League of Brooklyn and served 10 years as secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary Board of Management of the Howard Colored Orphanage composed of women of both races. She was one of the two first women to be elected delegate to a National political convention. Converted and joined Trinity AME Church, Berkeley, in 1883. Elected a Sunday school teacher and served in that capacity in various cities until 1940. Sent as general secretary to Kansas City, Kansas by the National Board of the YWCA, to take charge of the Yates Branch of the YWCA; at the expiration of 2 years, resigned to marry Presiding Elder A. M. Ward. They were married in the church the groom built while he was pastor in Kansas City, Kansas. She was treasurer of the Colorado Conference WMM Society, and served in the local societies and conference branches wherever her husband was stationed. In 1927 & 1931 she was delegate to the quadrennial conventions of the WMMS. She served on the executive board of the WPMMS for 8 years; was editor-in-chief of the "National Notes", official organ of the "National Association of Colored Women". She is the mother of Harrison G. Smith and Frissell Jeremiah Smith of Brooklyn, New York.

WARD, Rev. Alexander Wayman, pastor Bethel, Chicago, born in Garnett, Kansas on January 29, 1889, the son of Rev. A. M. and Ella Nora (Crosby) Ward; attended public school in Kansas City and Topeka, Kans., and Sumner High School, Kansas City, Kansas; Denver, A.B., 1911; Wilberforce, B.D., 1914; and Yale, S.T.B., 1915, Universities; D.D., 1926 from Wilberforce; Morris Brown, LL.D., 1943; Campbell College, D.D., 1943; and Western University, LL.D., 1941; he was a Sunday school teacher and ACEL president, choir leader and class leader in his early church days. On August 9, 1911 he was licensed to preach at Shorter Church, Denver, Colorado, by Rev. J. C. C. Owens and admitted to the Colorado Annual Conference at Cheyenne, Wyo. and ordained deacon September, 1912, by Bishop Parks; elder at Denver in 1915. He has pastored: Narragansett, R. I., 1914-1915; Boulder, Colorado, 1915-1917; Colorado Springs, Colorado, 1917-1922; Shorter, Denver, Colorado, 1924-1928; Bethel, Chicago, since 1928. He was presiding elder of the Rocky Mountain District from 1922-1924. He built a church annex at Colorado Springs in 1919; New Shorter in Denver, 1926; and paid a mortgage at Payne Chapel, Colorado Springs, 1920 and purchased Bethel Parish House, Chicago, 1941. He received over 2,000 members into the Church and has had over 1,000 conversions; delegate to all General Conferences since 1924; alternate in 1920. Served on the Secretarial Staff of the General Conferences since 1928. Trustee of Western University. Has published articles in the AME publications, Denver dailies, Chicago Tribune, Fellowship of Faith Journal, and many secular papers; his son A. Wesley Ward was in the Army, Q.M. Detachment; son-in-law, Walter A. Cunningham an M.P.; son-in-law, Morris C. Brown in Ordinance Group. Rev. Ward, himself, has served as civilian chaplain in various camps through the Federal Council of

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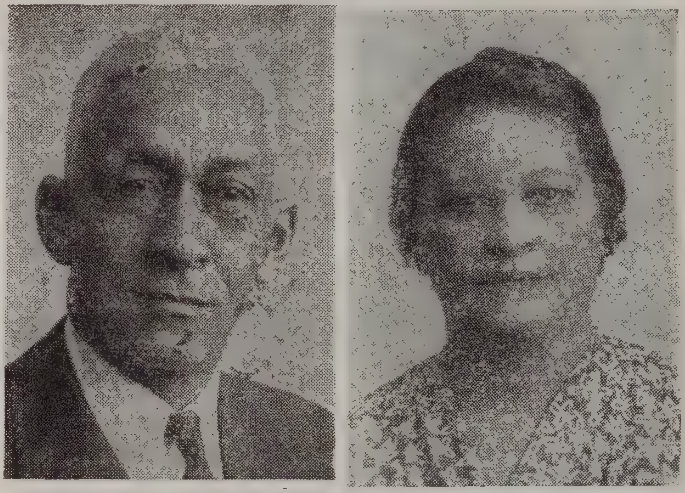
Churches. He is a member of the YMCA, Urban League, Masonic bodies and Shrine, NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Chicago Council of Negro Clubs, vice-president of the Chicago Church Federation, chairman Race Relations Commission, Chicago Church Federation, vice-president Fraternal Council Negro Churches, executive committee Federation Council of Churches, Round Table Team, Christians and Jews, vice chairman, Fellowship and Faiths. His sermons have been broadcast over NBC, KOA, WGN, and Mutual; has been as guest speaker at Chicago University and Wilberforce, and was also crowned Connectional Dollar Money King of the AME Church raising $2,275 in 1928, 1929, and 1930.

WARD, Mrs. Janet Greene (deceased), wife of Dr. A. Wayman Ward, was born in Kansas City, Kansas, on August 30, 1891, the daughter of Wm. and Mary Greene; attended public and high school in Kansas City, Kansas State Normal College, B.S. in 1912. She was Sunday school superintendent, conference Sunday school superintendent, president W.M.M.S., Colorado Conference Branch W.M.M.S., president. She served on the Executive Board of the Parent Mite Missionary Society and was a member of the Colorado Federation of Women's Clubs, Chicago District Federated Women's Clubs, Parent Women's Mite Missionary Society, Colorado Council of Missions, and the Women's Department of the Chicago Church Federation. Passed away in 1942. Her children are: Marian Enola and Mary Eleanor twins, born in Denver, Sept. 1917, graduated from Wilberforce University, 1939 and postgraduate work University of Chicago, 1939-1941; Marian Enola married Walter A. Cunningham, October, 1943—housewife and child welfare; Mary Eleanor married Morris C. Brown, Jr., October, 1943; housewife and Social Service worker. Jean Louise, born in Colorado Springs, Colorado, May, 1919; graduate Chicago Teachers College, 1941. Teacher in Chicago public schools; Alexander Wesley, born in Colorado Springs, 1923, Theological student at Wilberforce University; William Wayman Ward, born Denver, 1928, student Wilberforce University.

WARD, Mr. Vernon G., manager Paradise Lakes Project, son of Henry Portis and Mary Della (Odom) Ward; educated in public schools Selma, Ohio; graduated from Wilberforce University 1908; held the offices of president of ACE League, superintendent Sunday school, organist, church clerk, steward, and trustee; member of the following AME churches: Selma, Ohio, Payne Chapel 1895-1908; St. Paul, Minn., 1908-1910; Tacoma, Washington, 1910-1912; Portland, Oregon, 1912-1913; Wilberforce Holy Trinity, 1913-1919; Kansas City, Kans., 1919-1922; Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1922-1934; Flushing, N. Y., Macedonia, 1934-to present time; delegate to General Conference 1944; alternate, 1940; served as manager of state farm, Wilberforce, 1913-1917; president of Flushing Branch NAACP, Flushing, N. Y.; president Flushing Housing Association Inc.; president Wilberforce University Club of New York, Inc.; secretary selective service board, 243 Woodside, N. Y.; exalted ruler, Furniture City Lodge of Elks; member North Star Lodge Masons, Grand Rapids, Michigan; elected incorporator representing New York Conference Paradise Lakes Foundation 1943, vice president Paradise Lakes Foundations, Inc.



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WARD, Mrs. Zenobia S., wife of Vernon G. Ward, born Monticello, Arkansas; daughter of Samuel and Isadore Thomasson; educated public schools, Pine Bluff, Ark.; graduated from Wilberforce, A.B., 1909; taught in Warren and Pine Bluff public schools 9 years. Married Vernon G. Ward December 29, 1919; member of AME Church since age of 7 years; served as organist of Sunday school, Sunday school teacher, choir member, St. John AME Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.; member of Holy Trinity AME Church, Wilberforce, Ohio; 1st AME Church, Kansas City, Kansas; Community AME Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, serving there as secretary Missionary Society; organizer and president Welfare Club, choir member. 1934 moved to Long Island, New York; became member Macedonia AME Church, Flushing, New York; active in work of the church; office manager of business operated by Grand Rapids Store Equipment Corp. in Long Island City, N. Y. Six children:

WARD, Vernon G., Jr., theatrical and commercial photographer, New York City; Clifford Loudin Ward, B.S., M.A., Ohio State University—resides, Columbus, Ohio; Ferdinand H. Ward, 2nd Lt., 372nd Infantry; Oliver Isadore Ward (deceased); Maurice Ward, (deceased).

WARD, Rev. Morris M., presiding elder, Atlantic City district, New Jersey Conference; born in Alabama; attended public school; converted at the age of 19; served as class leader; steward and Sunday school superintendent; licensed to preach in 1918; graduate of Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce; joined New Jersey conference 1924; appointed presiding elder from the pastorate of St. James, Atlantic City 1941; delegate to General Conferences

1936, 1944 and 1948; member Publication board, 1936-1940; was pastor of Mt. Pisgah, Jersey City, and of Mt. Zion, Trenton, at present presiding elder of Atlantic City District.

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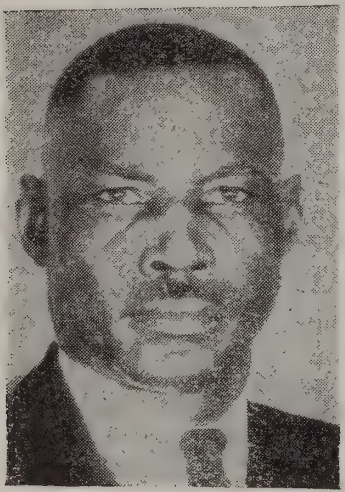
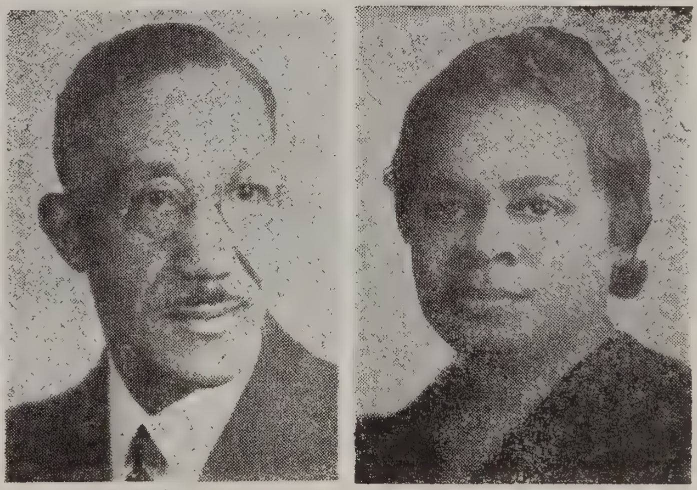
WARD, Mrs. Mary M., wife of Rev. M. M. Ward, secretary-treasurer of parent contingent fund of New Jersey Conference Branch Missionary Society; district organizer of the Atlantic City district; graduate of Wilberforce University.



WASHINGTON, Rev. James Peter, son of Ransom and Jane Washington, was born in Berkeley County, South Carolina, June 30, 1889, in a family of 13 children, reared on the farm; attended the community school, through the fifth grade. On December 31, 1908, he married Miss Julia Ann Anderson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. H. Anderson, and to this union 7 children were born, of which 4 now survive: Samuel Joseph, James Peter, Jr., Thomas Jefferson, and Annie Mae. Rev. Washington was licensed to preach on July 23, 1913 by Dr. B. S. Hannah, presiding elder of the Savannah District, in St. James AME Church, Savannah, Ga.; went to Jacksonville, Florida, and was local preacher in Mt. Olive AME Church, Rev. G. C. Bledsoe, pastor. He returned to South Carolina, and joined the Palmetto Annual Conference October 27, 1916, Bishop Chappelle, presiding. Out of a class of 14 applying for admission Washington made the highest average; was ordained deacon in St. Stephen Church, Georgetown; elder in Friendship AME Church, Mt. Pleasant, S. C., in 1918 and 1920 respectively by Bishop Chappelle. 1919 he entered Allen University. After 9 years he completed the college courses and the theological seminary; he also took correspondence courses from Miller College, Philadelphia; the University of Chicago, and the College of Divine Metaphysics, Indiana. He received the L.I., A.B., and D.D. degrees from Allen University, and the Ps.D., from the College of Divine Metaphysics. He has served leading charges in South Carolina, among them: Emanuel and St. James in Columbia; Bethel Church in Union; Bethel, Dillon; Ebenezer, in Mullins; William Chapel, Orangeburg; St. Peters, Cameron; Bethel, Anderson; Trinity, Manning; Cumberland, Aiken; and at present, Mt. Horr on Youngs Island. He has 2 sons in the armed forces.

WALLACE, Mr. William W., faithful member of Mt. Zion AME Church, Bridgeton, N. J., serving as church clerk and steward for 29 years, is a class leader and Sunday school teacher and treasurer also one of the sweet songsters of Zion, and loyal supporter of the AME Church.



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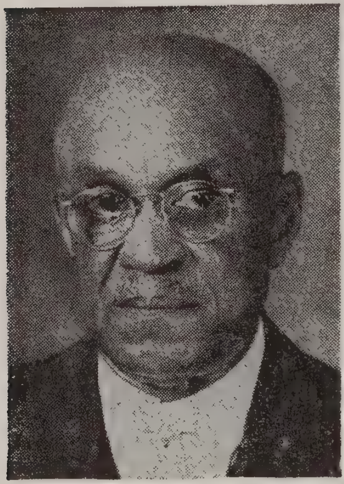
WALLACE, Mrs. Cora L., wife of W. W. Wallace, delegate to 1944 and 1948 General Conferences; started work in the great AME Church at an early age beginning in the Sunday school as a pupil then a teacher, later becoming president of the junior stewardess board and member senior choir; superintendent Atlantic City District Laymen's Association; she is a well known beautician in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

WATERS, Rev. Hodson, (deceased), son of William and Laura Waters, born December 12, 1872, Fairmount, Md.; educated public school of Fairmount, Md., and Philadelphia; and Morgan College; held office of trustee, steward and Sunday school superintendent; licensed to preach at Fairmount, Md., by Rev. Joseph R. Waters; admitted to Philadelphia Annual Conference at Bethel in May, 1907; ordained deacon by Bishop Wesley Gaines at Carlisle, Pa., in 1908; elder by Bishop Gaines at Milford, Del., in 1909; pastor Ward AME Church 1907-1912; Mt. Zion, Columbia, Pa., 1912-1914; St. James, 1914-1916; Mt. Zion, Darby, 1916-1921; Temple, Philadelphia, 1921-1924; Bethel, Germantown, Pa., 1924-1926; Mt Zion, Philadelphia, 1930-1932; presiding elder of Harrisburg, Philadelphia District 1926-1930, and 1932-1937; paid mortgages St. James, Chambersburg, Pa.; Mt. Zion, Darby, Pa.; Ward, Philadelphia; Mt. Olive, Philadelphia. Received 980 members into the church; had 236 conversions; delegate to General Conference, 1928 and 1936; alternate 1916; served on the Missionary Board; member of YMCA, O. V. Catto Lodge, K of P, F & A M. Married Lillian Belle Gillis, April 12, 1893. Of their 14 children three survive: Hodson Waters, Jr., Theodore and Mildred Waters Spain. Mrs. Waters died January 13, 1940. His last pastorate was Mt. Olive, Philadelphia, 1937-1945.



WILLIAMS. Rev, Peter C., pastor Emanuel AME Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; son of Green and Jennie Williams; born in Wrightsville, Georgia; educated in the public school of his home town, Morris Brown College, Wilberforce University, B.A. degree; Temple University, Philadelphia, S.T.B. degree; studied at the Wharton School of Commerce and Finance, University of Pennsylvania; served as superintendent of production at the AME Book Concern for 11 years; was licensed to preach in 1928 by Rev. I. H. Ringgold, presiding elder: Rev. R. R. Wright, Jr., pastor of Ward Church, Philadelphia: admitted to the Philadelphia Annual Conference, May, 1929; ordained deacon by Bishop Jones at West Chester, Pa., May, 1930; elder by Bishop Jones at Philadelphia, May, 1931. Churches pastored: St. Paul, Malvern, Pa.; Bethel, Downingtown, Pa.; Mt. Zion, Columbia, Pa.; St. James, Chambersburg, Pa.; Bethel, Harrisburg, Pa.; Campbell, Media, Pa.; at present, pastor of Emanuel, Philadelphia; contributed articles to The Christian Recorder, Southern Christian Recorder, Journal of Religious Education, Philadelphia Tribune, Pittsburgh Courier, Afro-American, Norfolk Journal and Guide. Member of NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; taught at Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla.; was elected Boys Work Secretary, YMCA, Atlanta, Ga. (declined). Military Services: 2nd Lieutenant (Machine Gun) in 1st World War. Commissioned 1st Lieutenant, Chaplain Reserve, 1936; Chaplain CCC Camps, 1939-1941; Chaplain U. S. Army 1941-1946; was discharged with the rank of Major, August, 1946; married Miss Ruth Roseboro, December, 1918; father of 5 children: Thelma Irene, James C., Ruth (deceased), Sylvia E., and Douglas R.

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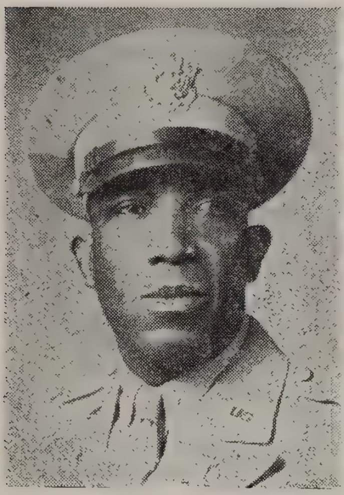
WILLIAMS, Mrs. Ruth Irene B., wife of Rev. P. C. Williams; daughter of Rev. S. D. and Mrs. Irene Roseboro; was born in Cuthbert, Georgia; a graduate of Payne Junior College, Cuthbert, Ga., and Morris Brown College; taught at the Payne Junior College until she was married to the Rev. P. C. Williams. The mother of 5 children: Thelma Irene, James C., both graduates of Wilberforce University; Sylvia, a former student at Wilberforce; Ruth (deceased); Douglas R., a freshman at Wilberforce. Being the daughter of the parsonage she fits as a pastor's wife. The success of her husband as a minister has been due largely to her fine co-operation and understanding. She serves as a missionary and Sunday school worker, a choir singer. Her community activities have been chiefly the YWCA, Women's Clubs, and during the War served on Committees on Camp Activities, chiefly in her husband's (Chaplain P. C. Williams') camps. Her hobbies are knitting, crochetting and reading.



WASHINGTON, Rev. Sullus B., was born in Stina, Mississippi, in 1895, the son of George and Charity Horton Washington; attended public school at the township, and high school at Campbell College; Payne Theological Seminary, B.D., 1921; Huron College, Union Theological Seminary; he served as Sunday school superintendent and district superintendent; licensed to preach at Friendship by Rev. S. White in 1912, and admitted to the North Mississippi Conference at Drew in 1914; ordained deacon in 1915 by Bishop Connor; and in 1919; elder at Alton, Ill., by Bishop Coppin; served as pastor of Bethel at Shawneetown in 1922; Yankston, S. D., in 1924; Huron, S. D., in 1924-25; Iowa City in 1926; and presiding elder in 1927, in Des Moines, Ia.; organized Bethel, Strothers, Ohio, in 1921, and built Bethel at Huron, South Dakota, in 1924 and 1925; paid mortgage on St. John at Aurora, Illinois, and St. James at Gary, Indiana. He has received 306 members into the church and has had 115 conversions. He was an alternate to the General Conference held in Chicago. Contributes to the Christian and Southern Christian Recorders, Chicago Defender, and the Post-Tribune; is affiliated with the Ration Board, Business Men's Association, The Mutual Aid Society, the Men's Community Club; the Ministerial Association, chairman of the program committee, and the Masons.

WASHINGTON, Rev. Francis, presiding elder Detroit District; son of George and Frances (Calvert) Washington; born July 5, 1884 at Natchez, Mississippi; educated public school, Natchez Union high and Knox College, Illinois, A.B., 1930; Howard University, Th.B., 1933; B.D., Garrett Biblical Institute, 1933; M.A., University of Michigan, 1940; Gammon, 1915; served as class leader, steward, local preacher; licensed to preach at Natchez by Rev. J. W. Watson; admitted to Mississippi Annual Conference; ordained deacon by Bishop Tyree at Woodville, Mississippi; elder by Bishop Tyree at Brookhaven in 1903; pastored: Zion Mission, 1905-1906; Woodville, 1907-1908; Summit, 1909-1910; Brookhaven, 1911-1912; Hattiesburg, 1916-1917; Turner Memorial, Ill. 1922-1924; Mounds, Ill., 1925; Galesburg, Ill., 1927-1930; Glencoe, Ill., 1930-1933; South Bend, Ind., 1934; built St. Paul, Glencoe, Ill., 1933; purchased church property for Turner Memorial, Chicago, Ill.; delegate to General Conference 1932 and 1944; alternate, 1924. Published articles in Christian Recorder and AME Review. Published pamphlet, "Am I My Brother's Keeper", 1916; member of F & A M, K of P, K of H, Elks. Member District Council of Churches, executive board. Working on his Doctorate in Education.

WATKINS, Chaplain Charles T., was born in Columbia, Tenn., June 19, 1902; son of Isaiah and Annie (Harris) Watkins; attended the grade schools of Indianapolis, Ind., and Shortridge high school in Indianapolis; received B.S. from Wilberforce, 1925; B.D., Butler College, of Religion, 1935; A.M., Wittenburg, 1936; D.D., Wilberforce, 1935. He served as class leader, Sunday school teacher, president of the ACE League at Allen Chapel Church, Indianapolis, Ind. He was licensed to preach there by Rev. J. R. Harvey, 1913; admitted to the Indiana annual conference at Bethel, Indianapolis, 1916; was ordained deacon at Bethel, Indianapolis, 1918 by Bishop Vernon; elder at Terre Haute, 1921 by Bishop Vernon. He served as pastor of the following: Bethel, Connersville, Ind., 1925-1926; Bethel, Frankfort, Ind., 1926-1929; Bethel, LaFayette, Ind., 1929-1930; St. Paul, Indianapolis, Ind., 1930-1933; Bethel, Richmond, Ind., 1933-1936; North St., Springfield, Ohio, 1936-1939; Brown Chapel, Cincinnati, 1939-1941; Chaplain in the United States Army, 1941. He was a delegate to the New York General Conference, 1936; served as trustee of Wilberforce University,

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1939-1946; published articles in the Pittsburgh Courier and AME Church Literature. He is a chaplain in the south west Pacific with the 93rd Division. He is a member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, Kappa Alpha Psi, Sword and Shield (honorary), Frontiers Club, NAACP and International Council of Religious Education—Youth Section.

WATKINS, Mrs. Marie Sylvia, wife of Rev. C. T. Watkins, was born October 3, 1907; attended Indianapolis grade school and Manual Training High School, Butler, Wilberforce, and Cincinnati Universities; received B.S. from Cincinnati University in 1941; is a member of the Music Promoters, Alpha Kappa Alpha; taught in public school of Indianapolis, Ind.; served as club director of Fort Huachuca Service Club, and Red Cross Worker, Indianapolis, Indiana.

WEBB, Chaplain (Captain) James S., born at Houston, Texas, August 10, 1904; converted and joined the Chiles Chapel AME Church, Boley, Okla., August 12, 1913; graduated from the Boley High School, June, 1922; A.B. Western University, Kansas City, Kansas, June, 1926; graduated from The Chaplain School, Harvard University, October, 1942; attended Union College of British Columbia, 1929-1931; Chicago University, 1938 and 1945; A.M. De Paul University, Chicago, Illinois, 1946; principal CME Junior College, 1926-1927; instructor in Shorter College, 1932; principal Clayton School, Boley, Oklahoma, 1937-1939; called to the ministry 1925; admitted to the North East Oklahoma Conference at Tulsa, November, 1927; ordained deacon at Okmulgee, Oklahoma, November, 1929; elder at Stuttgart, Arkansas, November, 1932; pastored Wetumka and Taylor's Chapel Missions 1927-1928; Fountain Chapel AME Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, 1929-1931; St. Andrew AME Church, Clarendon, Arkansas, 1932-1936; South Haven AME Church, Tulsa, 1936-1937; Camp Chapel AME Church, Clearview, Oklahoma, 1937-1938; Salter Chapel AME Church, Langston, Oklahoma, 1938-1941; appointed chaplain in the United States Army April 18, 1941; chaplain 91st Engineer Battalion, Camp Shelby, Mississippi 1941; chaplain 9th Quartermaster Regiment and the 8th Medical Battalion, 1942; division chaplain Second Cavalry Division, Fort Clark, Texas, 1943; chaplain of the 364th Infantry Regiment on the Aleutian Islands, 1943-44; honorably released from active military duties, November 20, 1945. While pastoring at St. Andrews AME Church, Clarendon, Arkansas, Chaplain Webb was married to Miss Zelma Christmas of Forrest City, Arkansas, a graduate of Barber-Scotia College, a teacher in the Clarendon public school. To this union were born: James Sterling, Jr., Paul, and Horace.

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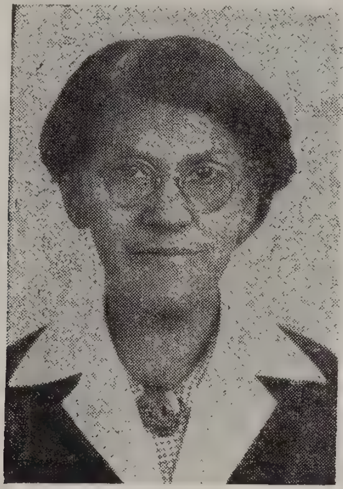
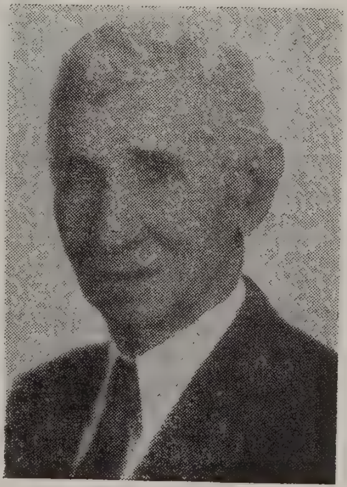
WATSON, Mrs. Clara M., school and insurance secretary, was born in Bowden, Georgia; daughter of Frank and Ellen White Williams; attended Birmingham public school, Barber Memorial Seminary and Alabama State College; superintendent of Hopewell AME Church Sunday school, treasurer of senior choir, president of auxiliary board, director of Religious Education. Delegate to the General Conference, 1944; alternate, 1936; delegate to the Connectional Quadrennial Session of the W.H. & F.M. Society, Jacksonville, Fla., 1939. Served as trustee of Payne University, 1944. Published articles in Birmingham Reporter and Weekly Review, Crisis. Member of the Religious Institution of Education, Red Cross, Sorosis Study Club, secretary of the Lily of the Valley Chapter, president of the House Wives League, conference branch president of the North Alabama Conference.

WELLS, Rev. Lafayette Anderson (deceased), former presiding elder of Marion District, North East S. C. Conference; son of Joshua and Mary (Anderson) Wells; born September 2, 1871, Lynchburg, South Carolina; married Mary J. Sparks, Lynchburg, S. C., December 24, 1895; father of four children: Fannie, Rosa Lee, Martha and Maceo; joined Mt. Pleasant Church, Lynchburg, S. C., August, 1886; held offices of Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, class leader; was licensed to preach by Presiding Elder A. W. Heyward, May 24, 1905; admitted to N. E. South Carolina Conference November, 1896, by Bishop Embry; ordained deacon by Bishop W. J. Gaines, November, 1898; elder by Bishop A. Grant; married Mrs. Elizabeth A. (Ramsey) Johnson, June, 1918—no children. He pastored from 1900-1932; was appointed presiding elder by Bishop Williams, 1932; served Dillon District 8 years; Marion District 3 years. He taught in the public schools for 15 years; graduated from Morris College, Sumter, South Carolina, May, 1930; received D.D., from Allen University, June, 1938. He died July 12, 1943.

WELLS, Mrs. Elizabeth A. (Ramsey), widow of Rev. Lafayette A. Wells, and enthusiastic church worker, public school teacher, and Sunday school teacher; was educated at Allen University and Morris College, Sumter, S. C. She was district president of the South Sumter District, W H & F M from 1921-1932. She is now the first vice-president of the N. E. South Carolina Conference Branch and has been a delegate to five quadrennial meetings. She is also a member of the Executive Board Missionary State Branch, WMS.



WATSON, Sr., Mr. Joseph H., contractor and builder, son of R. R. and Delia (Braxton) Watson; born April 4, 1861, Warrenton, Georgia; educated, public school, Albany, Ga.; served as steward and trustee, Bethel AME Church, Albany, Ga.; delegate to General Conferences 1912-1936; served as trustee at Morris Brown College, and Wilberforce University; editor and owner of The Supreme Circle News; member of Free and Accepted Masons, Eastern Star, Odd Fellows, Household of Ruth, Knights of Pythias, Court of Calanthe, Supreme Circle of Benevolence, Mutual Aid Club, NAACP, Boy Scouts League, Red Cross Chapter and many others; was Supreme Ruler of the Supreme Circle of Benevolence 1908-1927; active in Republican politics of Georgia 1884-1932. Represented the Second Congressional District of Georgia, or state-at-large as delegate to the various State and National Republican conventions, and was instrumental in the election of Henry Lincoln Johnson as National Committeeman from Georgia in 1920. His zeal for prepared ministers was such that while Bishop Fountain was president of Morris Brown College he maintained 2 theological students at Theological Seminary.



WEST, Rev. Theodore Eugene, presiding elder of South Chattanooga District, East Tennesee, born in Hampshire, Tenn., June 4, 1896; son of Rev. Scott W., and Callie S. (Edwards) West; attended Churchville, Chattanooga and Lynnville, Tenn., public schools; Turner College; D.D. from Bowling Green Academy, 1926; D.D. Turner College, 1931; served as superintendent of the Sunday school, president of the ACE League, class leader, director of choir, church secretary. Licensed to preach at St. Joseph Church by Rev. S. W. West; admitted to Tennessee Annual Conference at Pulaski, Tenn., October, 1911; ordained deacon, 1913, at St. John, Nashville, by Bishop Jones; elder, at Murfreesboro, Tenn., 1915, by Bishop Jones; pastored: Holy Circuit, 1912; Thompson Ford Mission, 1913; Hampshire Circuit, 1914; Shorter Chapel, Franklin, 1913-1916; Alcoa Mission, 1917-1920; St. James, Stanford, Kentucky, 1920-1922; St. Paul, Versaille, Kentucky, 1923; Taylor Chapel, Bowling Green, Kentucky, 1924-1925; Ward Chapel, Memphis, Tenn., 1926; Greater Bethel, Jackson, Tenn., 1927-1930; Fayetteville, Tennessee. He served as presiding elder of the Paris District in West Tennessee; and now of South Chattanooga, in East Tennessee; organized St. Paul in Alcoa; built the St. Paul, and Greater Bethel; paid mortgages on Bethel, Knoxville, Tennessee, and St. Paul Fayetteville, Tennessee; received 4203 members into the church and had 3816 conversions. Delegate to the General Conferences

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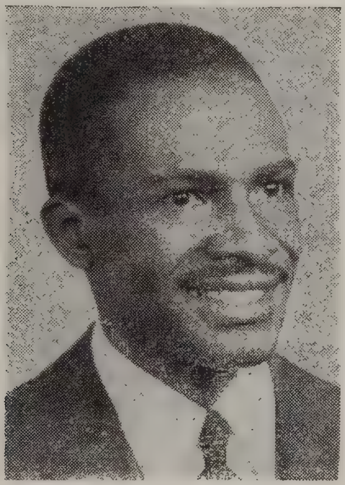
of 1944 and 1948; alternate in 1940. Served as trustee of Turner College, 1926; published articles in all church papers, writer of poetry, drama, and pageants: "Tille", "Richard Allen's Return to Earth" and "Crowns of Victory". He is a member of the A F & A M, Monville Lodge, 102; office J.W. & W. M., F.L.T., K. of P., 36—Keeper of Records and Seals, Post C.C., Knights of Tabor; UBF; OES; Worthy Patron, Lincoln County Men's Civic League, Interdenominational Ministers Alliance; was vice-president of Inter-denominational Evangelistic Bureau of U.S.A., conference superintendent, ACE League and Sunday school, Religious Education, South Chattanooga District.

WHITE, Rev. Alexander, born August 4, 1890, in Gainesville, Florida; son of Edward and Annie White; converted in 1904 and joined Mt. Olive AME Church, Gainesville, Rev. D. A. Hill, pastor. In 1906 the family moved to Jacksonville, Fla., and he joined Grant Chapel AME Church, Rev. T. S. Gibbs, pastor. As a member of this church he held every office opened to lay members except that of superintendent of Sunday school. Was secretary of the board of trustees and of the building committee in the erection of the new Grant Memorial AME Church during the pastorate of Rev. H. Y. Tookes (now Bishop Tookes). Married Miss Mamie Sadie Brooks, a public school teacher of Jacksonville, on December 7, 1913. This wife passed away in 1926, and two years later, December 20, 1928 he married Mrs. Margaret Ann Hopkins, of London, Ohio. Was licensed to preach in 1915 at Grant Memorial AME Church, Jacksonville by Presiding Elder R. L. Brown. Moved to Philadelphia, Pa., in 1916 and was admitted into the Philadelphia Annual Conference at Chambersburg, Pa., in 1922; ordained deacon and elder by Bishop Heard. Attended the public schools of Florida, and in addition received private instruction under Col. J. W. Patton, his employer; Prof. W. L. McRae, and the first Mrs. White. Received theological training at Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University, 1925-1928, under scholarship granted by the Philadelphia Annual Conference. First pastorate a mission in Swarthmore, Pa., 1922-1925. Here he paid $500 for a building lot and left $1030 in the building fund. While a student at Wilberforce he served as pastor at Long, Ohio, and at Cedarville, under Bishop Jones. 1928-1931 pastor of Mt. Moriah AME Church, Mt. Holly, N. J.; 1931-1933, of Grant AME Church, Roxbury, Boston, Mass., where a new roof was put on, the mortgage reduced, and renovations begun. As secretary of the Ministers Interdenominational Alliance of Boston and Vicinity he worked with William Monroe Trotter in advocating that the anniversary of the Boston Massacre—March 5th, be made a State Holiday in honor of Crispus Attucks and those who died with him. This effort succeeded. Was returned to New Jersey in 1933 and stationed at Mt. Zion AME Church, Riverton, serving 5 years. Alternate delegate to General Conference of 1936; was chief secretary of the New Jersey Annual Conference, May, 1938; appointed to Bethel AME Church, Morristown, N. J., in 1938 and is now serving the 9th year. Here extensive repairs have been made and paid for; many old debts and bills paid off or reduced and negotiations concluded by which this church and parsonage, lost at sheriff sale in 1876 and since held by the Morristown YMCA (white), have been restored to the trustees in exchange for a mortgage for $1000 at 3% to run five years. Four years president of Morris County Branch NAACP; zone air raid warden in local OCD; member of Red Cross Central Committee; member of executive committee of League for Social Service among Negroes; organizer and president of Crispus Attucks Memorial Association, Morristown, sponsor of the Crispus Attucks Drum and Bugle Corps.

WHITE, Chaplain Albert W., son of Lucius S., and Annie (Jenkins) White, born December 29, 1911, Holly Hill, S. C.; educated public school, Sterling Grammar School; A.B., Allen University, 1937; B.D., Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University, 1939; graduate Harvard University Chaplain School, 1943; held offices of Sunday school superintendent, president ACE League, president usher board; ordained deacon by Bishop Hurst at Trinity AME Church in 1927; elder, by Bishop Williams at Summerville, S. C., in 1932. Pastor: Bethel AME Church, Frankfort, Ohio, 1937-1938; Trinity AME Bethel, Grifford, Fla., 1941; Mt. Olive, Jacksonville, Fla., 1942; St. James, Miami, Fla., 1943; paid mortgages Bethel AME Church, Frankfort, Ohio; St. James, Miami, Fla.; Trinity, Spartanburg, S. C.; served as trustee at Allen University, 1940; Edward Waters College, 1942. Published articles in Christian Recorder, and Palmetto Leader; member of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

WHITE, Rev. Andrew N. Jr., pastor of St. James AME Church, Covington, Ky., son of Andrew N. and Annie (Reid) White; born March 8, 1912, Monk's Corner, S. C.; married Edith W. Burrel, of Washington, D. C., April 12, 1941; one child, Andrew N. 3rd, born September 6, 1942, educated Wallingford Academy, Charleston, S. C.; Avery Normal Institute, Charleston; A.B., Howard University, 1940; B.D., Howard University, 1943; licensed to preach by Rev. C. H. Wesley, presiding elder, February, 1935 at Metropolitan Church, Washington, D. C.; admitted to Baltimore Annual Conference, May, 1935; ordained deacon by Bishop Davis at Payne AME Church, Baltimore, Md., 1938; elder by Bishop Davis at Metropolitan, Washington, 1940; served as class leader, president ACE League, assistant superintendent of Sunday school, and assistant pastor at Metropolitan AME Church under Rev. Wm. H. Thomas and Rev. J. C. Beckett. Editor of The Golden Rule Endeavor, a monthly publication in the interest of C. E. Societies in Washington, D. C., 1938-1940. Elected National President Richard Allen Youth Council of the AME Church at Memphis, Tennesee, 1937; pastor of Basil AME Church, Cockeysville, Md., 1940-943; St. James, Covington, 1943 to date. Represented AME Church at First World Conference of Christian Youth at Amsterdam, Holland, 1939; traveled extensively in Europe; member of editorial staff of Department of Christian Education of AME Church; associate editor and business manager of The Clarion Voice, Covington, Kentucky; Scoutmaster, Boy Scouts Troop 39 of Lincoln-Grant School, Covington, Ky.



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WHITE, Mrs. Edith W., (Burrel), wife of Rev. A. N. White, Jr., daughter of William H., and Edith (Hall) Burrel; born August 19, 1918, Washington, D. C.; educated in public schools; B.S. Miner Teachers College, 1940; married April 12, 1941; typist and bookkeeper at AME Church Extension Board, Washington, D. C., for Rev. L. H. Hemmingway; typist and accountant for Dr. Carter G. Woodson, Washington, D. C.; joined Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, D. C., 1934; Sunday school secretary; member of senior choir, ACE League, Y. P. Missionary Society; delegate to Sunday school conference, 3 years.

WHITE, President Amos Jerome, president of Edward Waters College, son of Rev. William Jerome and Georgia (Mabry) White, born Jan. 25, Philadelphia, Pa.; educated public schools, Cambridge, (Massachusetts) Latin High School; Harvard University, A.B., 1906; Ohio State University, A.M., 1937; Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, South Africa; Middlebury French School, Middlebury, Vermont; LL.D., Wilberforce University, 1937; has served as trustee, president ACE League; taught in Wiley College, Marshall, Texas, and over 25 years in Wilberforce University, as professor of Romance Languages; licensed to preach, by Dr. Maxwell at Trinity AME Church, Wilberforce; ordained deacon by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. in 1940; and elder by same in 1942; delegate to General Conference 1940, 1944, and 1948; served on Educational Board 1940-1944; published articles in the "Springfield Sun", Springfield, Ohio; South African Christian Recorder, The South African Teachers' Quarterly, The Voice of Missions, The Carnegie Library Bulletin in South Africa, The Wilberforce Quarterly, The Alumni Journal, The Southwestern Christian Advocate, The AME Review, The Bantu World, South Africa, S.A. Outlook South African "Umteteli wa Bantu", The Negro Journal of Religion, Indian Culture Magazine, South Africa, and others; member of Modern Language Association of America, Ohio Teachers' Association, Sen Mer Rekh fraternity, South African Academy of Science, Masons, Kappa Alpha Psi; went with Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., to South Africa to become President Wilberforce Institute, South Africa, 1937-1940. During presidency at Wilberforce Institute all the departments of the school were accredited by the government. Organized industrial courses in carpentry, brick masonry, shoemaking and tailoring and home economics; visited our work in South West Africa. In interest of Wilberforce Institute and the AME Church, he and his wife traveled throughout the Union of South Africa and into Swaziland, Basutoland, Zululand, Portuguese East Africa, Southern Rhodesia; president of Edward Waters College since 1944; married Luella Sinda Graham December 27, 1923. Son: Jerome Fletcher White.

WHITE, Mrs. Luella G., wife of Jerome Amos White, daughter of William Henry and Ophelia (Gates) Graham, born August 12, Franklin, Ohio; educated in public schools of Franklin; Wilberforce, and Columbia University, New York City; A.B., magna cum laude, Wilberforce, 1929; held office secretary of local WMS; delegate to General Conferences, 1940-1944; served on the Missionary Board 1940; published articles in all AME Connectional periodicals, The Wilberforce Alumni Journal, The Negro Journal of Religion, The South African Christian Recorder, Umteteli wa Bantu, The Capetown "Sun", Springfield Sun, Springfield, Ohio; member of the Sen Mer Rekh scholastic honorary fraternity; member of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Ohio Republican Women's Club, former president of Neighborhood Club, Wilberforce, Ohio; former historian of Southwest District, National Association Colored Women's Clubs; former editor of Queens' Gardens, official organ of Ohio State Association of Colored Women's Clubs; member of the committee on African Affairs, National Conference of Foreign Missions; member of European and Non-European Council of Women of South Africa. Called to South Africa with her husband, who was elected President of Wilberforce Institute by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. Organized and taught the first domestic science department accredited in a Non-European school; organized the National Council of African Women in the Transvaal; organized the Women's Christian Temperance Union in the village of Evaton; kept records at the school, did the typing and clerical work of the school.

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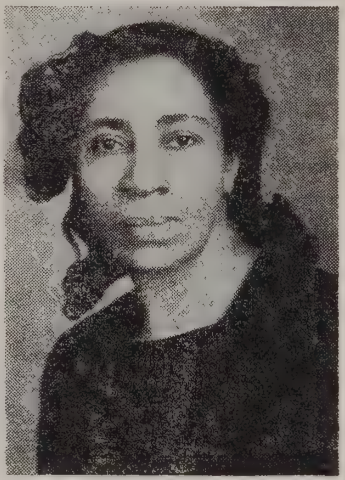
WRIGHT, Jr., Rev. Calvin L., was born at Dolomite, Alabama, on July 17, 1888, the son of Rev. C. L. and Elvira Wright. He attended public school at Dolomite, and high school at Corona Normal and Industrial Institute, Payne Theological Seminary and Columbia University, New York. From Payne he received D.D., in 1928. He was: steward, class leader, superintendent of Sunday school, and trustee. Licensed to preach at Patton Church by Rev. B. W. Bowman in 1913, and admitted to the North Alabama Conference in 1914; was ordained deacon at Gadsden, Alabama, in 1917, by Bishop Lee, and elder at Bessemer, Alabama in 1918, by Bishop Lee; served as pastor of Mountain Valley, Drifton, Coal Valley, Oskman, Patton; West Corona, Mineral Springs, Parrish, Carbonhill and Aldridge, Edgewater and St. Mark, Tuscaloosa; Metropolitan, Mobile; St. Paul, Troy; St. Luke, Eufaula; Pork Chapel, Dothan; St. Luke, Birmingham; and Emanuel at Birmingham, where he is now pastoring. He served as presiding elder of the Florence District of North Alabama, 1937-1938. He organized West Corona in 1913; Patton, in 1913; Parrish, in 1919; and Aldridge, in 1922. Built Patton in 1914; Parrish, in 1920; Lee Chapel, in Edgewater, in 1925; and St. Mark, Tuscaloosa in 1927. Mortgages paid by Rev. Wright were: Lee Chapel, $1600 to $1,000 in one year; St. Mark, Tuscaloosa, $10,000 to $5,000; Metropolitan, Mobile, $23,000 to $12,000; St. Paul, Troy, $2,500 to $900; Patton $700; Parrish $900 to $135; St. Luke, Birmingham, $34,337 to $23,000; St. Paul, Birmingham, $9000 to $735 in 3 years; Emanuel, Birmingham, $6000 to $4345 in three years. Over 5000 members were received into the church under Rev. Wright, and 275 conversions; delegate to the General Conferences of 1928-1940, and 1944.



WHITE, Mrs. Eddie Belle, member of Bethel AME Church, Cleveland, Ohio, daughter of Johnson and Iola Dawson; born at Thomaston, Georgia; married Bradie White March 12, 1924 at Cleveland, Ohio; 6 children: Eddie May, born May 19, 1925; Bradie, Jr., born July 22, 1928; Robin born March 10, 1930; Iola, born July 15, 1934; twins—Reginald and Ronald born Dec. 28, 1938. Mrs. White attended public school, Griffin, Ga., Collinwood High School of Cleveland; converted Sept. 21, 1914; joined Bethel, Hampton, Ga., Rev. Crildell, pastor; held offices: Sunday school teacher, president ACE League, president WMM Society; elected delegate 3 times to Sunday-school Convention, Parmona, Ga. 1917; Hampton, Ga. 1918; Thomaston, Ga. 1919, President of WYA Society for 4 years; delegate to District Conference, Alliance, Ohio, 1943; delegate to Annual Conference, Lima, Ohio; delegate to General Conference 1944; head of YPD of Bethel for 5 years; also helped raise a large sum of money for the building of a new church in Collinwood. Elected corresponding secretary D. of C. at Lima, Ohio, 1943.

WHITE, Rev. William Henry, pastor, St. Paul Church, Lexington, Kentucky, son of William and Fannie (Alexander) White; born August 3, 1897, Cynthiana, Ky.; married Frozene Campbell, of Midway, Kentucky, December 26, 1928; 1 child: Anna Delores, born October 17, 1929; educated public schools, Frankfort, Ky.; A.B., Wilberforce University, 1928; B.D., Payne Theological Seminary, 1925; converted 1916; joined St. John, Frankfort, Ky., 1916; held offices of Sunday school teacher and steward; licensed to preach at Frankfort by Rev.

G. F. David, Sr., 1922; admitted to Kentucky annual conference September, 1922; ordained deacon by Bishop Carey, October, 1923, at Lexington, Ky., elder by Bishop Ransom, 1925, at Danville, Ky.; pastored: Middlesboro, Ky., 3 days; Shelbyville, 1928-1932; Louisville, (Young's Chapel), 1932-34; Danville, 1934-1937; Frankfort, 1937-1942; Lexington, (St. Paul), 1942 to date; State Director Young People, 1936 to date. Built parsonage, St. John, Frankfort, 1939; paid mortgage on St. Paul, Lexington, 1943; received 134 people into the AME Church and had 25 conversions; delegate to General Conference 1944 and 1948; alternate 1936; contributed articles to Christian Recorder and Southern Christian Recorder; founded Kentucky Junior Christian Recorder; contributed to secular periodicals; served in World War I, 1917-18, with 159th Depot Brigade, 38th Co., promoted to Corporal, 1918; member Masons, Fraternal Council of Negro Churches, NAACP, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, American Legion.

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WHITE, Mrs. Frozene (Campbell) (deceased) wife of Rev. W. H. White; daughter of Richard and Ellen (Tolbert) Campbell, was born in Midway, Ky. October 10, 1906; educated in public schools of Midway, Versailles, and in Kentucky State College; married December 26, 1928. Registrar and teacher Turner College, 1926; taught school at Shelbyville, Kentucky, 1927-1932; joined church 1918, Midway, 2nd vice president Conference Branch Missionary Society, Kentucky Conference, 1938.

WHITEHURST, Rev. Raymond Witherspoon, youngest, and only son (of 3 children) of William and Jessie Whitehurst, both members of the AME Church, was born December 10, 1881 near Marianna, Florida; finished public schools of Jackson county, at the age of 14; attended Edward Waters College, Turner Theological Seminary, Morris Brown University, Atlanta, Ga., and received diploma from same. Converted in 1902, and joined Jerusalem AME Church; licensed to preach in 1903 by Rev. E. W. Johnson; joined West Florida Conference, 1906 at Pensacola, Fla., under Bishop Tanner; ordained deacon 1907, and elder in 1909 at Carrabelle, Florida, by Bishop Salter; served as pastor of Branch, Miss., 1907; Sneads, Miss., 1908; Antioch circuit, 1909-10; Springfield circuit, 1911; conference student at Edward Waters College, 1912; Cottondale Station, 1913; paid off long standing debt; St. Paul, Campbellton, finished the church at a cost of $3000, from 1914-1916; St. Joseph, DeFuniak Springs, 1917, remodeled and built the church at a cost of more than $5000; was appointed presiding elder in 1917 by Bishop Hurst, and has been ever since. Has received into the church, over 1000 members and over 600 were converted under his administration; delegate to all General Conferences, since 1916; trustee of Edward Waters College, private secretary to Bishop Hurst, and conference accountant for the 11th Episcopal District; has served in this capacity, ever since. Served as presiding elder, since 1917, of the following districts: Marianna, 1918-1921; Campbellton, 1922-1923; Apalachicola, 1924-1933; Pensacola, 1933-1943; received D.D. from Morris Brown University. Married in February, 1908, to Miss Laura Robinson of Marrianna; they have 1 child, Miss Keturah Elizabeth. Rev. Whithurst owns a plantation, a comfortable home and other valuable property in Marianna, Florida.

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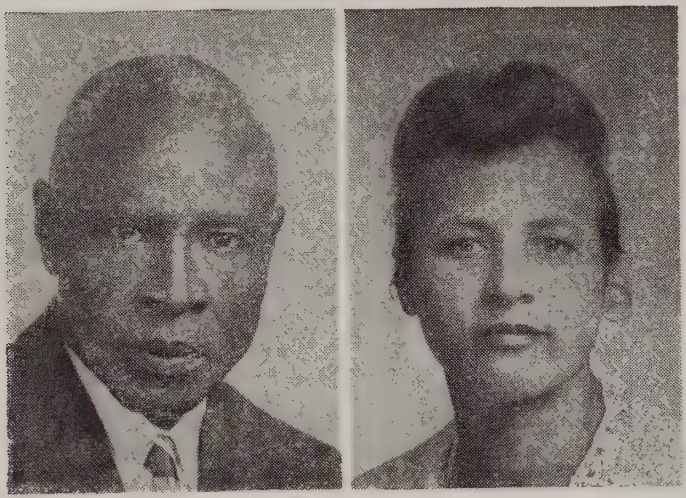
WILBORN, Rev. Isaac Wayman, presiding elder Beaufort District, South Carolina Annual Conference; son of Samson and Nancy (Isaac) Wilborn; born January 9, 1884 at Mitchell, Alabama; educated in the public school of Girard, Alabama; Gammon Theological Seminary, Payne University, Selma, Alabama; Funks-Wagnall School, and Columbia University; D.D. from Allen University in 1924; converted in 1897; to ex. jan. 1900 by the Rev. W. C. Banton, to pastor by the same in the same year. Pastored: Lambs Mission, 1906-1907; admitted in 1907 to the East Alabama Conference, Girard; ordained deacon in 1908 by Bishop Coppin; elder, by

Bishop Parks, 1910 in Union Springs, Alabama. Pastored: Clays Circuit, 1907-1908; Pleasantview, 1908-1909; Selma Circuit, 1909-1911; Uchee, 1911-1912; Hardaway, 1912-1913; was transferred to Columbia (S. C.) Conference in 1913 and stationed at High Hill and Camden and served from 1913-1916; Wayman station, Winnsboro, 1916-1921; Shiloh station, 1921-1926; Emanuel station, Charleston, S. C., 1926-1929; presiding elder of the Beaufort District, 1929-1930; Charleston District 1930-1932; pastor Holly Hill Circuit, 1932-1936; presiding elder Beaufort District, 1935 to date. He has preached annual and missionary sermons at the East Alabama Conference, Columbia Conference, Central (S. C.) Conference and the S. C. Annual Conference. Has preached annual and baccalaureate sermons for public and high schools, fraternal organizations, etc.; and has delivered many emancipation addresses.



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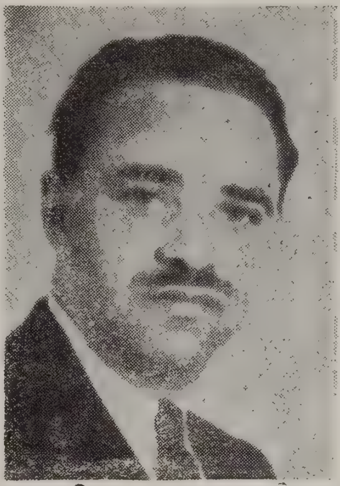
During World War I, served as an advisory member of the local board at Winnsboro, S. C.; a member of the war bond and war stamp committee; he has built and remodeled churches, paid church debts, added many souls to the church; was first to pay 10 cents per capita from a major charge for pensions, in 1928, which was $110; and in 1929 from Emanuel, $120 for Easter, $56 for Children's Day and $1,035 for Dollar Money. He was a delegate to General Conference in 1924-1928-1932-1944; alternate 1936-1940; has served as secretary of the district conferences, statistical secretary and treasurer of annual conference; now the treasurer of Allen University; in 1943 he paid on the victory drive for Allen, $1,564 from the Beaufort District, leading the state at that time. He married Miss Clara Lee (Butler) of Ft. Mitchell, Alabama in 1906 and 2 children were born: Clara Bertha Lee Belcher of Detroit, Michigan, and Miss Mary Alice of New York. After the death of his first wife, he married Miss Marie Eleatha Waymer of Elloree, June 15, 1922, and nine children were born: Veronica Marie, senior at Allen University; Mattie Mae, nurse training state hospital; Ethel E., Isaac W., Jr., Reverdy Ransom, Nancy Carol, Wesley Samson, Susie Lisborn, all in school, and Joel Landran.

WILBORN, Mrs. Marie E. (Waymer), wife of Rev. I. W. Wilborn, daughter of Adam Gabe and Anna Lue (Murry) Waymer; was born in Elloree, South Carolina, June 13, 1903; educated in the Elloree public schools and Allen University; receiving degree in 1921; was married in 1922 to Rev. Wilborn; taught school at Elloree; joined Shiloh AME Church and is organist for the church, Sunday school teacher, stewardess and active in the Missionary Society in the local church and in her husband's district.

WHITE, Chaplain Greene Hunter, captain in the US Army, son of Columbus B. and Sarah (Byrd) White; was born January 23, 1900, Laurens, S. C.; was educated in public school and Sanders High in Laurens, Allen University, Lincoln University, Pennsylvania; A.B., 1924, and S.T.B., 1927; attended Chaplain School, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., 1943. Licensed to preach at Bethel Church, Laurens by Rev. L. F. Vance, 1913; admitted to Piedmont (S. C.) Annual Conference at Abbeville, November, 1916; ordained deacon by Bishop Chappelle at Greenville, S. C., 1920; elder by Bishop Heard at Philadelphia (Mother Bethel) 1927; pastored: St. Paul, Cokesbury, South Carolina, 1927-1929; Bethel, Laurens, South Carolina, 1929-1932; Shiloh, Elloree, South Carolina, 1932-1933; Miller Chapel, Newberry, S. C., 1933-1937; Saint Andrews, Andrews, S. C., 1937-1939; Ebenezer, Mullins, S. C., 1939-1943 (entered army in May, 1943 from Ebenezer). He received 593 members into the church and had 219 conversions; alternate to General Conference, 1936; served as trustee at Allen University, 1935 to date; published articles in all church periodicals, Palmetto Leader, Pittsburgh Courier, Georgetown Times, Charleston Evening Post, Mullins Enterprise, Samaritan Herald; served in World War I, 14 months in the Medical Corps, 12 months in France as a private first class, from June, 1918 to September, 1919. He entered the World War II, May 6, 1943 as a chaplain; received promotion, August, 1944 to captain in the army. He is a Mason, and Omega Psi Phi; was a member of a committee to sell bonds and stamps in the first drive at Mullins, S. C.; was chairman of the finance committee of the Boy Scouts of Mullins; was associate member of the Marion County, S. C. draft board; was sub-teacher in the Palmetto High School, Mullins. He married Miss Martha Helen Garlington, July 6, 1938 after his first wife Miss Hattie Emma Brown died Oct. 1936. His children are: Miss Catherine Mae White, and Miss Thomassina Hattie White.

WHITE, Prof. William Abram, principal of Gray Court High School, Gray Court, S. C., son of Columbus Bob and Sarah White, born March 25, 1894, Laurens, S. C.; educated public school, Hampton St., Sanders High School, Laurens; Allen University; and South Carolina State College, Orangeburg; held offices of superintendent of Sunday school, steward and trustee, layman to Piedmont Annual Conference from 1920-1944, secretary Finance Committee from 1934-1944; delegate to all General Conferences since 1932. Served on the Church Extension Board 1940-1944, trustee of Allen University 1918 to date; member of the Masons, Working Benevolent Lodges; vice president of the Working Benevolent State Grand Lodge, worth $90,000, principal of Gray Court High School for 23 years. An associate member of Advisory Board for Registration, Laurens Co., and president of the Laurens County Teachers Association. He married Ethel B. Singleton October 10, 1934; children: William Abram White, Jr., and Arneta Ida White; member NAACP, Palmetto Teachers Association.

WHITEHURST, Miss Keturah Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Whitehurst, holds A.B., and M.S. degrees from Howard University, Washington, D. C.; studying on Ph.D. in Pennsylvania Uiversity; finished 4 year course at Howard, in 3 years and 3 months, with magna cum laude, at the age of 19 years; taught psychology and philosophy at Florida A. and M. College five years, and at present, is dean of women of the college. She was converted at the age of 9 years, and joined Saint James AME Church, of which she is still a faithful member.



WIKLE, Rev. Eddie Theodore, pastor of Trinity AME Church, Springfield, Ohio; son of Michel and Katherine (Chapman) Wikle; born June 17, 1900, Union, W. Va.; educated public schools of Columbus, Central High, Columbus, Ohio; Ohio State University and 3 years at the Columbus School Religion AME Church; sophomore in Ohio State now; served as: class leader, steward, local minister, chairman combined boards senior and junior stewards; licensed to preach at St. Paul by Rev. H. G. Payne, 1938; admitted to Ohio Annual Conference at Columbus, 1939; ordained deacon by Bishop Ransom at Middletown, Ohio, in 1940; elder by Bishop Ransom at Dayton, Ohio, in 1942; pastor Graham, Rendville, Ohio, June, 1938-1941; Trinity, Springfield, Ohio, October, 1941; paying mortgage on Trinity, Springfield; received 42 members into the church and had 7 conversions; member of the Elks; member board directors Spring Street YMCA for 2 years, and chairman of Religious Work Committee of the same.

WILKINS, Rev. Wm. Dewitt, pastor of Wayman Temple, St. Louis, Missouri, was born in Holly Springs, Mississippi. He entered the ministry in 1915; he pastored: Keytesville, Missouri, a circuit, 1915-1921, where he remodeled the church, purchased a building at Dalton, known as Wilkins Chapel, and one at Bluffs, Missouri, and took it out of the missionary class; St. John, Kansas City, Mo., 1921-1923. Here the church was renovated and repaired, a parsonage of five rooms purchased; Sedalia, Mo., 1923-1928, built the second unit of a very beautiful church and a 5-room parsonage, reducing the mortgage to $1300; Parsons, Kansas, 1918-1930, indebtedness was reduced and the church restored to the proper conference standard; presiding elder of the Parsons District, 1930-1932; 1st AME Church, Kansas City, Kansas, 8 years; increased the Dollar Money by $50 a year; added more than 700 members. In 1940 he went to Wayman Temple, St. Louis, Missouri. Here he has added 500 members, paid the indebtedness of over $16,500; redecorated the church and parsonage. Much of the success of this pastor is due to the consecrated life and efficient help of his wife, Mrs. Nellie G. Wilkins; 5 years a teacher in Quincy schools (Kansas). She has also certificates of religious training from the International Council; served as Conference Branch President North Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. Rev. Wilkins received higher scholastic training from Rust College, Holly Springs, Mississippi; Theology, Morris

Brown and Shaffer College, Western University, at Quindaro, Kansas. His son Roy Wilkins is assistant general secretary of NAACP.

WILLIAMS, Rev. Anderson Edward, pastor, Metropolitan AME Church, Mobile, Ala., son of Rev. Emanuel and Mrs. Laura (Marks) Williams; born at Long Bridge, La., April 22, 1896; educated in the public schools of Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, Bunkie Academy, Bunkie, La.; Leland University, New Orleans, La.; D.D., from L. Ruffin Nichols School of Religion, Daniel Payne College, Birmingham, Ala.; converted in 1906, and at the age of 14, was writing essays, directing plays and serving as superintendent of the Sunday school; taught in the public school system of Louisiana for 5 terms; served in World War I, from December 1, 1917 to February 4, 1919. Began preaching at the Metropolitan AME Church, the church of which he is now the pastor, in 1928, under the Rev. C. L. Wright; granted local preacher's license at St. Paul AME Church, Rev. C. S. Thomas, pastor; Dr. I. T. Walker, presiding elder; admitted to the Central Alabama Conference by Bishop R. A. Grant, 1930; ordained deacon in 1932; elder in 1934, all by Bishop R. A. Grant; was pastor at Hurricane Mission, one year; Fairhope Circuit, one year; Prichard Circuit three years; Metropolitan AME Church, since 1938. He is a Master Mason, a Shriner, Elk, American Woodman, executive member Mobile Council Boy Scouts of America, executive member, Mobile Branch, NAACP; member Southern Conference of Human Welfare. Married to Miss Dorothy Joyce of Plaquemine, La., July 16, 1918; four children: Roscoe Taylor, Houston, Texas; Mrs. Helen D. Hatchett, teacher, San Francisco, Calif.; Ivory Garland, Merchant Marine, and Jean Deloris, Girls High School, San Francisco, Calif. At the passing of this wife was married to Mrs. Leola (Travis) Clausell, June 18, 1941. This marriage marked his turning point for good; he made rapid strides along all lines; the church was freed of a long standing debt of more than $8,000, the parsonage rebuilt, the membership more than tripled and the church beautified.

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WILLIAMS, Leola Travis, wife of Rev. A. E. Williams, and daughter of Harry H. and Carrie (Edwards) Travis; was born in Mobile, Ala., September 27, 1908; attended the Emerson Institute of Mobile, graduated from The Velma C. Jones High School, Bay St. Louis, Miss., college work at Alcorn A. & M. College, Alcorn, Miss. She is the local supervisor Young People's Department, president junior stewardess board; member, YWCA, NAACP, Southern Conference for Human Welfare, Eastern Star, Lady Woodmen; she is recording secretary, Central Alabama Conference Branch Missionary Department, Chief Counselor of the Friendly Team Young People's Department; member of the 1944 General Conference and member of the 1943 and 1947 Quadrennial Convention, WMS. Married to Rev. A. E. Williams June 18, 1941; has one child from a previous marriage, Richard Leo Clausell, 14, attending Central High School, Mobile, Alabama.

WILLIAMS, Rev. C. A., pastor of Ward Chapel, Kansas City, Missouri, son of Andrew and Angeline (West) Williams; born July 25, 1870, Clarkville, Tennessee; educated public schools Topeka, Kansas and Kansas City, Mo.; Washburn at Topeka, D.D.; D.D., Western University, 1930; held offices: president ACE League, usher, Sunday school teacher, steward, trustee, president club, local preacher; licensed to preach at Allen Chapel by Rev. F. J. Peck in 1898; admitted to Missouri Annual Conference at St. Louis in 1899; ordained deacon by Bishop Tanner at St. Louis in 1899; elder by Bishop Shaffer at Kansas City in 1902. Pastor: Pleasant Hill, Mo., 1899; Nevada, 1900; Joplin, 1901; Malts Bend 1902-1903; Quinn Chapel, St. Louis, 1904; Springfield, 1905-1906; Independence, 1907-1908-1909; Ft. Scott, Kansas, 1910; Wichita, 1911-1916; Shorter, Denver, Colorado, 1917-1919; St. Paul, St. Louis, 1920-1924; St. John, Omaha, 1925-1926; Wayman, St. Louis, 1927-1930; Wichita, Kansas, 1931-1932; Allen Chapel Kansas City, 1933-1937; Ward Chapel, Kansas City, Mo., 1937. Organized: St. John, St. Louis, 1923; Grant Mission, Kansas City, 1909; built St. Paul, Wichita, 1916; paid mortgage: Shorter, Denver; St. Paul, St. Louis; Ward, Kansas City; received 1000 members into the church and had over 100 conversions; delegate to the General Conferences 1916-1924-1928-1936-1940; alternate 1932; assistant secretary of General Conference three times, treasurer of Western University ten years. Remodeled Shorter Chapel, Denver, paid cash; remodeled St. Paul Chapel, St. Louis, and entertained General Conference in St. Louis in 1920.

WILLIAMS, Rev. Charles L., pastor, Bethel AME Church, Omaha, Nebraska; son of Fred D. and Lucy (Wollard) Williams; born July 26, 1894, Springfield, Missouri; married Rosanna Duncan of Springfield, Missouri, June 20, 1921. Six children: Charles Jr., born April 21, 1924, Fredrick Kealing Dubois, born October 24, 1929, Marian Edward, born February 7, 1931, Rose Carolyn, born August 17, 1933, John Wesley, born October 31, 1935, and Betty Jane, born December 20, 1945. Educated public school, Springfield, Missouri; Lincoln University, Missouri, B.Pd.; Western College, Kansas City, Missouri, B.D.; converted 1911, joined Washington Avenue Church, Springfield, Missouri; held offices of Sunday school teacher, church clerk and sang in choir; licensed to preach at Kansas City, Missouri, and admitted to North Missouri Annual Conference, October, 1932; ordained deacon by Bishop Gregg, 1932 at Louisiana, Missouri; elder by Bishop Gregg, 1934 at Moberly, Missouri; taught public school, Springfield, Missouri and Western College, Kansas City, Missouri. Pastored Pleasant Hill, Missouri 1929-1931, Huntsville, Missouri 1932-1933, Chillicothe, Missouri, 1933, Liberty, Missouri, 1934-1936; Charleston, Missouri, 1936-1941; Cape Girardeau, Missouri, 1941-1946; Bethel Church, Omaha, Nebraska, 1945-1946. Built first Unit at Liberty, Missouri; paid $4000 mortgage and redecorated church at Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Delegate to General Conference, 1944 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Served in World War in France, 1917-1918 with 802 Pioneer Infantry. Organized NAACP, Charleston and Cape Girardeau and served as president for 2 years. Member of Cape Girardeau County Red Cross and Flood Disaster Committee (white) 1941-1945. Member of South East Missouri Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and Council of Churches (white) 1941-1945. Chief secretary of the Missouri Conference 1941-1945. Member of the Omaha Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance and Omaha Interdenominational Union.

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WILLIAMS, Mrs. Rosanna G. (Duncan), wife of Rev. Charles L. Williams; daughter of William and Mary Duncan; was born in Kansas City, Missouri, December 30, 1903; educated in public school of Springfield, Missouri and Western College, Kansas City, Missouri; married June 20, 1921; taught at Kansas City, Missouri; Charleston, Missouri; New Madrid, Missouri; and Cape Girardeau, Missouri; joined Washington Avenue Church 1915, Springfield; served as Sunday school teacher, supervisor of North Missouri Conference Missionary Society and 1st vice-president of Missouri Conference Branch Missionary Society, 1941-1945; NYA supervisor of Mississippi and New Madrid counties of South East, Missouri.

WILLIAMS, Rev. E. Pendleton, born in Pendleton, Oregon, Jan. 6, 1918; son of John Oliver and Mary Eliza Williams; attended Monroe School, and the high school of Everett, Washington; Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee; received B.A., May 18, 1942; M.A., May 17, 1943, from Fisk; served co-chairman Young People of the Tennessee Conference; licensed to preach at St. John Church by Rev. F. D. Coleman, January, 1940; admitted to Tennessee Annual Conference at Nashville, October, 1940; ordained deacon at Columbia, Tenn., 1941 by Bishop Wright; elder at Nashville, Tenn., in 1943 by Bishop Wright. Served as assistant pastor, St.

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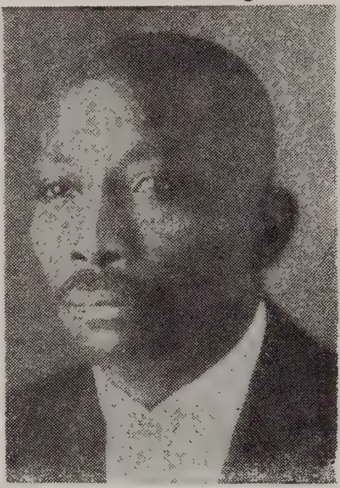
John, Nashville, Tenn., January, 1940 to October, 1940; pastor of Shorter Chapel, Franklin, Tenn., October, 1940 to July, 1943; Mt. Pisgah, Hollow Rock, Tenn., July, 1943 to October, 1943; St. Paul, Richmond, Ky., November, 1943-1945; Danville, Ky. 1945 to date. Paid the mortgage on Shorter Chapel, Franklin, Tennessee. Published articles: The Goal. Father of a son, Edward Pendleton Williams, Jr., born Richmond, Kentucky, April 5, 1944 and Gwendolyn Ann.

WILLIAMS, Mrs. Mattie Pride, wife of Rev. E. Pendleton Williams: born Nashville, Tenn., January 24, 1921; son of General Jackson, and Mattie Wilson Pride; attended the Nashville public schools, Pearl High, Nashville, Tenn., Fisk University, and Tennessee A. & T. State College; B.S. from Tennessee State, August 15, 1941; served local church as president of junior Missionary Society; president and secretary of youth council, and Sunday school teacher.

WILLIAMS, Rev. George Washington, superannuated, son of Joseph and Margaret (Thomas) Williams, born June 6, 1871 at Live Oak, Fla.; educated public school of Swanee County, Fla., Baptist College, Live Oak, Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, B.D., Morris Brown, 1900; D.D., Morris Brown College, 1904; licensed to preach by Rev. Jas. Holmes at Mt. Zion Church in 1880; admitted to East Florida Annual Conference at Gainesville in 1893; ordained deacon by Bishop A. Grant at Pratt City, Ala., in 1894; elder by Bishop A. Grant at Columbiana, Ala., in 1896; pastored Old Town, Fla., 1893; St. John, Atlanta, Georgia, 1896; St. John, Nashville, Tenn., 1921; Providence, Memphis, Tenn. 1924; Bethel, Kansas City, Mo., 1927; St. Paul, Des Moines, Ia., 1928; Coppin, Chicago, Ill., 1929; St. Stephens, Chicago, Ill., 1929; Arnett, Chicago, Ill., 1938; Institutional, Chicago, Ill., 1941. Served as presiding elder of the Sandersville, Ga., District 1919, and the Kansas City-Springfield Missouri District, 1925; organized Nelson Chapel, Shelby, Ala., 1894; and Newberry, Florida., 1895. Built churches at Shelby, Ala., 1894; Newberry, Fla., 1895; Dooersville, Ga., 1903; St. Paul, Dublin, Ga. 1914; paid mortgage on Dooersville, Ga.; received 6,000 members into the Church and had 2,500 conversions; delegate to the General Conference 1908-12-16-20-24-28; served on the Church Extension Board 1908; Educational Board 1912, and Sunday School Board, 1916; served as trustee Morris Brown, 1904-1921; Secretary General Conference Episcopal Committee, 1916; published articles in all Recorders, New York Age, Pittsburgh Courier, Kansas City Call, Dublin Times, and AME Review. His son served in the last World War and spent 18 months in France.

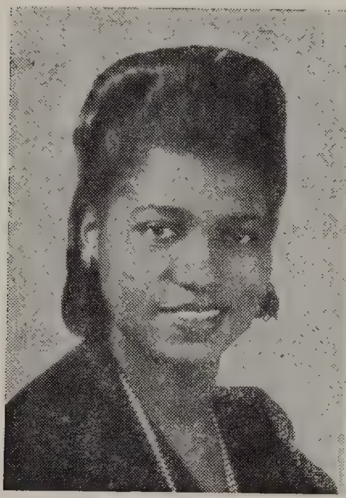


WILLIAMS, Rev. I. W., pastor Mumford, Tenn., was licensed to preach in 1920 by Presiding Elder Charles H. Shelto; admitted and appointed to Reid Chapel Mission, Memphis, Tenn., in 1923, by Bishop Carey, at the West Tennessee Annual Conference; ordained deacon in 1923 by Bishop Carey; ordained elder in 1926 by Bishop Ransom. He has pastored: Mumford, Tenn., St. Mark, 1925-1926; Lucy Circuit, 1930; Decaturville Circuit. In 1934, he was transferred to the Northwest Mississippi Conference and was stationed at St. Peters AME Church, Tunica, Mississippi. In 1935 he was assigned to Bethel, Jonestown, Mississippi, and entertained the annual conference in 1937. In 1938 he was transferred back to the West Tennessee annual conference; he pastored: Clifton Circuit, 1940-1942; Saltillo Circuit, 1942-1945; Mumford since 1945.

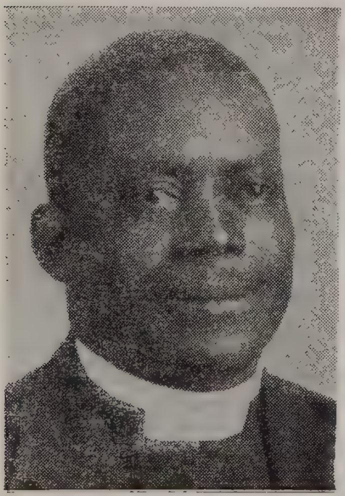
WILLIAMS, Rev. James Cleveland, pastor of Mt. Lebanon AME Church, Andrews, S. C.; son of William B. O. and Eliza Weston Williams; born Edisto, S. C., April 11, 1891. Married Minnie Dentist of Charleston, South Carolina, who died January 31, 1926; 2 children: Rosalee, Mrs. R. B. Nelson, born November 6, 1914; Abram, born November 17, 1916. Married Daisy J. Duncan, of Georgetown, S. C., July 28, 1932: educated in Charleston public schools; converted Mar. 1910, and joined Bethel Church, Edisto Island, South Carolina; held offices of Sunday school teacher, steward, trustee, class leader; licensed to preach at Shiloh AME Church by Rev. W. E. Richardson, December 18, 1921; admitted to Palmetto Annual Conference, October 23, 1925; ordained dea-

con by Bishop Beckett, October, 1925, at Andrews, South Carolina; elder by Bishop Hurst, October 17, 1926, at Mt. Pleasant. Pastored all in South Carolina. Warsaw Mission, 1925-1927; Arnett, Georgetown, 1928-1929; Santer Circuit, Georgetown, 1930-1933; Purdue Circuit, Georgetown, 1934-1935; St. Paul, Plantersville, 1936-1939; West Ordinance, Andrews, 1940-1944. Built St. Mark, Plantersville, 1936; St. Paul, Plantersville, 1938. Received 549 people in the AME Church and had 323 conversions. Taught public school in Warsaw, 1926-1927. Published articles in the AME Review and other periodicals; served as air raid warden, 1943-1945.

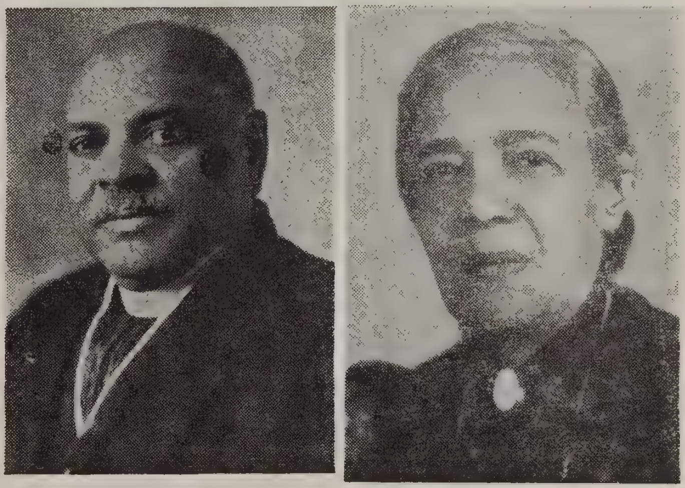
WILLIAMS, Mrs. Jamye H. (Coleman), daughter of Rev. and Mrs. F. D. Coleman, Sr., received A.B. from Wilberforce University; M.A. from Fisk University; and did graduate study at Ohio State University. At present she is a teacher of English at Wilberforce University having served on the faculty at Edward Waters College, and at Shorter College; she is one of two Negro women serving on the Federal Council of Churches in America. She married Professor McDonald Williams, instructor in English at Wilberforce, in 1944, and has one daughter.



WILLIAMS, Rev. McNeal, pastor and building carpenter, son of Shervine and Mary Jane (Chandler) Williams, born September 7, 1890. Educated public school Wetumpka, Fessenden Academy Industrial School, and graduated from the School of Industrial Arts June, 1930; served as Sunday school superintendent, class leader, steward, trustee and president ACE League; licensed to preach by Rev. S. H. Barker at Mt. Zion AME Church in September, 1935; admitted to New Jersey Annual Conference at Newark in May, 1937; ordained deacon by Bishop Sims at Newark in 1937; elder by Bishop Sims at Trenton in 1939. Pastored Sims Chapel 1940; Mt. Pisgah, Haddonfield 1941-1944; received 21 members into the church and had 10 conversions; served in World War I, June 1918-July 1919, Sgt. Co. G, 807 Infantry, 22d, under shell fire in France; secretary AF & AM; member of CC and K of R & S, Knights of Pythias Commander, American Woodman, secretary GUOOF, president Negro non-Partisian League; member NAACP, CMRS and Negro FC of C, YMCA; married Mrs. Elizabeth (Carrol) Daniels, October 31, 1930, at Citizens' Bank, Philadelphia, Pa. Bishop Wright (best man). Children: Joseph Daniels, Capt. Roland H. Daniels, A.B. and B.S.; Mrs. Ida Life, Registered Nurse; Staff Sgt. Marion P. Daniels, A.B. from Wilberforce University; Pvt. 1st class, Ira Robert Daniels, and Harold McNeal Williams.



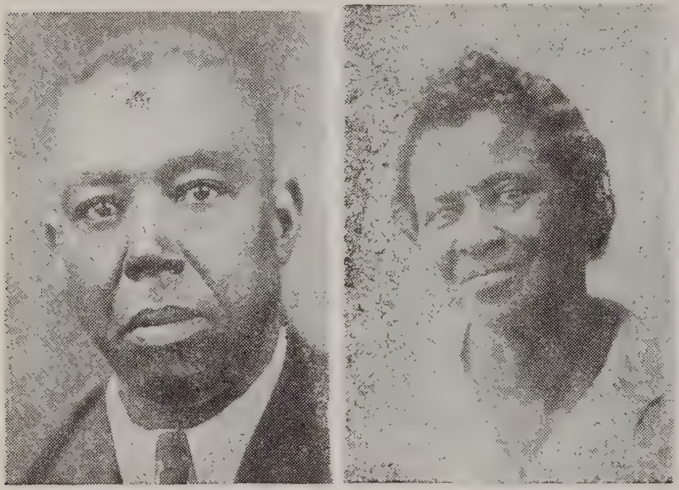
WILLIAMS, Bishop Noah W., was born in Springfield, Illinois; was licensed to preach by Presiding Elder N. J. McCracken in 1894; served in the Spanish-American War in Cuba in 1898, and in the first World War in France in 1917-18; he pastored: Tuscola, Illinois; Greencastle, Ind.; Terre Haute, Indiana; Richmond, Indiana, Hannibal, Mo.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Shelbyville, Tenn.; Nashville, Tenn.; Louisville, Ky., and St. Paul, St. Louis. He was elected a bishop in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1932, and was the presiding bishop of South Carolina from May, 1932 to May 1936, of the Fifth Episcopal District, since 1936. While bishop of South Carolina he made a tour of Bible Lands going to Palestine, the ruins of Babylon, Baghdad, Damascus, Egypt, Constantinople, Greece, the Appian Way in Rome. In 1903 he was married to Miss Hallie C. Jacobs of Springfield, Ill., who departed this life in Louisville, Ky., in July, 1924, just after he had finished entertaining the General Conference. He was married to Miss Helen Rose Armstrong of St. Louis, in December of 1925 while he was pastor of St. Paul. He was chairman of the Financial Board, and President of Western University and Douglas Hospital boards, of Kansas City, Kansas; chairman of the General Conference commission, and secretary of the Bishops' Council.



BISHOP AND MRS. NOAH W. WILLIAMS

WASHINGTON, Mrs. Lillie, was born in West Columbia, S. C.; a member of Mt. Pisgah AME Church; serves as district president of the Columbia District; deeply interested in the education of the youth and vitally interested in her work. Beloved by her associates.

WHITE, Rev. John Richard, presiding elder, Forrest City District, N. E. Arkansas Conference; son of Richard and Clara White; born April 18, 1886, in Mason, Tenn.; joined St. Peter's AME Church, August, 1909; married Miss Annie B. Grady September 19, 1909; educated in public schools, Memphis, Tenn.; held offices of Sunday school superintendent, steward, and trustee; licensed to preach at Bruins, Ark., by Rev. R. C. Holbrooks, June 10, 1915; admitted to East Arkansas Annual Conference December 14, 1917; ordained deacon by Bishop Conner; elder by Bishop Ross, December 18, 1921, at Earie, Ark.; rceived D.D., Shorter College, 1942; presiding elder Hamburg District, 1936; pastored: Fugerson Station, Allen Temple, West Helena; Altheimer Circuit, Wabash Circuit, England Circuit, Allen Temple, Chatfield, Ark.; and is now presiding elder of the Forrest City District; trustee, Shorter College; delegate to 1944 general conference.



REV. AND MRS. J. R. WHITE

WHITE, Mrs. Annie B. (Grady), wife of Rev. J. R. White; was born October 11, 1888 in Okolona, Miss.; daughter of Richard and Annie (Ollive) Grady; married to John R. White, September 19, 1909; to this union 1 son was born; educated in public school Helena, Ark.; joined St. Peter AME Church, June, 1909; has served as Sunday school teacher, ACE League president; 8 years district president missionary society, stewardess, trustee, and is now corresponding secretary of the Central Arkansas Conference Branch; John Richard, Jr., served 2 years overseas.

WILLIAMS, Mrs. Odessa P., teacher, daughter of Rev. R. O. and Mattie (Belcher) Williams; educated public schools of Texas, Homer Seminary, La.; Morris Brown College; B.A. Morris Brown College, 1939; M.A., New York University, 1941; served as secretary of choir, Sunday school teacher at Big Bethel AME Church; member of Chamber of Commerce, Negro Business League, NAACP, National Council of Negro College Women, Iota Phi Lambda sorority (National Director of Education), Southern Business Education Association, National Business Teachers Association, Georgia State Teachers Association, YWCA, delegate to 1936 General Conference. Former head, Business Department, Morris Brown College; at present director Business Education, Fort Valley State College, Georgia.

WILLIAMS, Rev. Simeon Henry, pastor of Quinn Chapel, Cassopolis, Michigan; son of Robert and Ninnie (Case) Williams; born May 2, 1888, Keene, Kentucky; married Lillian C. Montgomery of Cincinnati, Ohio, April 3, 1912; went to Woodburn High School, Cincinnati, Ohio 1908; converted 1906; joined Brown Chapel AME Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1910; held offices of Sunday school teacher, president ACE League, steward, class leader; licensed to preach in Cincinnati, Ohio, in Brown Chapel, by Rev. P. J. Blackburn 1917; admitted to the Ohio Annual Conference, October, 1918; ordained deacon by Bishop Jones, October 8, 1922; elder by Bishop Jones, October 31, 1926, at Dayton, Ohio; pastored: Bativa, Ohio 1918-1921; Hillsboro, Ohio, raised the parsonage and laid the side walk in front of the church and parsonage, in 1921-1925;

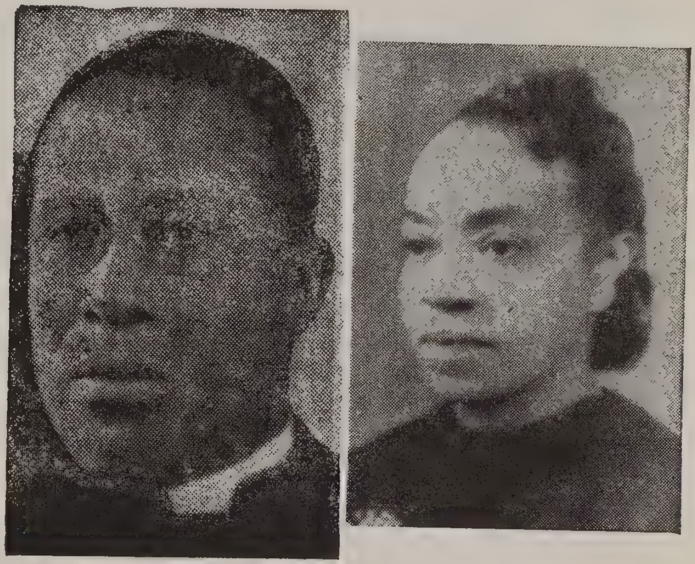
built the church in Frankfort, Ohio, in 1923-1927; went to Payne Theological Seminary, graduated in 1927; College Hill, Ohio 1929; finished the basement in Martin's Ferry, Ohio, 1930; pastored: Mt. Pleasant, Ohio, Glendale, Greenfield and Hillsboro, Ohio 1934; 1 year following 1934-1935; pastored the third time in Hillsboro, Ohio, Obriantville, Uhrichsville and Cambridge, Ohio, 1935; leaving Ohio coming to Michigan 1938; to Hamtramck, Michigan 1939-1940; Adrian, 1943; to Cassopolis, Michigan, Velina and Dowagiac up to date 1945; the Dowagiac Velina was taken away, Calvin, Michigan was added. Have attended the Extension service of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

REV. AND MRS. S. H. WILLIAMS

WILLIAMS, Mrs. Lillian C. (Montgomery) wife of Rev. S. H. Williams, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 10, 1890; went to public school of Cincinnati, Ohio and went to Knoxville, Tennessee; married April 3, 1912; joined Brown Chapel AME Church, Cincinnati, Ohio in the year of 1913; Sunday school teacher, president of home missionary societies.

WILSON, Miss Maud Katherine, the only child of Dr. and Mrs. A. O. Wilson, was born in New Orleans, La., and is a graduate (1947) of Wilberforce University.

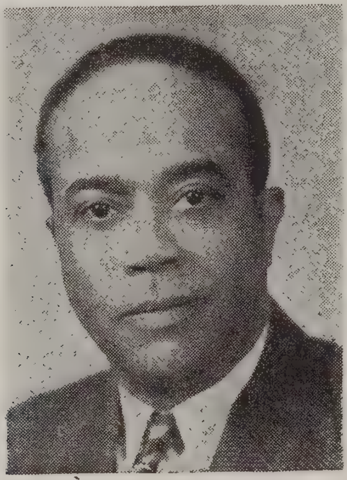
WILSON, Rev. A. O., pastor of St. James AME Church, New Orleans, La., was born September 17, 1894 in Greenville, Miss., son of Rev. Albert Walter and Mrs. Fannie McClaud Wilson; was educated in the public city schools of Greenville; high school, Tuskegee Institute, 1913-1914; Shorter College, 1915-1916; ordained deacon at the Tennessee Conference, 1921; attended Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, 1917-1922; Wilberforce University, A.B., 1924; B.S. in education in 1924; Payne Theological Seminary, B.D. in 1926; ordained elder in 1925 at the Tennessee Conference; received M.A. from Wilberforce University, 1928 and D.D. in 1931; Payne University, 1943, LL.D.; University of Southern California correspondence law school 1929-1930. He was honorably discharge as a Sgt. Major 814 pioneer Regiment USA, World War I, 1919; was dean elect, Langston University, Oklahoma, 1926; was field secretary, Wilberforce University, 1925-1926; president of Shorter College, North Little Rock, Ark., 1927-1935. Pastored: Tyree Chapel, Franklin, Tenn., 1920-1923; Yellow Springs, Ohio, 1924-1925; Yellow Springs, Ohio, 1926; St. Andrew AME Church, Little Rock, 1927-1928; was presiding elder of Little Rock District in connection with college presidency, 1929-1930; presiding elder of Pine Bluff District, 1931 and 1932; presiding elder of Hot Springs District, 1935-1938; presiding elder of Greenville District, 8th Episcopal District, 1939; pastored St. James AME Church, New Orleans, La., 1940-1943. He is now pastor of St. James. He married Miss Annie May Porter February 22, 1928, and one child, Maud Katherine Wilson, was born. He was a delegate to the General Conferences in 1928 to 1936, 1944, 1948; was president of New Orleans AME and CME Ministers Alliance; member of Kappa Sigma Chi Fellowship Research; trustee Campbell College; Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; endorsed candidate bishopric at General Conference, New York, 1936 and Philadelphia, 1944.



REV. AND MRS. A. O. WILSON

WILSON, Mrs. Annie Porter, wife of Rev. A. O. Wilson, was born in Little Rock, Arkansas; educated at Gibbs High School, Little Rock, Arkansas; Fisk University, A.B., 1921; University of Wisconsin, M.A., 1923; she taught in Fisk University, 1923-1928; Bethune-Cookman College, Florida, 1931-32; Prairie View State College, Texas, 1933-1943. She married Rev. A. O. Wilson, February 22, 1928 and one child Maud Katherine Wilson was born.

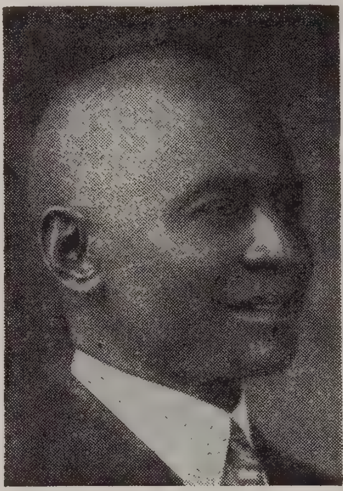
WILLS, Mr. Charles Herman, lawyer, son of John Henry and Mary Elizabeth (McBay) Wills; born September 25, 1895 Mexia, Texas; educated in public school Grove Island, Mexia; Paul Quinn College, Howard University; A.B., Paul Quinn College, 1915; LL.B. Howard University, 1922; held offices of secretary-treasurer trustee board, Olivet AME Church, South Bend, Ind., for 15 years; delegate to General Conferences of 1932 and 1944; alternate 1936 and 1940; member Race Relations Committee, St. Joseph County Council of Churches; publisher and editor of the South Bend Forum; served as Regiment band leader, rank of Regiment Sergeant Major, 1st Co. 1st Battalion, 165th D.B.U.S.A. World War I, October 27, 1917 to March 25, 1919; president South Bend Branch NAACP; vice chairman County and State Committee Republican Party; Grand Chancellor Knights of Pythias of Indiana, 1936-1938; 32nd degree Mason and Shriner; District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks. Practiced law at South Bend for 20 years, member of bar of Supreme Court of Indiana and Supreme Court of United States; member of County and State Bar Associations and National Bar Association; first Negro elected to public office in St. Joseph Co., Indiana; was elected Justice of the Peace, November, 1934, on Republcian ticket; served 4 year term.



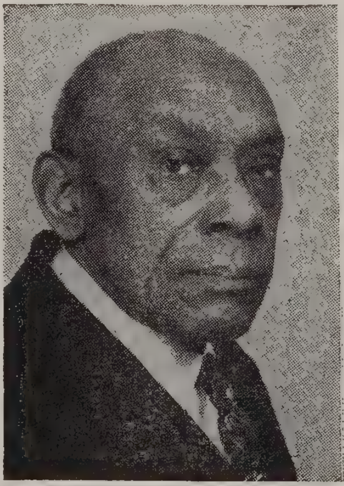
ATTORNEY AND MRS. C. H. WILLS

WILLS, Mrs. Sophia C., wife of Attorney C. H. Wills, daughter of Wm. H. and Maria Nash; born June 4, 1900, Washington, D. C.; educated public school, Dunbar High and Miner Teacher's College of Washington, D. C.; married July 5, 1923; joined Metropolitan AME Church, Washington, D. C., 1912 Olivet AME Church, South Bend, Indiana, 1930.

WILLIAMS, Sr., Dr. R. Reche, was born near Williston, Florida, on February 25, 1882; the son of John E. Williams and Mary Tyner Williams. He attended public school in Marion County and Bethune Cookman and Walden University, B.S. from Walden University in 1904, and M.D. from the medical department there in 1907. In the local church he has held the following offices: president of the local and District-State League; secretary, superintendent of the local and district Sunday school; steward and trustee; trustee of Edward Waters College, 1925 to date; married Miss Clotelle Chappelle; a son, R. Reche Williams, Jr., was first lieutenant in World War II. Dr. Williams is a member of the Board of the Urban League and vice-president; chairman of the Boy Scouts' Council Past Pole March, Kappa Alpha Psi; a 32nd degree Mason; Past Exalted Ruler of Elks; past state president of the Medical Association; vice-president of State National Medical Association and a member of the City Hospital staff.



WILSON, Rev. Charles Emory, pastor, Huntington, Long Island, N. Y., son of Jacob Henry and Catherine Artty (Gaines) Wilson, born March 2, 1878, Philadelphia, Pa.; educated public school, Seaford, Delaware; Institute of Colored Youth, Philadelphia; graduate Reformed Episcopal Seminary, Philadelphia; D.D., Wilberforce University, June 21, 1923; held offices of superintendent of Sunday school; licensed to preach by Rev. W. H. Davis at Macedonia A M E Church, Seaford, Del., 1895; admitted to Philadelphia Annual Conference in 1899; ordained deacon by Bishop Derrick in 1900; elder, by Bishop Derrick in 1902. Pastor: Shorter, Delaware, 1898-



1901; Harrington, Delaware, 1901-1903; Oxford, Pa., 6 months; Frankford, Del., 1904; Moores Chapel, Del., 1905-1909; Albany, N. Y., 1909-1911; Jamaica, N. Y., 1911-1917; Bethel, Brooklyn, N. Y., 1917-1921; Mt. Zion, Trenton, N. J., 1925-1933; Mt. Teman, New Jersey, 1933-1935; Lockport, N. Y., 1935-1936; Bethany, Yonkers, N. Y., 1936-1938; Mt. Zion, Westbury, N. Y., 1938-1940; Salem, N. J., 1940-1941; Bethel Kinderhook, N. Y., 1941, and Huntingdon since 1947. Organized Cannon Mission, Delaware, in 1904; paid mortgage on Bethel Church, Brooklyn, New York; delegate to General Conference 1920-1924-1932; alternate 1916; published articles in the Christian Recorder; member of the Masons, Odd Fellows, K of P, IBPOE, Chaplain of the Elks; active in the NAACP; organized and conducted drive setting up YMCA, represented Bishop Heard at Council of Faith and Order at Buffalo, N. Y. 1924.

WILLIAMS, Rev. Waddell David, was born December 1, 1887, the son of Nathan Williams and Emily Eaddy Williams; married Cora L. McLeod and from this marriage came 7 children: Pearl, Derrick, David, Jr., Fred, Moses, Janie and Swinton. He joined St. Luke AME Church, Kingsburg, S. C., Aug. 1905, and held the offices of steward, trustee and Sunday school teacher. He was licensed to preach by Rev. D. J. Turpen in September, 1913, and admitted to the North East South Carolina Conference in 1915; he was ordained elder by Bishop Chappelle in November, 1919; has pastored in South Carolina: Williams Chapel, Nichols, S. C.; Darlington Circuit, Lamar Circuit, Trinity Station, Timmonsville Circuit, Florence Circuit, Robinson Circuit, Johns Island, Maryville, Charleston; and Unity Station. He received into the church over 2000 members; was principal of Mill Branch school for 5 years; principal of St. Luke School, Kingsburg, S. C., for 10 years and principal of Mayesville Institute for 2 years; was educated at St. Luke Elementary School, Kingsbury, South Carolina, and Allen University, Columbia, S. C. and State College at Orangeburg; delegate to the 1944 General Conference.

WATSON, Dr. Henry J., deceased, was born in Houston, Texas; his father was a pioneer minister in the Texas Conference of the ME Church, his mother a public school teacher in Louisiana. Dr. Watson was graduated from the elementary school of his native home, normal course of Wiley College at Marshall, Texas, B.S.; George R. Smith College at Sedalia, Missouri; and Medill School of Journalism of Northwestern University, B.S.; Meharry Medical College, M.D., and Northwestern University School of Medicine, M.D.; studied in Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Illinois, and the Divinity School of Harvard University. Practised medicine in Houston, Texas, Tulsa, Oklahoma and Chicago; author of pamphlets containing poems, narratives and expository essays, some of them are entitled: "Love's Answer", "Sees All, Knows All", "Kiss Me Mamma", "Former Attire", "War and Peace", "A Call to Service", "Preservation of Health", "Battle of Life", "Evening Meditation", "Respect Thyself", "Unfinished Task", "Un-ethical Ministers", "Birth of Christ", "Conquest of Sin", and "Napoleonic Conception of Jesus"; almost gave up his medical practice for creative writing, public speaking and religious activities; was vice-president of the Oklahoma State Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association, associate editor of the Oklahoma Medical Journal, and assistant city editor of the Chicago World; he was an ordained elder and evangelist in the Chicago Conference; member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Cook County Medical Association and National Medical Association.

WATSON, Mrs. Minnie Lena Stockton, teacher, widow of Dr. H. J. Watson, and daughter of Robert and Emma Marie Stockton; was born in San Diego, California; received her early education in the states of California and Texas; B.S. in Education from Northwestern University, and M.A. from the University of Chicago. She made an investigation of daily programs used in Negro high schools for the purpose of comparing her findings with 2 previous similar investigations of white high schools. She is possessed with a missionary spirit, and aids any movement for uplifting humanity. She has officiated: as club president, school teacher, and religious worker. Has written several articles, among which are: "Remedial Work in Reading", "Negro Insurance Conferences", "What is the Value of Drill"; she has taught in the public schools of Texas and was first president of the city's Priscilla Art Club of Tulsa, Oklahoma; is a member of the Woman's Committee Club, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, YWCA, Woman's Auxiliary to the National Medical Association, National Congress of Parents and Illinois Teachers' Association, and Bethel AME Church of Chicago. She is vice-president of the faculty, and a teacher in Lincoln Memorial Elementary School at Robbins, Illinois.

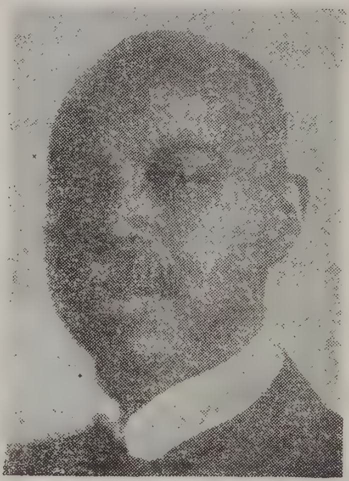
WILSON, Rev. Dennis Norman, born in Indian Town, South Carolina; son of Cyrus and Thoceci Wilson; attended the Indian Town's public school, and State College of South Carolina; Allen University, Columbia, S. C.; received L.I., 1914, and B.D., 1918, Allen University; D.D. Allen University, 1932; served as secretary of the Palmetto Annual Conference, South Carolina; secretary of the AME Ministers' Alliance, Charleston; licensed to preach at Indian Town church by Rev. M. B. Hudson; admitted to Palmetto Annual Conference at Georgetown, S. C.; ordained deacon at Kingstree, by Bishop

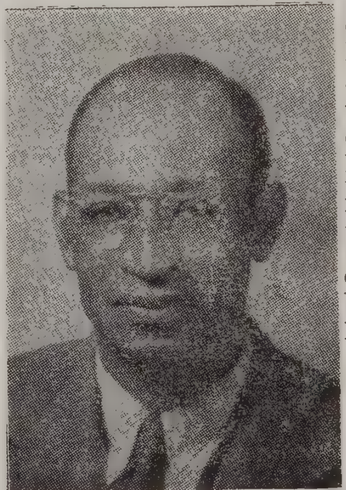
Chappelle; elder at St. Luke, Charleston, by Bishop Chappelle; served as pastor at Francis Brown, Charleston, S. C.; Kingstree, S. C.; Indian Town; Andrews Station; Gawralin Circuit; Lake City Circuit; St. Stephen Station, Georgetown, S. C.; Ebenezer Station, Charleston, S. C.; built church at Kingstree, and Mt. Carmel in Hemingway, S. C.; received 3000 members into the church; had 1000 conversions; delegate to the General Conference in 1944; alternate, 1928, 1932, 1936; trustee of Allen University, 1928 to date; member of NAACP, and Cosmopolitan League of Charleston, S. C.

REV. AND MRS. D. N. WILSON

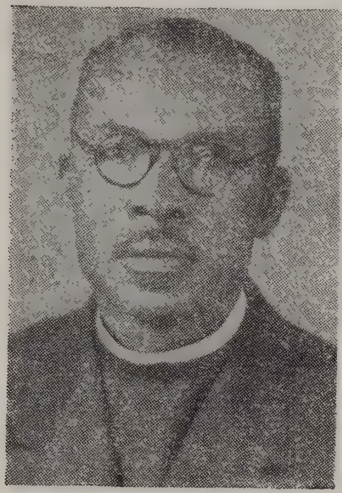
WILSON, Mrs. Flossie V., wife of Rev. D. N. Wilson, missionary worker in local, District, and State Missionary work, teacher, worker in the ACE League, president of the Missionary Society, member of the stewardess board number one; member of the senior choir and directress of the Sunday school gospel chorus of Ebenezer AME Church, Charleston, S. C., of which her husband is now the pastor; taught in the high schools in Kingstree and Lake City, S. C.; she also operates a modern beauty shoppe on 37 Hanover St., Charleston, with five operators; is president of the city-wide Azalia Beautician Club; vice president of the State Beautician Convention and chairman of the ways and means committee of the National Beauty Culturist League. Inc. She led the delegation of the Palmetto Conference to the Quadrennial Convention in Little Rock. Arkansas; vice president of the Mt. Pleasant District Missionary Society, treasurer of the conference branch, of the Palmetto Conference, and fourth vice-president of the State Missionary Society.

WILSON, Rev. J. H., (deceased) former Editor Western Christian Recorder (1928 to 1944); was born on August 5, 1865 in Shelbyville, Kentucky, the son of Henry and Mariah Lawson Wilson; educated in the district school at Jeffersonville, Ind.; converted in 1884. He served in the local church as trustee, steward, class leader and also taught school 3 years in Missouri; he was licensed to preach in 1885, and ordained deacon by Bishop Ward at the Kansas Conference, Lawrence, Kansas in 1888; elder by Bishop Ward at Fort Scott, Kansas, in 1890, and transferred to California by Bishop A. Grant, after serving 15 years pastorate at Glasgow, Missouri. He was appointed presiding elder of the California Conference in 1905, then appointed to a mission conference with 14 preaching places. He built to it two conferences and served as presiding elder for 23 years. From 1912 to 1914, he rebuilt Bethel Church, San Francisco. He was grand master of the Masons for 10 years, Royal Grand Patron of the Eastern Star for 3 years, and Grand Joshua Heroines of Jericho for 2 years. He died Oct., 1944.





WINGFIELD, Sr., Mr. Howard D., born October 29, 1893 at North Wales, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, the son of Rev. Robert and Mary Wingfield. At the age of 6 years he entered North Wales public school and continued until completion in the eighth grade. In 1912, he married Miss Clara Newman of Westmoreland Co., Virginia. To them were born five children. In 1918, Mrs. Wingfield departed this life, also 2 of the children died. He was converted in 1914 in North Wales under the preaching of his father, Rev. Robert Wingfield, then pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church in North Wales. After the death of his wife, and upon moving to Philadelphia, joined Mt. Olive AME Church, under the pastorate of Rev. J. M. Palmer; he was elected trustee, and secretary of the board in 1919; also the same year he was elected superintendent of the Sunday school which position he still retains. He was delegate to the 1944 General Conference.



WINGFIELD, Rev. Wilfred Monroe, presiding elder of the Jonesboro District of the North East Arkansas Conference, son of Mr. Alexander and Selina Wingfield; was born Nov. 10, 1899, Arkadelphia, Ark., Clark County; was educated in the high school of Arkadelphia, Shorter College and Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas. He married Miss Josie Pogue of Curtis, Ark. To this union 3 children were born: W. Monroe, Jr. (served in Army) Wilbertine, and Levi A. (served in Army); Rev. Wingfield was converted at the age of 8 at St. Paul, Arkadelphia. Bishop Conner ordained him elder; he pastored some of the leading churches in Arkansas; was 4 times delegate to the General Conference; is a member of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches of America; trustee of Shorter College; a member of the State Teachers Association, is still serving his church and race.

WITHERSPOON, Rev. D. L., secretary-treasurer of the Pension Department, son of Rev. D. W. and Louvinia (Steadmond) Witherspoon; born Aug. 8, 1888 at Parlers, S. C.; educated public school at Orangeburg, South Carolina, South Carolina State College, 1907; B.D. Allen University, 1918; honorary A.M., Allen University, 1923; licensed to preach by Rev. F. W. Jordan at Bethel, Dillon, S. C., in August, 1908; admitted to North East (S. C.) Annual Conference at Darlington, S. C., 1910; ordained deacon by Bishop Turner at Bishopville, S. C., in 1912; elder, by Bishop Coppin at Manning, S. C., in 1914. Pastored Hartsville, S. C., 1911-1912; Florence Circuit, 1912-1913; Savannah Grove Circuit, 1913-1914; Bethel, Sumter, S. C., 1915-1919; Trinity, Spartanburg, S. C., 1919-1925; Allen Temple, 1926-1927; Trinity, Louisville, Ky., 1927-1930; St. James, Ashland, Ky., 1930-1932; St. John, Nashville, 1932-1935; Avery Chapel, Memphis, 1935-1944; served as presiding elder of the Greenwood District and Piedmont Conference of South Carolina, 1925-1926; built Bethel, Sumter, S. C., 1919; Trinity, Spartanburg, 1924; paid mortgage on Avery Chapel, Memphis, Tennessee; delegate to General Conference 1924-40 and 1944; alternate, 1920-36; served on the General Conference Commission Board 1940-1944; served as trustee at Allen University 1920-1927. Elected secretary-treasurer of Pension Department in 1944; married Mary Lee Wilson, June 26, 1932.

REV. AND MRS. D. L. WITHERSPOON

WITHERSPOON, Mrs. Mary L., the wife of Rev. D. L. Witherspoon; was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky; attended public schools of that city; graduating from the State Street High School. Received college training at Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Ky.; taught several years in Hodginsville, Ky., and Lynch, Ky., then for about seven years in State Street High School, Bowling Green; married Rev. D. L. Witherspoon, June 26, 1932; mother of 3 children, 2 girls and 1 boy, the boy having passed in infancy. The 2 girls are: Mary Evelyn, 10 years old, and Jennie Louise, 7; served with her husband in St. James, Ashland, Kentucky; St. James, Covington, Kentucky; St. John, Nashville, Tenn.; and Avery Chapel, Memphis, Tenn. Now she resides with him in their lovely home in Nashville, Tennessee, while he serves as secretary-treasurer of the Pension Department.

WITHERSPOON, Rev. J. W., pastor St. John, Nashville, Tennessee; born in Manning, South Carolina, June 30, 1893; the son of Robert Weston and Susan Burgess Witherspoon; attended Manning Training School, and Manning High School, Allen University, from which he received L. I. and the A.B., June 1, 1922. On May 30, 1935 he received a D.D. from Allen University; A.M., Atlanta University; served as Sunday school teacher, superintendent, class leader, trustee, district Sunday school superintendent. Licensed to preach at Providence by Rev. J. M. Harrison in March, 1912, and admitted to the Northeast S. C. Conference at Marion in November, 1916; was ordained deacon at Fort Motts, in 1918 by Bishop Chappelle; and elder at Laurens, in 1922 by Bishop Chappelle. He pastored: Chappelle Station, Columbia, from 1918-1920; Denver Circuit, S. C., 1920-1923; St. Andrews, 1926-1928; Mt. Zion, Charleston, 1928-1931; Summerville, S. C., 1931-1932; Allen Temple, Greenville, 1937-1939; Valdosta, Georgia, 1939-1940; Athens, Ga., 1940-1941; Rome, Georgia, in 1941-1946; and St. John, Nashville, since 1946; presiding elder of the Charleston, (S. C.) 1932-1935;

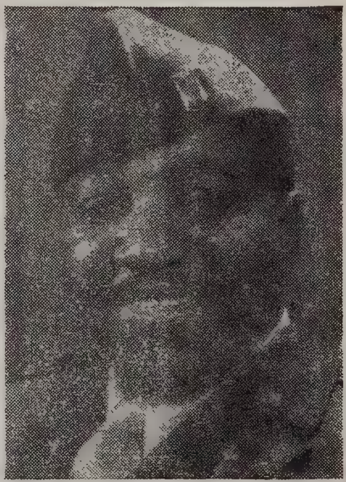
organized Summerville, S. C., in 1936; built Chappelle Station in Columbia, in 1919; St. Andrews Station, in 1927, where he paid a mortgage; also at Boone Chapel at Laurens in 1926; Mt. Zion, Charleston, in 1930; reduced mortgage from $23,000 to $10,000 at Greenville; paid mortgage at Athens, Ga., in 1938; delegate to the General Conference of 1928 and 1936; alternate, 1924, 1932 and 1940. Rev. Witherspoon served as trustee of Allen University from 1922-1939, and Morris Brown College since 1940; has published articles in all church periodicals, and many daily papers, columnist for the Palmetto Leader for years; author of "A Breath Of The Mist" published in 1927. He has a son at Fort Clark, Texas; a corporal in the Cavalry Brigade; one son, a senior at Allen University, Columbia, and 1 daughter, Gwendolyn; member of the Masons, Knights of Pythias, Floyd County Community Chest Worker (Rome, Georgia), and many other civic organizations such as the NAACP etc. He was selected by the State of South Carolina as a special student for study at the South Carolina A. and M. College, Orangeburg, South Carolina, in 1925; qualified as a special teacher in the field of vocations; built Rosenwald County Training School, Laurens County; made a member of the Colored Poetic League of the World; a member of the World Student Conference, Des Moines, Iowa, in 1918; served many years as railway postal clerk; president Allen University Alumni Association, and secretary of the Program Committee of the Connectional Council.

REV. AND MRS. J. W. WITHERSPOON

WITHERSPOON, Mrs. Myrtle Louise, wife of Rev. J. W. Witherspoon; was born in Newberry, South Carolina, on July 25, 1898, the daughter of Silas Ruffe and Harriet Caughman. She is an enthusiastic missionary worker. She attended public school at Newberry, high school, and A & M College, Orangeburg, S. C. In the church she has held the following offices: missionary president, district missionary organizer, district treasurer, district secretary, and conference secretary of the WH&FM Missionary Society. She was elected to several Quadrennial Conventions, including the one at New Orleans, 1947; is an accomplished pianist ad lyric soloist; organized a missionary society at Rome, Ga., as a model in social and religious service to the community; collects more than $700 annually in Society; spends many hundreds of dollars a year for the relief of the suffering; and supports a class of 8 young people in music at a cost of over $200 a year.

WITHERSPOON, Miss Gwendolyn, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Witherspoon, was born in Charleston, S. C., on September 11, 1931; an excellent pianist and soloist, and an "A" high school student. She is president of the Junior Missionary Society, secretary of the Sunday school, president of her high school class, junior usher, organist of Young People's Society, and was a delegate to the North Georgia Annual Conference of the Young People's Missionary Society and in the Quadrennial Convention held in Little Rock, Arkansas, July, 1943.

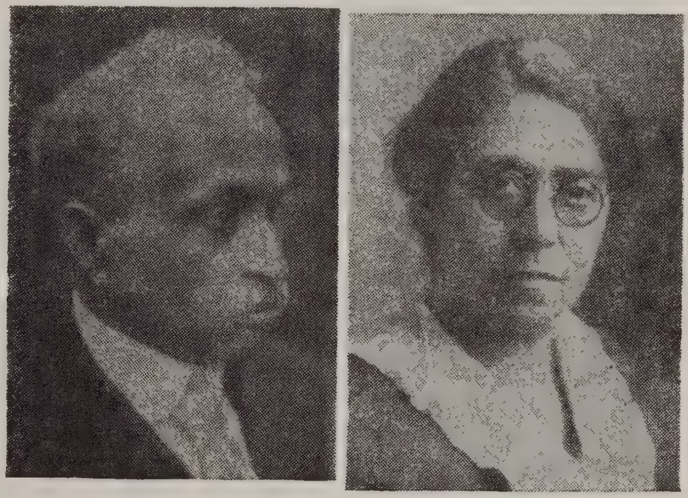
WOODS, Jr., Chaplain General R., son of General R. and Annie (Corrigan) Woods; was born June 23, 1909, Saint Louis, Missouri; educated in the public school of Pine Bluff, Arkansas and St. Louis, Missouri. He received 3 years theory and harmony at Gray's Conservatory of Music, Los Angeles. As a musician, he specialized in trumpet and brass instruments in popular orchestras. In 1936, he entered the ministry and attended Western University School of Religion, graduating in 1940. He was ordained elder by Bishop Williams at Lawrence, Kansas, in 1940. He has also pastored in the states of Kansas and Utah. He married Miss Minnie E. V. Beal, the daughter of Rev. Thomas J. and Kate Beal, July, 1930, in Kansas City. On April 14, 1944, he was appointed Chaplain (1st Lieutenant) U.S.A. He graduated from the Chaplain School at Harvard University, Boston, Mass., on July 15, 1944 and was assigned to the 92nd Infantry Division and served in North African Theater of Operations.



WITHERN, Rev. J. R., was born in Mason, Tennessee, April 18, 1886; finished in the public school of his home town; came to Arkansas and joined St. Peter AME Church, Pinckney, Arkansas; Rev. N. L. Jackson, pastor. Licensed to preach July, 1915, by Rev. R. C. Holbrooks, presiding elder; admitted to East Arkansas Annual Conference, December 14, 1917; ordained deacon, by Bishop Connor; elder by Bishop Ross; pastored at: Haynes Mission, Black Fish Mission, West Memphis Mission, Bruins Chapel, Bruins, Ark.; Countis Circuit, Melwood, Ark.; Allen Temple, Chatfield, Ark.; West Over Circuit, Beech Tree, Ark.; Brown's Chapel, Ferguson, Ark.; St. Paul, Wabash, Ark.; England Circuit, England, Ark.; Altheimer Circuit, Altheimer, Ark.; St. Paul, Hughes, Ark.; Allen Temple, West Helena, Ark, and Mt. Pisgah, Montrose, Ark. He built churches at Brown's Chapel, West Over, Ark.; Allen Temple, West Helena, Ark. A trustee of Shorter College, and is serving his 7th year presiding elder of the Hamburg District, South Arkansas Annual Conference. Shorter College gave him D.D. in 1941. Helped pay Shorter College out of debt in 1943.

WOODS, Rev. Haley Webster, pastor of Pope Chapel Station, Marianna, Florida; principal Friendship Public School, Campbellton, Florida; completed inside and outside St. Paul AME Church, furnished with music and seats at a cost of $1000 in one conference year with only 40 members, paid all claims and assessments, brought the church to conference with 65 members; born in the back woods of Dale County, Alabama, in a family of 8, November 5, 1905; spent 27 months in the public schools; studied at home because poverty prevented parents from sending all the children to school; licensed to preach at 17; entered Bethel College, Montgomery, Ala.; studied at Payne; passed a high school examination at 22; attended college and received 64 semester hours after marrying and becoming the father of 5 children; attended Edward Waters College, and received appointment as principal of public school. Has written articles, "The Progress of the Twentieth Century", "The Negro in a Twentieth Century World"; composed and set to music 14 sacred harp songs, widely sung in Alabama and Florida. The Colored Sacred Harp Song copyrighted 1934 by J. Jackson, the only one of its kind among Negroes so far, contains 100 pages composed by Negroes and sung by jubilee singers over several broadcasting stations.

WOODSON, Rev. George Frederick, (deceased 1941), son of Lewis and Nancy (Turner) Woodson; born May 20, 1861, Pittsburgh, Pa.; married Laura Edna Smith, August 10, 1890; 3 children: Lewis Payne, George Frederick, Jr., and Grace Isabel; educated public school, Pittsburgh, Pa., Central High, Wilberforce University, and Drew University; B.D., Drew University, 1893; honorary A.M., Wilberforce University; D.D., Payne Theological Seminary, 1902; D.D., Morris Brown University, 1925. Licensed to preach at Wilberforce, November 1887; admitted to Bermuda Annual Conference, June, 1888; ordained deacon by Bishop Tanner at Bethel Church, Philadelphia, 1880; elder, at Bermuda by Bishop Tanner in 1888; pastor Bermuda Islands, 1888-1890; Madison, New Jersey, 1890-93; Gouldtown, N. J., 1893-1894; Morristown, N. J., 1894-1895; Wilberforce, Ohio, 1920-1922; served as teacher and dean 1902-1935, Payne Theological Seminary; Prof. of systematic theology, 1895-1902. dedicated Grasls Church, Shelley Bay, Bermuda Islands, 1888; delegate to General Conferences from 1916 to 1940 inclusive; served as trustee at Wilberforce University, 1902-1936; Payne Theological Seminary, secretary-treasurer, Board of Directors, 1897-1938; member and director of the Washington Hospital; Ohio Academy of Social Sciences; and Classical Association Middle West and South; regarded one of the most distinguished graduates of Drew University, 1924.



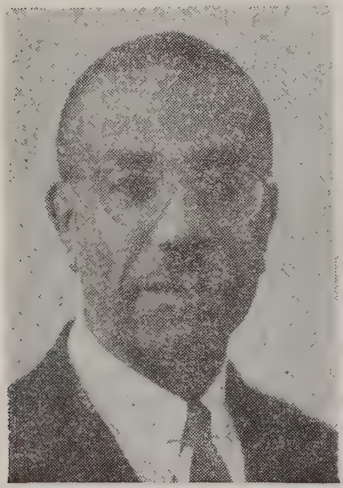
REV. AND MRS. G. F. WOODSON

WOODSON, Mrs. Edna (Smith), wife of the late George F. Woodson; daughter of James and Mary (Wallace) Smith; was born in Cincinnati, Ohio; educated public school, Cincinnati, Ohio; Woodward High School and Wilberforce University; diploma, C. N. & I. Dept., June, 1922; B.S., Wilberforce University, June, 1928; married August 10, 1890; taught school at Tuskegee Institute, Wilberforce public school and Wilberforce University; joined Allen Temple, Cincinnati; member of Vanguard League, National Woman's Republican Club, vice president of County Republican Executive

Committee, National Association of Colored Women, president of District Association of Colored Women, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, County Executive Women's Temperance Union, Women's Mite Missionary Society; delegate to all Quadrennial Sessions of PMMS from 1911 to 1939; president of Ohio Conference Branch WMMS, 1909-1933; published articles Christian Recorder.

WRIGHT, Mr. John Richard, a son of Leavenworth, Kansas who has moved to Pasadena, Calif., was born on July 28, 1886, the son of Joseph and Elizabeth Reading Wright. He is a United States mail carrier. Attended public school at St. Louis, Mo., and high school at Topeka, Kans. College work at Blair Business College, Spokane, Washington. For 11 years, Mr. Wright was a church steward; for 9 years, a trustee and Sunday school superintendent in the First AME Church of Pasadena, Calif. In May, 1940 he was a delegate to the General Conference. He organized and was the first president of the Pasadena Branch NAACP, and state vice-president in 1942; a member of the Pasadena Council of Religious Education (inter-racial and interdenominational); a thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner; president of the Southern California Branch Connectional Lay-Organization of the AME Church.

WRIGHT, Rev. John Wesley, pastor of Bethel AME Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, son of Peter and Julia (Dozier) Wright; born August 3, 1893, Moberly, Mo.; educated public school, Douglass, Garrison, Mo.; Lincoln, Kansas City, Mo.; Western University, and Fresno State, Fresno, Calif.; held offices, Sunday school teacher, steward, class leader, president ACE League; licensed to preach at Bethel by Rev. W. H. Beck, Mar., 1914; admitted to So. West Missouri Annual Conference, October, 1915; ordained deacon by Bishop Parks at Lexington, Mo. in 1917, elder by Bishop Parks at Springfield, Mo., in 1919; pastored Miami, Mo., 1916-1918; Willis Chapel, Kansas City, Mo., 1918-1920; First Church, Trinidad, Colorado, 1920-1922; Trinity, Salt Lake City, 1922-1924; Grant Chapel, Moberly, Mo., 1924-25; Parks Chapel, Oakland, Calif., 1925-1927; St. Paul, San Bernadino, Calif., 1927-1929; Carter Memorial, Fresno, Calif., 1929-1931; Grant Chapel, Toronto, Canada, 1933-1938; paid mortgages Willis Chapel, First Church, Trinidad, Grant Chapel, Moberly, and Bethel, Ann Arbor; was appointed by Gov. Bern of Utah to represent the State at Negro National Educational Congress. Toured the Pacific Coast as Evangelist, 1932-1933.



WRIGHT, Sr., Major Richard Robert, deceased banker, and trustee of Allen AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa., son of Alexander and Harriet Wright, father of Bishop Wright, was born a slave, near Dalton, Georgia, May 16, 1853. His father died while he was yet a child. In 1859 he was sold together with his mother, brother and sister for the sum of $300 or $75 a piece. After Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 he was freed, and in 1865 he entered a missionary school started in an abandoned car box by Christian teachers from New England. In 11 years he graduated with the degree of A.B., from Atlanta University, being in the first class of former slaves in Georgia to receive a college degree. In 1879 he received the A.M. degree from same institution. He was converted and joined the church in 1869, and it was in a Sunday school service that he gave the message to General O. O. Howard, "Tell them we are rising", which was destined to become world famous, immortal, and an inspiration to millions. Major Wright had a varied career. He began as a teacher organizing a primary school in Cuthbert, Georgia, later organized Howard Normal School. In 1880 he organized the first public school for Negroes in Georgia, at Augusta. In 1891 he was elected president of the newly organized Georgia State Industrial College at Savannah, Ga., which position he resigned in 1921 to come to Philadelphia, to take the presidency of the Citizens and Southern Banking Company which had been organized in September, 1920 by himself, his son and daughter, now Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., and Lillian Wright (Mrs. C. C. Clayton). In 1923 he organized the present Citizens and Southern Banking Co., which his personality has had so much to do with developing. President McKinley appointed him paymaster, with the rank of Major, in the United States Army (Volunteers), in the Spanish-American War in 1898. The same president offered to appoint him ambassador to Liberia (Africa), but he declined. In 1879 he started one of the first newspapers of his group in Georgia—"The Journal of Progress", later in Augusta he published "The Sentinel". He was a born organizer: organizing with others the first Georgia Colored Teacher Association, The National Association of presidents of A & M Colleges, the Georgia State Fair, and others. His civic interests were many and stretched over a period of 75 years, including education, thrift, juvenile delinquency, the fight against tuberculosis, sale of war bonds, etc. He had a lively interest in politics and urged his people to vote. He ran for the legislature and for Congress, and was a member of five Republican National Conventions. He, almost single handed and alone secured the Booker T. Washington U. S. postage stamp, and organized National Freedom Day. At heart Major Wright was a scholar. In his early days he taught Greek, Latin and history and read fluently Spanish, German and French. He is one of the pioneers in Negro History having written the "History of Negro Education in Georgia", "Estevanco and Early Negro Explorers of America", "Negro Inventors", etc. He was an orator in great demand. He received LL.D. degree from Wilberforce University in 1898. He did graduate study at Harvard, Chicago and Columbia Universities, Martha's Vineyard, and various summer schools. He traveled widely in America and Europe, and was one of the first of his group to own and travel by airplane. He was a 33rd degree Mason, a past Exalted Ruler of the Elks, an Odd Fellow, Pythian and member of several less known fraternal orders. He was a member of the church for over 80 years. Although an African Methodist he was a friend of all churches, and all ministers of the Gospel. He respected religion. He went to church. He was an officer of the church, and trained his family in the church. At his bedside were always two or three Bibles in different languages, one of which he read each night and each morning during his long life. Though he never sought office in church he taught a Sunday school for many years, and attended annual and general conferences regularly, and was a member of two general conferences. He is best known as a banker and philanthropist. He always opened the bank board meetings and closed them with prayer. He looked upon Citizens and Southern Bank and Trust Company not primarily as a money making business, but as an instrument by which the Negroes should lay a foundation for financial stability, and through which they should learn financial cooperation. Thus the Citizens and Southern under his leadership became a center of economic, social and spiritual inspiration to thousands of people who have bought homes, started businesses, met emergencies through the Citizens and Southern. He made loans of more than two million dollars to help religious and social institutions. Major Wright numbered among his friends people of all races and all classes, from presidents of the United States, to humble washerwomen and ditch diggers. Both President McKinley and President Taft visited him at Savannah, Georgia. On June 7, 1877 he married Lydia Elizabeth Howard, of Columbus, Georgia. Nine children were born of that marriage, eight of whom are now living. They are, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. Ph.D., LL.D., former president of Wilberforce University in Ohio, and one time editor of the Christian Recorder; Dr. Whittier H. Wright, A.M., M.D., Philadelphia physician, and Emanuel C. Wright, A.B., secretary-treasurer of the Citizens and Southern Bank and Trust Co.; Miss Julia O. Wright, A.M., who has been the efficient home maker for her father; Mrs. Essie Wright Thompson, widow of Lewis B. Thompson, contractor and builder; Mrs. Lillian Wright Clayton, wife of C. C. Clayton, former assistant treasurer of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, now with the Citizens and Southern Bank; Mrs. Edwina Wright Mitchell, supervisor of Home Economics in the public schoools of St. Louis, Mo., wife of J. E. Mitchell, A.M., publisher of the St. Louis Argus, and Mrs. Harriet Wright Lemon, A.B., widow of Thomas A. Lemon, former dean of men at Cheyney State Teachers College and later associated with Veterans' Administration. Mrs. Lemon is chief teller and a director of Citizens and Southern Bank. There are 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Of the grand children Miss Louise E. Thompson, A.M., is teacher in the Philadelphia public schools; Mrs. Ruth Wright Hayre, A.M., is instructor in William Penn Senior High School; R. R. Wright, 3rd, B.S., M.B.A., is cashier of the Tri-State Bank of Memphis, Tennessee; Mrs. Gladys Thompson Vann, B.S., Philadelphia school teacher; Mrs. Alberta Wright McClain, B.S., of Campbell College, Mississippi, and Mrs. Grace Wright Kyle, A.M., of Memphis, Tenn., editor of Youth Magazine and director of Goodwill Book Shop, and five younger grand children, all in school. (Obituary read by Rev. W. C. Williamson, July 7, 1947 at funeral of Major Wright, who died July 2, 1947).

WRIGHT, Bishop Richard Robert, Jr., 57th bishop; son of Major R. R. and Mrs. Lydia Elizabeth (Howard) Wright; born April 16, 1878, at Cuthbert, Ga.; educated in public schools, and Haines Institute, of Augusta, Ga.; Georgia State College, A.B., 1898; University of Chicago, B.D., 1901, and A.M., 1904; University of Pennsylvania, Ph.D., 1911; University of Berlin, Germany, 1903-1904; and University of Leipzig, Germany, 1904; received gold medal for scholarship from Georgia State College; was Research Fellow in Sociology in 1905-1906; and Special University Fellow in Sociology at University of Pennsylvania, 1906-1908; converted February, 1891, and joined Bethel AME Church, Augusta, Ga., served as Sunday school teacher, and superintendent, class leader and steward; licensed to exhort April, 1898, to preach April, 1899; ordained deacon, September, 1900 at Minneapolis, Minn.; elder, September, 1901, at St. Stephens, Chicago, both by Bishop A. Grant; was assistant pastor of the Institutional Church, Chicago, 1900-1901; instructor of Hebrew and New Testament Greek in Payne Theological Seminary, 1901-03; on leave of absence to study in Germany, 1903-04; pastor at Elgin, Ill., September, 1904; Trinity, Chicago, 1904-1905; in University of Pennsylvania, 1905-1908; pastor Conshohocken, Pa., 1908-1909; editor Christian Recorder, 1909-1936; concurrently president of Wilberforce University, 1932-1936; 1941-1942; business manager of the Book Concern, as well as editor, 1909-1912 and 1916-1920; paid Book Concern completely out of debt and burned mortgage of $10,000 in 1919; delegate to the Ecumenical Conferences 1911, 1921, when he was on the program, 1931 and 1947. Married Miss Charlotte Crogman, daughter of Dr. W. H. Crogman, president of Clark University, at Atlanta, Ga., September 8, 1909. They have four children: Mrs. Ruth Hayre, instructor in William Penn High School, Philadelphia; Richard R. Wright, III, cashier of the Tri-State Bank, Memphis, Tennessee; Mrs. Grace W. Kyle, wife of Rev. D. V. Kyle, Memphis; Mrs. Alberta McClain, wife of Prof. William McClain of Campbell College, Mississippi; was resident of the Eighth Ward Social Settlement, Philadelphia, 1905-1907; served at various times as member of the board of managers of Association for Protection of Colored Women, Spring Street Social Settlement; committee on Negro Churches, and Social Service Commission of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America; The Pennsylvania Abolition Society; Mercy Hospital; author of "The Encyclopaedia of African Methodism", 1916; 1947; "Mission Study Courses Nos. 1 and 2," "Negro in Pennsylvania", "Teaching of Jesus", "The Negro Problem", "Church Financing", "Handbook of the AME Church", "What the Negro Gives to His Church", and a score of other books and pamphlets. His sociological studies have been published by United States Department of Labor, Pennsylvania Bureau of Industrial Statistics, Pittsburgh Survey, Annals of American Academy of Political and Social Science, Southern Workmen, Starr Center, Southern Sociological Society, etc. He was one of the founders and first field secretary of the Armstrong Association, first affiliate of the National Urban League, 1908-1909; he has lectured at Howard University, Wilberforce, Allen, Campbell College, and A & M College (Mississippi), Lincoln University, (Mo.) Cheyney State Teachers College, University of Pennsylvania, Institute for Colored Youths and numerous educational institutions. With his wife and daughter (Mrs. Hayre) he published the Poems of Phillis Wheatley, 1911 and 1930; founded the Eighth Ward Building and Loan Association in 1906 and the Citizens and Southern Building and Loan Association in 1922; was co-founder, with his father and sister, and chief financial backer of the Citizens and Southern Banking Co., in Philadelphia in 1920; and director of Citizens and Southern Bank and Trust Co. since 1923; one of the founders of and president of the Union Mutual Insurance Co.; owner of the Citizens and Southern Realty Co.; the Pennsylvania Church Supply Co., secretary of "The People's Bank". Upon being elected bishop in 1936 he disposed of all business interests except directorship of the Citizens and Southern Bank. Served as bishop of South Africa, 1936-1940; founded the "R. R. Wright, Jr. School of Religion of South Africa"; The Crogman Community Clinic and built 50 churches and schools, took largest number of persons from America ever taken as missionaries: Mr. E. C. Maxeke and Rev. L. C. Gow, 1936; Dr. and Mrs. A. J. White, 1937 for Wilberforce Institute; Dr. J. R. Coan, 1938, for the School of Religion; Mr. R. R. Wright, III., for economic study and Nurse Grace Ware, 1938, for Crogman Clinic; Mrs. L. M. Hughes, Connectional President of the WH&F Missionary Society 1936-1939, for inspection of the mission work; was assigned to the 13th District 1940; founded the "R. R. Wright, Jr. School of Religion of the 13th District" and the "Goodwill Service Centers" of Memphis, Louisville and Lexington, also the Men's Service League. From 1940-1944 president of the Missionary Board; June, 1946 he has been bishop of New York, and since November, 1946 he has been bishop over New Jersey, New England and Bermuda. During the Spanish-American War he served as paymaster's clerk in the Department of the Gulf, 1898; during First World War he served as member of Bond Drives; during World War II, served as chairman of committee on Chaplains for the AME Church; and a member of the committee on Venereal Diseases and Social Protection; vice-president National Citizens Political Action Committee, etc.; is now statistician of the Bishops' Council, chairman of the Board of Publication, chairman of the Social Service Commission of the AME Church; executive secretary of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches, and president of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches and president of the National Goodwill Association.

WRIGHT, Charlotte Crogman, wife of Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.; daughter of Dr. William H. and Mrs. Lavinia (Mott) Crogman; was born September 19, 1879 in Atlanta, Ga.; A.B. Clark University, 1900; A.M. Clark University; studied at University of Chicago; taught at Haines Institute, Augusta, Georgia and Clark University; married Rev. R. R. Wright, Jr., Sept. 8, 1909 at Atlanta; mother of four children; traveled over 100,000 miles with her husband in South Africa from Capetown to Lourenzo Marques, and Belgian Congo, 1936-1940; supervisor of Missions in 13th and part of 1st Episcopal Districts; aided her husband as assistant editor of the Christian Recorder; contributor to the Voice of Missions, The Women's Missionary Recorder, Ivy Leaf, Opportunity, etc., co-editor of The Poems of Phillis Wheatley, and the Encyclopaedia of African Methodism; member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

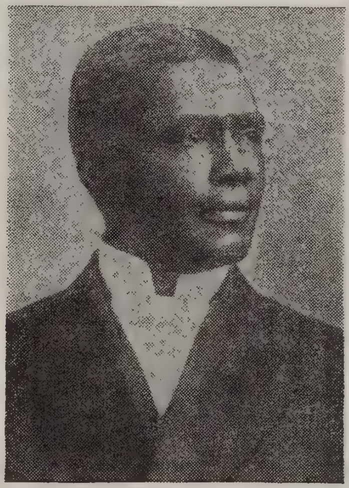
WRIGHT, Richard Robert, III, cashier of Tri-State Bank of Memphis, Tennessee; son of Bishop and Mrs. Wright; born October 12, 1912 in Philadelphia; educated public schools of Philadelphia; Wilberforce University (B.S. in Commerce, 1934); Ohio State University (M.B.A.); was deputy manager of the AME Book Concern, 1936-19'7; held in South Africa a meeting of the South African Business Men's Association; served as clerk in National Youth Administration; instructor in business administration and economics in Edward Waters College; purchasing agent, instructor in business administration, and publicity director of Wilberforce University, 1941-1946; trustee of Avery AME Church, Memphis, Tennessee; member of the General Conference of 1940, 1944 and 1948; instructor in "R. R. Wright, Jr. School of Religion", member of finance committee 13th district, Mid-Year Conference; member of board of directors, "R. R. Wright, Jr., School of Religion", and of 13th District Social Service Commission, and advisor in economic affairs for the 13th District. In 1940 he was married to Miss Neva Gilmore, a graduate (A.B.) of Ohio University and teacher in Xenia, Ohio, high school; they have two children; Richard Robert, IV, and Phillip Gilmore Wright. The Tri-State Bank reached a million dollors in resources in less than 6 months after its opening December, 1946.

YOUNG, Bishop George Benjamin, was born in Texas; reared on a farm; converted when a boy; attended rural schools and Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas, and Wilberforce University, graduating with B.D. degree in 1896; was ordained deacon and elder in Texas; served as dean of Theology in Paul Quinn College, pastor and presiding elder in various parts of Texas. Was elected bishop while pastor of Bethel, Dallas, Texas, in 1928; served in South Africa four years, 1928-1936, extended the AME Church in Swaziland and Rhodesia; built the church at Bremersdorp, Swaziland, the church at Salisbury, Rhodesia; purchased 3000 acre tract of land outside Bulawayos, Southern Rhodesia, inspired the formation of the South African Burial Society one of the largest businesses conducted by the Bantu of South Africa, and other business enterprises; bishop of Arkansas and Oklahoma from 1932-1936; and of Texas since 1934; chairman of trustee board of Paul Quinn College; chairman of the missionary board, 1936-1940; chairman of the Bureau of Evangelism since 1940; preached quadrennial sermon at general conference of 1944.

BISHOP AND MRS. G. B. YOUNG

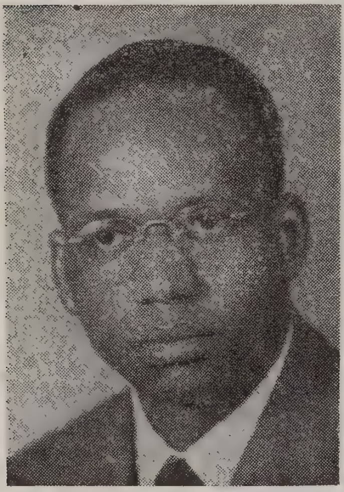
YOUNG, Mrs. G. B., wife of Bishop George B. Young; born in Milan County, Texas; attended public school in the same county; attended Prairie View College, Prairie View, Texas and Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas; taught school about 10 years· finished a course in Home Economics and Art at Paul Quinn College; was married to Bishop George B. Young, August 6, 1881, and accompanied him to South Africa, 1928-1932.

YOUNG, Mrs. Erma, member of Bethel AME Church, 21 years; graduated from high school; held the offices in the local church of trustee aid, 6 years; choir member, 12 years; superintendent, Young People's Department, 2 years; attended Icy Teel's School of Expression, 2 years; Past Matron of Naomi Chap. O.E.S. Del. to N.W. Annual Conf., 2 years. Delegate to General Conference of 1944; Sunday school teacher, two years.



CHAPPELLE, William David, deceased, bishop of the AME Church, was born of slave parents, Henry and Patsy Chappelle in Fairfield County, South Carolina, November 16, 1857. He began school in 1869 and later entered the Fairfield Normal Institute. He began teaching in the public schools in 1880. He was converted in 1875 and was called to preach; in November, 1881, he joined the Columbia Annual Conference and was given a mission (Pine Grove) in Lexington County. In 1887, he graduated from Allen University and ten years later he was elected its president, while he was also presiding elder. In 1900, he was elected as the secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Union, Nashville, Tenn., and served 8 years; served from 1908 to 1912 as president of Allen University; was elected bishop in 1912. W. D. Chappelle was poor for when he left Winnsboro in 1881, he had only $50 with which to enter school, but being determined and persistent in the acquiring of an education, Bishop Dickerson took hold of him and assisted him. To him were born five children, two girls, Lula K. and Clotelle D., and three sons, William D., Jr., LeRoy P., and Henry Talmage. He was married twice, first to Miss Eliza Ayers (who died May 17, 1899) and Miss Rosina Palmer, of Columbia, S. C. He died in 1924.

WRIGHT, Rev. Wallace M., pastor Allen Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio; born in Orangeburg, South Carolina September 5, 1903, the son of Rev. Y. W. and Anna Phillips Wright; licensed to preach in Mount Pisgah AME Church, Sumter, South Carolina, January 7, 1924; admitted to Michigan Annual Conference at Jackson, Michigan, September, 1925; ordained deacon at South Bend, Ind., September, 1928; elder at Grand Rapids, Michigan, September, 19.8; was granted scholarship from Michigan Conference to Wilberforce University 1926; graduated from College and Seminary of Wilberforce, 1928 and 1936 respectively. Served for the past 15 years as pastor and presiding elder in Ohio. Secretary of Ohio Conference for 12 years. Superintendent of Sunday schools of Ohio Conference 8 years. Past vice president of the Elks Association of Ohio. 2 years graduate work in the field of Sociology at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio. Member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Married Miss Harriett Busby; father of two sons.



YATES, Rev. Walter L., pastor at Blodensburg, Maryland, son of Julius and Edna (Bruce) Yates; born December 12, 1912, Winona, Miss.; educated public school, Clarendon; Shorter College and Philander Smith, College; A.B., Philander Smith, 1942. Held church offices: Supt. Sunday school, class leader, steward, and trustee; licensed to preach by Rev. Thomas Ray, at Liberty Church in Aug. 1932; admitted to East Arkansas Annual Conference at Holly Grove in Dec., 1932; ordained deacon by Bishop Greene at Clarendon in 1934; elder, by Bishop Tookes, at Malvern in 1936. Pastored: Trinity Mission, 1933; Conn Chapel, 1934-1935; Meto Circuit, 1935; Benton, 1937; Monticello Circuit, 1938; Lee Chapel Cir., 1938-1942; Blodensburg, Md., 1943; published articles in the Recorders, Washington Tribune, and Arkansas State Press; member of Community Civics Club, Master Mason, Tenants Employ, Men's Union, chaplain and charter member of Pi Sigma Psi fraternity; organizer and supervisor of the Community Civic Club. Now studying in the School of Religion, Howard University.

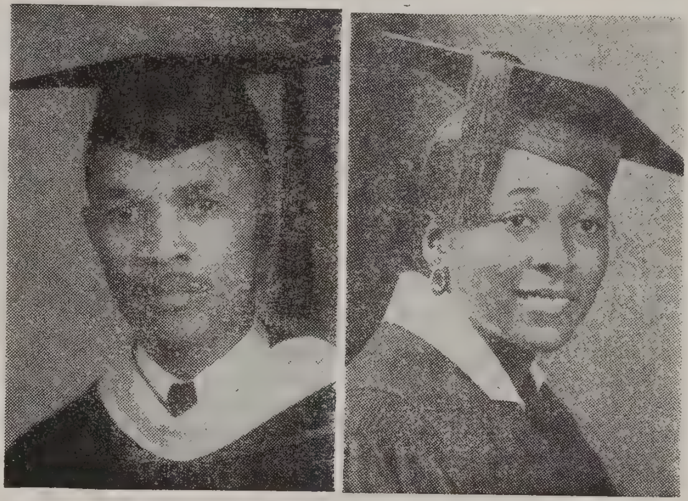
YOUNG, Rev. James Arthur, presiding elder of the Richmond District, Virginia Conference, son of William W. and Ann Rebecca (Soden) Young; born January 23, 1886, Dorchester County, Maryland; married Mary Bourne; educated public school, Baltimore, Md.; Wilberforce University; B.D., Payne Seminary, 1908; D.D., Wilberforce University, 1922; licensed to preach at Ebenezer, Baltimore, Md., by Rev. C. W. Mossell, 1904; admitted to Ohio Conference in Dayton, 1908; ordained deacon by Bishop Derrick, 1908 at Dayton; elder by Bishop J. Albert Johnson, 1909, at Cambridge, Md. Pastored Jonestown Mission, 1909-6 months; Chestertown, Md. 1910-1916; Cambridge, Md., 1916-19; Cantonsville, Md., 1919-1922; St. John's, Norfolk, Virginia, 1922-1926; Emanuel, Portsmouth, Va., 1926-1932; St. John's, Norfolk, Va., 1932-1939; Dean of Theology, Kittrell, 1909-1910; presiding elder, Richmond District, 1939-1943. Built Bethel, Chestertown, Md., 1915; paid mortgage on Grace Church, Cantonsville, Md.

REV. AND MRS. J. A. YOUNG

YOUNG, Mable Bourne, wife of Rev. James Arthur Young; daughter of Charles A. and Henrietta (Anderson) Bourne; was born in Washington, D. C.; educated in public schools, Washington, D. C., Baltimore high school, and Teachers' Training School, Baltimore, Md.; secretary-treasurer, Young People's Department of the Virginia Conference Branch; representative, 2nd District, Parent Body WM Society, elected supervisor of Connectional YPD of newly merged WMS in 1944.

YOUNG, Mrs. Katie Ladd, wife of Allen Young; daughter of Sam and Cilva Ladd; was born in Ashley County, Arkansas, July 4, 1866; educated in the public schools in Ashley County, Arkansas. Married Rev. George Dennis but after his death married Allen Young; was educated in the public schools in Ashley County, Ark.; joined the church when very small; served in the church as: president of local Missionary Society; district treasurer for 40 years, and at present conference branch treasurer. Has done very much to encourage Rev. R. K. Young, a lad placed in her charge for training.

YOUNG, Rev. Rufus King, pastor Hair's Tabernacle, Jackson, Miss.; son of Robert and Laura (Scott) Young; born May 13, 1911, Dermott, Ark.; married Essie Mae Adams, Sept. 10, 1941. 1 child: Essie Mae Laura Elizabeth; born August 29, 1942; educated public school, Young's Chapel, Dermott, Arkansas; Chicot County Training School, Dermott; Shorter College, North Little Rock, Ark.; A.B., Shorter College, 1937; B.D., Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University, 1940; held offices of steward, secretary steward board, exhorter, local preacher, and assistant pastor; licensed to preach at Young Chapel by Rev. J. H. Clayborn, February 12, 1921; admitted to South Arkansas Annual Conference November, 1927; ordained deacon by Bishop W. T. Vernon, November 2, 1930, at McGehee, Ark.; elder by Bishop S. L. Greene, November 25, 1934, at Mottilton, Ark. Pastored: St. Peter, Lake Village, Arkansas, 1929-1931; Parnell and Gaines, Sanding, Arkansas, 1930-1931; St. Paul, Ark., 1931-1933; Soldier's Rest, Collins, Ark., 1931-1933; St. Andrew, Little Rock, Ark., 1933-1937; Hair's Tabernacle, Jackson, Miss., 1940-1943; paid mortgage on Saint Peter AME Church, Lake Village, Ark.; St. Andrew AME Church, Little Rock, Ark.; Hair's Tabernacle, Jackson, Miss.; received 109 people into the AME Church and had 51 conversions; member of Hinds County Educational Federal Credit Union, Mississippi Cooperative Church Council, and President of YMCA. Received honors as secretary of Arkansas Annual Conference and highest honor in each graduation class in school; dean of Edward W. Lampton School of Religion, Campbell College, Miss.



REV. AND MRS. R. K. YOUNG

YOUNG, Mrs. Essie Mae Ethel, wife of Rev. R. K. Young, instructor in biology, Campbell College; daughter of James Lee and Edna Elizabeth (Moore) Adams; born October 8, 1920 at Holcomb, Miss.; educated in Campbell College, Jackson, Miss.; and Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Miss.; A.B., Tougaloo College, 1941; received honors as president of the Girls Reserve, second highest average in high school, highest average in Teacher Training Course, church pianist, Sunday school teacher, president YPD, stewardess, and class leader; teacher at Campbell College, 1941-1944.

PART II

Encyclopedia of African Methodism

Below are given definitions and descriptions of the principal terms used in African Methodism, and of interest to the churches of Negroes, and Negroes in general. The principal sources are the disciplines of the AME Church, The Centennial Encyclopaedia, by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., the History of the AME Church, by Bishop Daniel A. Payne; another Centennial History, by Rev. J. T. Jenifer; the History of the AME Church, by Bishop C. S. Smith; Unwritten History, by Bishop L. J. Coppin; South Africa, by Bishop Coppin; The Budgets, by Bishop B. W. Arnett; Vital Statistics, by Rev. J. H. Smith; A Century of Missions, by Rev. L. L. Berry; The Negro Year Book, Tuskegee Institute.

ABBREVIATIONS USED, in this book are as follows:

A.B., Artium Baccalaureus (Bachelor of Arts)
A.M., Artium Magister a Master of Arts.
Ala., Alabama.
AME, African Methodist Episcopal.
AMEZ, African Methodist Episcopal Zion.
Ark., Arkansas.
Assn., Association.
Atty., Attorney.
Ave., Avenue.
B.A., Bachelor of Arts.
B. Agr., Bachelor of Agriculture.
Bapt., Baptist.
B.D., Bachelor of Divinity.
B.L., (Lett.B.) Bachelor of Letters.
B.L.S., Bachelor.
B.Pd., Bachelor of Pedagogy.
B.S., Bachelor of Science.
BWI, British West Indies.
Cal., California.
Capt., Captain.
CME, Colored Methodist Episcopal.
Colo., Colorado.
D, Discipline.
D. C., District of Columbia.
D.C.L., Doctor of Civil Law; Dr. of Canonial Law.
D.D., Doctor of Divinity.
D.D.S., Doctor of Dental Surgery.
Dem., Democrat.
Dept., Department.
Dist., District.
Dr., Doctor.
E., East.
F. and A.M., Free and Accepted Mason.
Fla., Florida.
Frat., Fraternity.
Ga., Georgia.
G.A.R., Grand Army of the Republic.
Gov., Governor.
G.U.O. of O.F., Grand United Order of Odd Fellows.
I.B.P.O.E. of W., Independent Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World.
Ill., Illinois.
I.O. St. Luke, Independent Order of St. Luke.
Inc., Incorporated.
Ind., Indiana.
Ins., Insurance.
Ia., Iowa.
K. of P., Knights of Pythias.
K.T., Knights Templar.
Ky., Kentucky.
La., Louisiana.
L. I., Long Island.
Litt. B., Bachelor of Literature.
LL.B., Legium Bachelaureus, Bachelor of Laws.
LL.D., Legium Doctor, Doctor of Laws.
Lt., Lieutenant.
M.A., Master of Arts.
Maj., Major.
Mass., Massachusetts.
M.B.A., Master of Business Administration.
ME, Methodist Episcopal.
Meth., Methodist.
Mich., Michigan.
Minn., Minnesota.
Miss., Mississippi.
Mme., Madam.
Mo., Missouri.
Mus. B., Bachelor of Music.
Mus. D., Doctor of Music.
N., North.
NAACP, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
Nat. Med. Assn., National Medical Association.
N. C., North Carolina.
N. E., Northeast.
N. J., New Jersey.
N. W., Northwest.
N. Y., New York.
N.Y.B., Negro Year Book.
OES, Order of Eastern Star.
Okla., Oklahoma.
p., page, pp, pages.
Ph.B., Bachelor of Philosophy.
Ph.D., Doctor of Philosophy.
P. E., Presiding Elder.
Penna., Pennsylvania.
Ph.G., Graduate in Pharmacy.
P.O., Post Office.
Pres., President.
Prof., Professor.
R.F.D., Rural Free Delivery.
Rev., Reverend.
R. I., Rhode Island.
R. R., Railroad.
S., South.
S. A., South Africa.
S. Am., South America.
S.B., Bachelor of Science.
S. C., South Carolina.
Sem., Seminary.
S.T.B., Bachelor of Sacred Theology.
S.T.D., Doctor of Sacred Theology.
S.T.M., Master of Sacred Theology.
Supt., Superintendent.
Th.D., Doctor of Theology.
Theol., Theology.
Th.M., Master of Theology.
Treas., Treasurer.
U.B.F., United Brethren of Friendship.
U. S., United States.
U.S.A., United States Army; Union of South Africa.
U.N.I.A., Universal Negro Improvement Association.

Va., Virginia.
Vs., Versus.
W., West.
W. Va., West Virginia.
WCTU, Women's Christian Temperance Union.
WMMS, Women's Mite Missoinary Society.
W.H. & F.M.S., Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.
WMS, Women's Missionary Society.
YMCA, Young Men's Christian Asosciation.
YWCA, Young Women's Christian Association.
YPD, Young People's Department.
YPSCE, Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor.

ABANDONED PROPERTY. When a church has been disbanded, and no regular services are held in the church building, the annual conference shall declare the property formerly used by the church as "abandoned property". The title of the property then goes, according to the church law, to the Board of Church Extension which shall sell the property and use the net proceeds for the aid of mission work in the annual conference in which the said abandoned property is located. It is unlawful for the annual conference, presiding elder, anyone else to attempt to sell such property. D. p. 39 is the management of affairs. Church administration is the management.

ABSTINENCE is the voluntary refraining from the gratification of appetites and animal passions. In a religious sense this practice is to enable the individual to keep his body in subjection so that his spiritual life may develope. Abstinence is recommended by the Discipline of the AME Church as one of the preacher's personal duties.

ACTIVE BISHOPS. All the bishops living and serving on their assignments are termed "active bishops", in contrast with retired, or suspended bishops. See "Bishops".

ADDRESSES OF THE ACTIVE BISHOPS, January 1, 1948 are as follows: Bishop William A. Fountain, 242 Boulevard, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.; Bishop Reverdy Cassius Ransom, Tawawa Chimney Corner, Wilberforce, Ohio; Bishop John Andrew Gregg, 1150 Washington Blvd., Kansas City, Kansas; Bishop Sherman L. Greene, 3612 Calhoun St., New Orleans, La.; Bishop George B. Young, Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas; Bishop Monroe H. Davis, 1226 Druid Hill Avenue, Baltimore, Md.; Bishop Noah W. Williams, 4423 Enright Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.; Bishop Henry Y. Tookes, 1011 W. Eighth St., Jacksonville, Fla.; Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., Box 8, Wilberforce, Ohio; Bishop D. Ward Nichols, 209 Edgecombe Ave., New York, N. Y.; Bishop Frank Madison Reid, Allen University, Columbia, S. C.; Bishop A. J. Allen, 2193 E. 89th St., Cleveland, Ohio; Bishop George W. Baber, 110 Boston Road, Detroit, Michigan; Bishop J. H. Clayborn, 1800 Marshall St., Little Rock, Arkansas.

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ADMINISTRATION. The administration of the church is its conduct or management, and refers principally to worship or order of service, the personnel or persons appointed or elected to serve, the organization of various departments and their work, and the finances of the local and general church. In other words the administration of the church is the management of its various services. See "Episcopacy", "Presiding Elders", "Pastors", "Church Conferences", various Departments, "Stewards", "Trustees", "Finances".

ADMISSION INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP. Persons admitted into full membership of the church must prove, through questionings, their belief in the doctrines, etc., of the church, and their willingness to support the same. They should serve a probationship of at least three months satisfactorily to their pastor and class leader. Persons, however, who have certificates of full membership from other Methodist churches need not necessarily serve the three-months' probation. And converts may be accepted without probation into full membership; also persons coming from other churches with letters provided they come recommended by two members within 12 months of their arrival in the community. See Discipline 1944, p.p 103-4.

ADMISSION OF PREACHERS. A preacher to be admitted to an annual conference must not be over 40 years old; must be recommended by a district conference, or for other reasons set forth in the discipline. He then may be admitted: ON TRIAL by vote of the annual conference, provided he proves himself well versed in the discipline and doctrines of the church and in the studies prescribed by the discipline. He may be admitted to FULL CONNECTION provided he has "maintained a good character two years on trial, proved his fitness, given the annual conference satisfaction in the studies for the second year, and in the special examination for admission". "An unordained preacher FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION may enter the itinerant ministry of the AME Church, only by becoming a member of a local church and entering the annual conference regularly". "An ordained preacher may come in the same way or he may be received by an annual conference on proving his ordination, accepting our doctrine—giving satisfactory evidence of gifts, graces, etc., provided, however, that ministers who come from churches that recognize only one order of the ministry, shall be received as deacons", D.pp. 112-113.

AFFILIATED MEMBERS, are mmebers who move temporarily from their homes and are enrolled in the places where they have moved, and have all the privileges of membership without losing the continuity of their memberships in their home churches.

AFRICA, the largest continent of the globe, is in the eastern hemisphere, the only continent in three zones being partly in the north temperate, torrid and south temperate zones. It contains about 12,262,000 square miles, and has a population, no one knows how many, but variously estimated from 140,000,000 to 200,000,000 people, of whom approximately 5,000,000 are whites. In latitude Africa reaches from 37 degrees, 21 minutes, north (about the latitude of Norfolk, Va.) to 34 degrees, 51 minutes, south (the latitude of Buenos Ayres), and in longitude from 17 degrees, 30 minutes, west, to 51 degrees, 28 minutes, east. It is about 5,000 miles long, from north to south, and 4,500 miles wide. It is bounded on the north by the Mediterranean Sea and the Strait of Gibraltar, which separate it from Europe; on the east by the Red Sea which separates it from Asia, and also by the Indian Ocean; on the south by the Indian and Atlantic Oceans; and on the west by the Atlantic Ocean. The origin of the name "Africa" is uncertain, though thought to be Pheonician as a designation of Carthage, which was a colony of Tyre. The inhabitants of Africa are chiefly brown and black. There are 42 political divisions, chiefly under England, France, Belgium, Portugal, Italy and Spain. Only the Union of South African, Liberia and Abyssinia are independent. See Missionary Study Course: Africa, 300—Questions and Answers, (by R. R. Wright, Jr.)

AFRICA, SOUTH, is that part of Africa south of the Belgian Congo and includes Angola, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Mozambique (Portuguese East Africa) Southwest Africa, Bechuanaland, Swaziland, Basutoland and the Union of South Africa. About one third of the population of Africa lives in South Africa. The AME Church has work in all of these countries except Angola. The leading country is the Union of South Africa which is one of the Dominions of the British Empire and is self-governing, similar to Canada. It comprises 472,494 square miles with about 10,000,000 population, approximately as follows: Bantu (native Africans), 7,500,000; Europeans (whites) 2,003.50; Colored or mixed bloods, 700,000; Asiatics, 200,000. It has more Europeans (whites) than any other country in Africa. Southern Rhodesia is a self governing British colony, comprising 153,322 square miles having approximately 28,255 whites and 1,311,000 natives; Nyasaland 37,000 square miles, with 1,600,000 Africans and 1,700 whites; Northern Rhodesia, 290,320 square miles, with 1,372,235 native Africans and 13,846 whites; and Bechuanaland, 175,000 square miles, with 257,064 native Africans, 1,879 whites, are Protectorate. Swaziland 6,704 square miles, with 153,270 Africans and 2,740 whites; and Basutoland 11,716 square miles; 560,536 native Africans, and 1434 whites are Colonies. South Africa was discovered to the white man by Vasco de Gama in 1484 while trying, like Columbus, to find a sea route to India. In 1488 Magellan rounded Cape of Good Hope. The Dutch whose descendants dominate the Union of South Africa came in 1652 about the time the Dutch went to the New World. The English took charge of the Cape Colony about 1800. Conquering the Dutch who moved North, and established themselves in Orange Free State and the Transvaal. South Africa boomed after the discovery of diamonds about 1870 and gold about 1886. Here are the world's greatest diamond and gold mines, to develop which whites flocked from Europe. South Africa has many modern cities as modern as most American cities, except for the segregated areas where the the native Africans live in poverty and practical disfranchisement. Such cities are Johannesburg, Pretoria, Capetown, Durban, Bloemfontein, Port Elizabeth, and New London. Attempts have been made to crowd the natives into reservations and take their lands just as the white man did the Indian in America. Whether they will succeed is the great challenge of Christianity today. Christian missionaries first came to South Africa about 1738, George Schmidt being the first, starting near Capetown. To-day there are forty missions in South Africa: nearly every large missionary society doing some work there. The British and Foreign Bible Society, now aided by the American Bible Society, is the principal distributor of the Bible. The French Mission in Basutoland, the American Mission Board, in Natal and Transvaal, are among the largest missionary organizations operating. Fort Hare College at Alice, Cape Province is a part of the University of South Africa, and confers the B.A. degree.

AFRICAN NATIVES, SOUTH, prefer to be called the Bantu, which means "The people". The chief tribes are the Zulu, the Eoxa, the Basutho, Swazis, etc. Migrations of these tribes have minimized the differences, both of language and physical features that were maintained during previous centuries. The Bible has been translated into many of these languages and the missionaries have set up schools over the territory. About forty (40) different missionary groups from Europe and America operate in Africa. The main membership is Methodist, being part of the South Africa Methodist Church which some years ago became an independent organization. The most influential church that has been formed and it has about half million native members. The natives themselves have become much dissatisfied with the churches as they are conducted in South Africa and have set up some seven hundred (700) different churches having a membership of possibly a million. The African Methodist Church began its work in Africa in the event of Bishop Turner in 1898.

AFRICA, SOUTH, THE AME CHURCH IN. On November 1, 1892, the Rev. M. M. Mokone felt conscientiously moved to withdraw from the Wesleyan Methodist Church of South Africa. The eternal color line made itself manifest, even in the district synod of the Wesleyan Church, and resulted in the separation of the white from the native and colored ministers, causing the deliberations of the latter to be presided over by a European or white president, with a white secretary. Rev. M. M. Mokone and others felt the sting of an unnecessary humiliation unbecoming the Christian ministry and unworthy of the Saviour's teaching of oneness amongst His followers, and so he with about 50 members, organized "The Ethiopian Church" in Pretoria Transvaal, South Africa, November 20, 1892. Under President Kruger's regime, the Transvaal Government recognized "The Ethiopian Church" in January, 1893. November, 1893, the first church was opened in the Marabastard Native Location, in an old thatched house, the property of one Mr. William Kakanda, who though a Wesleyan, was in sympathy with the movement. The Rev. George Wearind, chairman and general superintendent of the "White Wesleyan Church" in Pretoria, was invited to preach at the opening service, but was unable to attend, and the Rev. W. J. Underwood, of the "White Wesleyan Congregation" preached the dedicatory sermon. His text was Genesis 10, the same passage that Bishop Francis Asbury, of the ME Church, used at the dedication of Bethel Church in Philadelphia, the Mother Church of our Connection in 1794. The first preachers ordained in "The Ethiopian Church" were Rev. J. Z. Tantsi and Rev. J. G. Xaba. They were ordained by Rev. M. M. Mokone, assisted by Rev. J. M. Kanjane, of the African Church. This new-born church became abundant with life, because of its freedom and independence.

The time came when the ministers and officers of the Ethiopian Church felt the need of new stimulus, wise counsel and sustained energies. A native young woman of keen intelligence named Charlotte Manye, of Johannesburg, Transvaal, who had gone with several other South Africans to America as a part of the singing group, became a student, with five others, at Wilberforce University. She first called the attention of her uncle, Rev. Mokone to the AME, by means of a letter-head of Bishop H. M. Turner, D.D., of Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A., as representative of the greatest Negro Church in the world—the African Methodist Episcopal Church. On May 21, 1895, Elder Mokone wrote Bishop Turner for information as to school facilities for his son. Later he wrote again, asking to be told something of the AME Church in America. In reply, Bishop Turner sent a discipline, a hymnal and other books pertaining to the Church life. The African brethren, after carefully reading and pondering over the contents of the Church literature, came to the unanimous conclusion that that was the Church for them—one in racial affinity. Hence, at the third session of the Ethiopian Conference, held in Pretoria, March 17, 1896, it was resolved to be united, if possible, with the AME Church of America. It was at this conference that Rev. James M. Dwane joined as a minister in good standing, having withdrawn from the Wesleyan Church of South Africa; also that two delegates—Rev. James M. Dwane and Rev. J. G. Xaba—were elected to go to America to consumate the union. The Rev. Dwane was the first to arrive at Cape Town enroute for America. Before booking his passage, he called upon Mr. F. M. Gow, at his business place in Shortmarket Street, showed him the resolution of the Ethiopian Conference, and said, "Now, Mr. Gow, do you think the brethren in America will accept us?" He replied, "Gladly." Rev. Dwane said, "We have long desired to join hands with our brethren across the seas—we have nothing to offer them but our needs; for indeed, and after all, we are but seeking our own." Mr. Gow replied, "That is so, I am satisfied that our Church in America will accord you a hearty welcome". "And now," he said, "I am satisfied. I have to wait for Brother Xaba, but I do not think he cares for a sea voyage. If he does not come tomorrow, I must go without him. I am sorry to go without him, but I can't afford to wait another week in Cape Town for him." Brother Xaba did not arrive the day when they both should have sailed together; and so on April 15, 1896, Rev. Dwane left for America with the official documents of affiliation. Brother Dwane arrived in America June 10, 1896, to find that the General Conference had just closed its session, and this explained why Brother Dwane was so anxious to be in America and did not wait for Brother Xaba.

Rev. Dwane met Revs. H. B. Parks, Missionary Secretary, and J. S. Flipper, who presented him to Bishop H. M. Turner, at Allen Temple AME Church, Atlanta, Ga. The Bishops' Council accepted favorably the proposition for the amalgamation of the Ethiopian and AME Churches. Rev. Dwane was appointed general superintendent of the united church which bore the title of African Methodist Episcopal Church, and rteurned to Africa September 22, 1896. Before returning to Africa he was re-obligated with instructions to re-obligate the ministers of the late Ethiopian Church. This appointment of Rev. Dwane as general superintendent, however, did not meet with the approval of the Native brethren, because he had but newly joined their movement, and in that he had gone to America without Rev. Xaba.

The first session of the AME Church Conference was held by Superintendent Dwane at Lessyton, Queenstown, on April 7, 1897. Here the ministers were re-obligated. One morning, March 22, 1898, it was noised abroad in the city of Cape Town that a black bishop had arrived at the docks and had inquired for the home of an AME Church minister in Cape Town (who was then Rev. P. Kuze), to which place he was driven in a cab. He said, I am Bishop Turner, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and this is my son, David." He and his son were enthusiastically received. The great bishop was much affected, and after a while he said, "I am mighty glad to get my feet once more on the soil of renowned Africa." It is not possible within the limited space at our disposal to tell half the things he did and said during his short stay in the city, uttering words of benediction, inspiration and hope to the many who were privileged to enjoy his precious company. Bishop Turner did not stay long in Cape Town. He said, "My Master's business requires haste." He proceed to the Transvaal, visiting Johannesburg and Pretoria. At the latter place he called upon President Paul Kruger, who received him graciously, remarking, "You are the first black man whose hand I have ever shaken." He spoke to the President of the object of his mission to Africa, and received from him words of encouragement.

With the best intentions and prompted by the pressing request of the brethren at the first session of the AME Church Conference held in the city of Queenstown, Lessyton, Bishop Turner made General Superintendent James M. Dwane, Vicar-Bishop, and left him in charge of the work. The result of this extraordinary act would fill pages, but why dwell on them? Enough to say that the Bishops' Council, after much deliberation, almost unanimously endorsed and even commended the act of the Senior Bishop, whilst the ministry and laity of the Church in South Africa were practically unanimous in their disapproval.

On Bishop Turner's return to Cape Town, en route to America, after organizing the Transvaal and South African Conferences, a farewell reception was accorded him at a great meeting held in the Opera House, Cape Town. This large building was crowded by white and colored citizens, anxious to see and hear the message of the first black bishop that had stepped on South African soil. It was on Sunday afternoon, May 22, 1898. The great throng set breathless as the writer led the Bishop to the platform, accompanied by several native and colored ministers with representative lay citizens. After introduction, the Bishop arose to address the meeting, receiving such an ovation as that building had never witnessed before. For an hour and a half the great and eloquent speaker swayed the mighty audience at his will to tears, to smiles and rapturous applause. Although we paid £13 for the hire of that building, we have never regretted it, for as an outcome of the service the formation of the first AME Church amongst the Cape people had its rise, on the 25th of May, 1898. It was called "Bethel" in honor of the first church in America.

On September 28, 1898, Elder Dwane left for America, being called there by the Bishops' Council. It was thought that his visit to America would enable him to study the actual working of the Church, where it had its birth. Favors and receptions were lavished upon him on every hand, thousands rejoicing to see and shake hands with a real, pure African.

He returned home to Africa in March, 1899, much delighted with his stay and looking forward to great things. He called the second session of the Transvaal Conference in March, 1899, at Bloemfontein, and the third—the South African Conference—in April of the same year at Derba Marcia, in the district of King William's Town. During this period General Superintendent Dwane was in eager expectation to receive from America the sum of £2,000 ($10,000) promised him for establishing a South African college. He had no doubt persuaded himself to believe that the amount promised would be sent him in round sum. The Church in America however, was not prepared to entrust this amount of money to any of its agents before they were satisfied as to his ability in wisely using the same.

This thoughtful delay was not appreciated by Brother Dwane. He then came to the conclusion that the Church had failed fulfilling her promises, so he called a special conference to meet at Queenstown on October 6, 1899. There were about 30 ministers present. Elder Dwane told the conference in brief that the Church in America had failed and refused to give the money promised for the South African college, also that his being made a vicar bishop was the cause of much dispute amongst the American bishops and brethren. He next told them he also had been convinced that his heing made a bishop was not in line with the apostolic order, and with many other reasons he felt that his only course was to resign from the AME Church. Deep down, there were stronger racial reasons, upon which we cannot dwell in this brief article which compelled him to take the step he did. And so, with the exception of these faithful few, namely, Revs. Kuze, Mquebisa, William Mashalaba and J. Z. Tantsi, the whole of the conference went with him. This action, depressing and painful though it was at the time, made it better to establish the AME Church proper. These four brethren, who remained wrote the same day to Bishop Turner, asking for advice and instruction, and took steps to adjust matters as far as they could. A meeting was held at the Friendly Hall, Cape Town, in November, 1899, there being present Elders Sishuba (in the chair), Ngcayiya, J. Z. Tantsi, J. W. Roberts, F. M. Gow, Spawn, Songica others. They decided to place the situation before those ministers and churches who had not withdrawn and, if possible prevent the trouble spreading. This had the desired effect and many who had joined Elder Dwane's movement returned with a determination to stand by the AME Church.

In response to an urgent cable sent by Rev. F. M. Gow to Bishop Turner, the Rev. I. N. Fitzpatrick of Atlanta, Georgia, was sent out to adjust matters and hold the annual conference, as General Superintendent. It might be stated here that on learning of the trouble that had befallen us, Bishop Turner wrote to Presiding Elder Tantsi to take charge of the work until the arrival of America's representative. This good brother, with his accustomed humility, declined, saying it was too great an honor and responsibility to be under-taken by him. Rev. Fitzpatrick's arrival was most timely. He at once called the fourth session of the South African Conference, which was held in the Friendly Hall, Cape Town, on March 8, 1900. After this, he was introduced to the Premier of the Colony, the Hon. W. P. Schreiner, who received him graciously and assured him that had he been appointed definitely to stay in South Africa as the Church's representative, he would have granted the Church and him the necessary recognition Owing to the outbreak of the Anglo-Boer War, the Transvaal Conference could not be held. General Superintendent Fitzpatrick left for America on March 28, 1900, together with Rev. F. M. Gow, then as a lay delegate to the General Conference at Columbus, Ohio. They were followed soon after by the Rev. M. M. Mokone, J. Z. Tantsi and A. S. Gabashane. The two former brethren were delayed in attendance, having sustained shipwreck not many miles from Cape Town. No lives were lost, however, thank God, and the brethren were able to attend the General Conference, Rev. Levi Jenkins Coppin was elected to the office of bishop, and assigned as first resident bishop of South Africa, known as the Fourteenth Episcopal District.

In February, 1901, we welcomed Bishop Coppin to our shores. Our rejoicing was such as to move the city of Cape Town to enquire, "What is up? Who is this? Another black bishop?" Less than one month after the arrival of Bishop Coppin, an important victory was gained for the Church. On March 21, 1901, the Government of Cape Colony, formally recognized our Church, granting license to her fully ordained ministers to perform marriages and make application for church sites in locations, etc. The clouds began to disappear and all started to work with renewed energy, zeal and determination. Shortly after this, the first real estate owned by the AME Church was secured by Bishop Coppin, and named Bethel Institute. Here the fifth session of the South African Conference was held on December 8, 1901, in conjunction with the Transvaal Conference. This was necessary, owing to the continuance of the Anglo-Boer War. Bethel Institute, a commodious building of twelve rooms, was purchased by us. It was situated in Hanover Street, Cape Town. It was converted into a school and church, and cost about $20,000. Rev. A. H. Attaway, who had now arrived from America, was given charge of the school, while the Rev. F. M. Gow was given oversight of the church. It was decided that, rather than erect a school in any one native territory and thus have as students only the members of that particular tribe, it would be better to operate a school in a place where members of the various tribes and colored Africanders would feel free to come. Hence the location of Bethel Institute in Cape Town. The school was equipped with modern furniture, and put on a favorable footing with the best schools of the country and soon grew to such proportions, that a corps of twelve teachers was needed.

The arrival in Cape Town of Mrs. Fanny J. Coppin and Dr. C. M. Tanner from America in December, 1902 on the return visit of Bishop Coppin from America gave an additional impetus to the work. Mrs. Coppin a graduate of Oberlin College and long experienced school principal in America, was the ideal lady on whom the eyes of our African women turned for counsel and instruction. Her unobstrusive, simple spirituality wove a chaplet of inspired lives wherever she moved. She was a great gain to South Africa. The Women's Missionary Society was established by her. The South African Christian Recorder was established by Rev. Tanner. The work of the AME Church as conducted by Bishop Coppin was deep and systematic, and although he was not permitted to visit the Transvaal and Orange Free State, yet his active itinerary carried him to all parts of Cape Colony, strengthening the existing churches and schools and setting up new work. Mission churches and schools were established at the Friendly Hall, Cape Town; Green River, Maitland Location, Rondebosch, Wellington, Montague, Worchester, Bloemfontein, Pretoria, Queenstown, Johannesburg, Piquetburg, and Port Elizabeth. Bishop, and Lady Coppin, with Dr. Tanner, left Cape Town by the R. M. S. Saxon on Wednesday, the 16th of December, 1903.

Bishop Charles Spencer Smith was appointed to the South African District to succeed Bishop Coppin at the General Conference of 1904. The short time that elapsed between the retirement of the one and the appointment of the other Bishop served to throw the Church into a state of spiritual restlessness and ecclesiastical embarrassment in consequence of which our reception to Bishop Smith on October 24, 1904 had to be repeated on April 25, 1905, because his Lordship had to return to America to adjust matters—administrative and financial pertaining to the welfare of the Church. He came to Africa in troublous times. Troubles, no doubt, incidental to the formation of a new work amongst inexperienced ministers, laymen and members, who not fully conversant with the spirit and genius of the AME Church, abrogated to themselves powers and authorities, subversive to the best interests of the Church, and the subsequent loss of Bethel Institute building, bankruptcy, and suspension of a bishop. This was a severe and unprecedented blow to the Church. This much, however, has been admitted by the many who were privileged to listen to our brilliant and scholarly Bishop, that had he returned to Africa, he would have placed the Church upon an eminence beneficial to all. Certainly the ability shown at the conference held on the 15th of November, 1905 in Beaufort West, convinced all the brethren that we had in our Bishop, a deep thinker, an orator of no mean order and a sympathetic, conscientious and wise counsellor. During this period there arrived in South Africa a gentleman of high attainments and forceful character, Rev. J. A. Gregg, with Mrs. Gregg, a cultured lady with the touch-stone of fine Christian sentiment. They had charge of Chatsworth Industrial High School, and though their stay was comparatively brief, yet they left kindly memories of a Godly life, usefully employed. The Bishops' Council in 1907 sent Bishop W. B. Derrick to South Africa. He arrived with Professor Thomas of Wilberforce University on June 17, 1907. He was unstinted in his praise of Bethel Institute, and urged the Church at home to redeem it from bankruptcy. From Cape Town we proceed to Bloemfontein O.F.S., Bishop Derrick being the first bishop to visit this town; held there a joint session of three conferences, and went by special appointment to the Government House for an interview with His Excellency the Governor. From thence we left for Pretoria, the capital of the Transvaal, and the Bishop, was granted an audience with Lord Selborne, His Majesty's High Commissioner, and other dignitaries. On our return journey to Cape Colony, a joint conference was held at Kimberly, which was honored by a visit of His Honor, the Mayor of Kimberly, and also ofa distinguished native chief who was very much impressed with the assembled ministers and ere his departure, gave evidence of a changed life. We have endeavored to express in few words what would fill up pages, of eventful days spent in this sub-continent by His Lordship, Bishop Derrick. The Department of Native Affairs issued the following statement: "In no case has a member of the African Methodist Episcopal Church been charged with sedition, rebellion or any act that could bring them under condemnation by the Government." The people of Cape Town will not soon forget his arresting presence, the deep spirituality of his sermons, nor the masterly eloquence of his lecture "Under Two Flaggs". He left a convincing impression of the moral and potential worth of the church he so ably represented. Bishop Derrick on his return to America, January 11, 1908, strongly recommended that the Bethel Institute property be redeemed at all costs and that the missionary operation should not suffer for want of support.

To Bishop J. Albert Johnson was left the task of consolidating and permanently establishing the work of the AME Church so nobly begun by Bishops Turner and Coppin. He was elected especially for South Africa and consecrated bishop May 20, 1908. He said: "I will go to South Africa and do my best, and if the Bethel Institute property is worth redeeming, I shall recommend its redemption". He sailed from New York, October 5, 1908. He was given hearty welcome reception November 24th, and in Bethel Church. After thorough investigation he advised the home Church that Bethel Institute property must be redeemed, and to the eternal credit of Afro-American Methodism the response was prompt, February 15, 1911, quite a year before the payment became due, the last penny of $5,250, was paid. Presiding Elder F. M. Gow, with his staff of workers, including Bros. E. G. Willenburg, and H. A. Fortuin, held a special thanksgiving service, February 15, 1911, passing resolutions of grateful appreciation for our beloved Bishop J. Albert Johnson. We cannot tell within this limited space of the growth of the work under his masterful, patient and conscientious supervision. There is no point of interest in this vast field that he has not visited. He visited lonely heights of Basutoland, traveling over its mountains on small Basuto ponies, crossing treacherous rivers, made doubly dangerous by incessant rainfall, then sleeping on wet ground in an open field, exposed to all kinds of weather, returning to Cape Town after a long trip from the interior, weak and worn and broken up, to be literally nursed into health again, and yet without complaining, and all without letting his friends in the homeland know of his condition, for fear of causing them anxiety. He went to far away Pondoland, a dry and sparsely populated country, to see and learn of the condition of our people there, and cheer the lonely missionaries, who so much desired to see their Bishop. He paid visits to adjacent circuits and stations in Cape Colony, Bloemfontein and Orange River Colony, and knew every one of his pastors, and learned to call their unpronouncable names as if to the manor born. The establishment of the Evaton College, (Wilberforce Institute), the erection of the magnificent Fanny Jackson Coppin Girls Hall, and the securing of a large and splendid piece of ground, not far from the College, where it is intended in the near future to build a Home of Rest for our worn-out ministers, are only a few evidences of his far-seeking thoroughness and painstaking zeal. His pulpit utterances, illuminating, eloquent and soul-uplifting are treasured memories, his interpretation of the spirit and letter of our Book of Discipline at our annual conference were a help to our understanding of the genius of African Methodism. During his 8 years, the church grew from 10,000 to 18,000 members, and from and income of £199 ($995) in 1903, to over £2,000 ($10,000) in 1915. Our day school numbered over 1,100 children, and we received Government grant in aid of our schools £700 ($3,500) per annum. Bethel Institute had 350 scholars. There were 135 buildings set apart for the worship of God, with 104 ordained ministers and 216 preachers and other lay helpers. Evation College. No race can hope to accomplish its highest destiny without being properly trained and equipped.

During the last few years our Church has suffered the loss of some of our most gifted ministers and laymen and some of our noble women. Notably amongst them, we might mention Presiding Elder Kumal, Presiding Elder Tantsi, Father Gabashane, Rev. Mbadia, and last, but not least, our talented principal of Evaton College, Rev. H. C. Msikinya, a teacher of matchless worth, trained at Wilberforce University, U.S.A. Heaven has also claimed two of our beloved sisters, Mrs. S. E. Gow and Mrs. Emma Tunki. (Written in 1916, Rev. F. M. Gow, conference historian. See Centennial Encyclopaedia of African Methodism).

AFRICA, SOUTH. The Cape Annual Conference was organized in 1898 by Bishop H. M. Turner at Queenstown. At this conference the Rev. J. M. Dwane was made Vicar-Bishop. Later Rev. Dwane, disappointed over failure to get expected money from America, seceded from the AME Church with a large group of followers. The secession of Dwane would have been disastrous for African Methodism had not the situation been saved by Rev. (Father) Francis McDonald Gow, who stepped into the breach and rallied around him the few loyal ministers and members. A deputation led by Father Gow was sent to America to represent the needs of the work in South Africa. Dr. Gow was admitted to the conference and ordained deacon in America. He returned to South Africa and succeeded Rev. A. A. Morrison as pastor of Bethel. In 1899 Dr. I. N. Fitzpatrick, was sent out by the mother Church to study the needs, problems and prospects of the work in this field. He traveled through the country studying the situation, and finally returned to America to report his findings. In 1900 the Rt. Rev. Levi Jenkins Coppin, was assigned to South Africa. He brought with him such erudite teachers as Revs. A. H. Attaway, John A. Gregg, Carlton Tanner, and Henry C. Msikinya. Recognition of the AME Church in the Cape Colony was received in March, 1901 after representations were made by Bishop Coppin in the Colonial Office in London and by F. M. Gow in Cape Town. The first annual conference in Cape Town presided over by Bishop Coppin was held in December, 1901. Those ordained elders were Francis McDonald Gow, A. W. Phigeland, and D. P. Gordon; deacons, Isaac Adriaanse and John Zimni. The Rev. A. H. Attaway was appointed presiding elder of the Cape District. Northcote House in Gardens was purchased from Mr. Jonathan Wilson for the episcopal residence. The next annual conference was held in December, 1902 at Aliwal North. The welcome reception was attended by a large number of people including Europeans. Great tribute was paid to the uniqueness of African Methodism by one of the Europeans for being able to effect such fine co-operation between the various tribal elements of the country. At this conference Revs. Edward George Gow and William Collins were ordained deacons. The Rev. Carlton M. Tanner, from America was appointed presiding elder of the Cape District, and Rev. Henry C. Msikinya was appointed pastor of Kalk Bay. May 23, 1898 after Bishop Turner had preached in the Opera House his famous sermon on "God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, and Man Our Brother", a few members from the Ethiopian Church in Cape Town joined the AME Church, the Rev. M. M. Mokone became their pastor and presiding elder. Among the group were Joseph Spawn, Tom Square, John Phiro, and Tom Payne with their wives and children. The meeting place was Friendly Hall, on Wale Street, Cape Town. Bethel Church was instituted by a few worshippers who first held meeting in St. Paul's Hall, Bree Street, Cape Town. The first seven members of Bethel were Bros. Edward Willenburg, Edward George Gow, John Benjamin, Andrew Erasmus, Sisters; Sarah Elizabeth Gow, J. M. Fortuin (nee Annie Adriaanse.) Florence Gow (nee Florie Rose). The Rev. A. A. Morrison, from America, formerly stationed at Kimberley to open new work there was appointed pastor of this small band of earnest Christian workers. Among the next group to join were Sisters: E. Willenburg (nee Lizzie Rose). Elizabeth Jones, Judith Murphy, A. Morrison, and Bros. Edward Bailey, Christian Poode, J. Prescott, James Jones, J. B. Julius, James Nagassa, J. Murphy, J. Joshua, Jacoba Titus, D. P. Gordon, Henry A. Fortuin, Francis McDonald Gow, and others. Property was bought in Hanover Street, for £4,200. An annex was later purchased for 600 pounds; 500 pounds was raised for renovation of the building. In all these developments the Bishop worked incessantly. Later he bought property at Athlone—Rondebosch extension. The Church was opened by Bishop Coppin on Weiner's Day, 1902. The first pastor was Rev. Ernest Jonas. Other early preachers and teachers were Bros. Chas. Roberts, D. P. Gordon, and J. Stanford. The expansion of the Church became great. Congregations were organized at Kalk Bay by Bros. Isaac Adriaanse, John Adams, Gordon and Jonas and

Samuels; at Groen River by Bros. Phigeland, Arandses and Bruintjes; at Worchester and Montagu by Bro. Goodwin; Kianicks and Salt River and Kensington by Rev. J. Moses Carelse; Diep River and Plumstead by Rev. Phillip Williams; Raap Kraal by Bros. John Adams, Aurets, Muniks and Adonis; Goodwood by Bro. J. Benjamin; Eureka, Rev. A. J. C. Abrahamse; Kraaifontein by Bros. W. Isaacs, Van Niekerk and Arendses; Welcome Estate by M. Carelse; Wolseley by Rev. H. A. Fortuin; Bellville, by the Hagers; Kirbys, Davids Soekus Konings, Tows River and Wellington by Rev. John Zimm with Rev. E. G. Gow as first pastor: De Doorn, De Wet, George, Oudtshoorn, Rev. D. P. Gordon. The forerunner of the present WMS in the AME Church of the Cape Peninsula was an organisation known as THE AFRICAN WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. The movement was under the leadership of Mother Sarah E. Gow. Some of the other pioneers in the organization were Mesdames W. A. Roberts, R. Richardson, and J. M. Fortuin, Ben Julius, Jacoba Titus. The organization conducted a wide range of religious and social service activities for a number of years. It helped in the raising of funds for the sending of Frances Herman Gow to school in America. The Women's Missionary Society was organized in Bethel Church by Mrs. Fanny J. Coppin and it superceded the A.W.C.A., Mother Sarah E. Gow became the first president. In December, 1901, Bethel Institute was opened and Rev. A. H. Attaway was appointed first principal. In 1902 during the conference at Aliwal North, Rev. Henry C. Msikinya, pastor of Kalk Bay, was appointed Principal of Bethel Institute. Rev. A. H. Attaway formed a land syndicate and purchased a 10.000-acre farm at Groen River, forty-four miles from Cape Town. Small plots of ground were sold to individual buyers. The Chatsworth College which was to be on the order of Tuskegee Institute was founded: Rev. John A. Gregg, (now Bishop), came over from America, in 1903 and became its principal.

The First District Conference of the Cape District was held at Wellington in 1902 under the presiding elder, Rev. C. M. Tanner, and was largely attended: Rev. H. A. Fortuin, became the district superintendent of Sunday schools; Rev. Tanner established the South African Christian Recorder to set forth the aims of African Methodism in South Africa. and was the first owned and controled journal among non-whites in the land. Copies for sale in Cape Town were handled by Edward A. Lawrence (now pastor and principal of Kensington circuit and school).

The Bishop Chas. Spencer Smith was assigned to South Africa in May, 1904 succeeding Bishop L. J. Coppin. During his short stay, less than a quadrennium, there was internal strife in the Cape Conference. Money was expected for the redemption of Bethel Church and Institute as well as the episcopal residence. The Bishop was thought to have brought funds from America for this purpose. The Bishop returned to America. While he was away, the presiding elders formed a committee and suspended him. On his return the Bishop, in conference at Beaufort West, suspended the presiding elders who formed the committee to suspend him. The strife continued until the bishop was re-called to America. Bishop W. B. Derrick was assigned to South Africa in 1907 succeeding Bishop Smith. After a careful survey of the whole situation, he put the work of the conference in good condition. He was succeeded by Bishop J. Albert Johnson in 1908 who served two quadrenniums. His administration was marked with expansions and developments of the work through the Episcopal District. The following Bishops have served since Bishop Johnson's time: Rt. Revs. W. W. Beckett, 1916-1920; W. T. Vernon, 1920-1924: John A. Gregg, 1924-1928; Geo. B. Young, 1928-1932; D. H. Sims, 1932-1936; R. R. Wright, Jr., 1936-1940: F. M. Reid, 1940-to the present. All came to South Africa except Bishop Reid. General Superintendents: (1) Dr. F. M. Gow, (2) Dr. J. Y. Tantsi, (3) Dr. J. R. Coan, (4) Rev. T. A. Mareka. They acted on behalf of the Bishops during their absence in America, have assisted in the general supervision and administration.

The Cape conference in 1943 comprises the following Presiding Elders: Cape Town, Rev. H. A. Fortuin; Worcester, Rev. D. P. Gordon; Grahamstown, Rev. S. J. N. Tladi; Lansdowne, Rev. A. J. C. Abrahamse; Beaufort West, Rev. W. C. Legolie; Piquetberg, Rev. J. C. Johannison; there are 25 elders. 10 deacons, 19 licentiates and evangelists, 44 churches, 6000 members, 2,862 Sunday school pupils, 83 day school teachers, 3,319 day school pupils, 500 members in adult section, W. H. & F. M. Society, 250 Y. P. D. Missionary Society, 264 ACE League members. During the quadrennium just closed (1940-1943). The Cape Conference and Convention raised for education, missions, and church extension £4,529-18-9, (approximately, $22,645). During the quadrennium just closed, the Advisory, Finance, and Trustee Boards were called into being and did a splendid work. The Board of Christian Education was set up and the Sunday Schools and Leagues Convention became more active. (By Rev. H. A. Fortuin, secretary of the Cape Conference, South Africa).

AFRICA, SOUTH. The Natal Conference was inaugurated and had its first session at Mt. Zion, Bizana, East Pondoland, Nov. 18, 1937 by Bishop R. R. Wright. The Bishop accompanied by his wife, Mother Charlotte C. Wright, and Dr. F. H. Gow, was present inspite of the fact that he was indisposed. The conference was very weak at its beginning and the prospects did not seem very bright. But the leadership of Bishop Wright showed that he was the right man, at the right time and the right place sent as a blessing from God for the special task of uplifting this work. The conference organised with six presiding elder districts. They were Pondoland East, Durban, Pondoland West, Queenstown, Zululand and Griqualand East, under presiding elders, Revs. Z. B. Tiger, M. G. Meintjes, Joseph Taho, A. S. Mavuso, Z. C. Mtshwelo, P. I. Lesoana. There were 47 pastors, and 54 circuits in 1937; in 1944 there were members 5311, conversions 1204, probationers 1557; there was only 1 day school when we organised the conference; in 1944 there were 11 schools, 15 teachers, and 600 pupils; 3 schools Government sided. The annual conference funds raised each year were: 1937—175 pounds 15 shillings 1 penny; 1938—237 pounds 15 shillings 9 pence; 1939—252 pounds 9 shillings 10 pence; 1940—158 pounds 6 shillings 0 pence; 1941—300 pounds 0 shillings 7 pence; 1942—372 pounds 4 shillings 5 pence; 1943—443 pounds 8 shillings 2 pence; 1944—484 pounds 19 shillings 7 pence; for the WMS Convention funds were: 1940—104 pounds 2 shillings 0 pence; 1941—131 pounds 15 shillings 10 pence; 1942—252 pounds 5 shillings 0 pence; 1943—335 pounds 5 shillings 0 pence; 1944—417 pounds 9 shillings 0 pence. The conference boundary comprises, the Provinces of Natal and Zululand, and the Transkeian territories and portion of the Ciskei including Queenstown. But inspite of these difficulties the work is going forward by leaps and bounds. We thank God for the wise leadership of Bishop Wright who started the conference and guided her for four years, and also Dr. J. R. Coan who took up the mantle and carried on where Bishop Wright left off. (By Rev. Z. B. Tiger, presiding elder).

AFRICA, SOUTH. The Orangia and Basutoland Conference was organised by Bishop Coppin, in 1901; the work here was started by the Rev. J. G. Xaba, presiding elder of Orangia in 1897. He had been a probationer in the Wesleyan Church, and at his resignation persecution immediately began. He was driven out of Heilbron and he and his followers bore the heat of persecution, amongst them were N. A. Mokone, B. D. Nojekwa, S. J. Mabote, A. J. Melato, E. T. Mpela and David Mazize. This went on until it was finally stamped out by the Rev. A. A. Mereka, with an appeal case against the Smithfield Municipality, at the High Court in Bloemfontein. In November, 1904 the ministers were supplied with copies of the same case for protection. The Church then showed progress being free from prosecution. Bishop Coppin visited Basutoland and dedicated the first AME Church at Mafeteng in 1903, also visited the Paramount Chief Lerothodi's Kraal at Phahameng. The Church was then recognised, and a piece of land was given to Bishop Coppin for school purpose. The first conference, a joint session for the Transvaal, Orangia and Basutoland, was held in Bloemfontein in January, 1903. As Bishop Coppin was unable to attend, Rev. Xaba, was elected to preside. After 5 days candidates for Holy Orders and presiding elders proceeded to Krugerdorp to meet the Bishop and attend a short Conference. There were 16 deacons and 10 elders ordained; conferences followed; joint session December, 1903 by Bishop Coppin, at Aliwal North. Bishop Coppin ordained 2 deacons and 4 elders after which he left for America; 1904 at Kroonstad; during the absence of Bishop Smith, presided by Rev. Ben Kumalo of Orangia; and stopped within the first day by the Municipality of Kroonstad; 1905 in Bloemfontein during the controversy between Bishop Smith and the committees led by Rev. Ben Kumalo, presiding elder; 1906 presided over by Rev. Kumalo, presiding elder, at Bloemfontein. A special Conference was then called by Rev. F. M. Gow, general superintendent, during the middle of the same year for making reconciliation between the two Conferences. It was presided by Rev. A. S. Gabashane, presiding elder of Bechuanaland. The reconciliation was formed and agreed upon. This was held at Kimberley in 1907 by the Rt. Rev. Bishop W. Derrick, D.D., being a joint session. He ordained four deacons and four elders. A joint session was held in Kimberley in 1908 by Bishop Johnson, no ordinations. It was during the conference at Aliwal North in 1909, by Bishop Johnson, that he decided to combine the Orangia and Basutoland, with the Cape Conference, both being financially weak. This was to be until they could support themselves. The Annual Conference with the Cape was held at Queenstown in 1910 by Bishop Johnson. 5 deacons and 1 elder were ordained. A joint session held in 1911 at Bloemfontein by Bishop Johnson, after which he left for America. 4 deacons ordained. The 1912 Conference was held at Bloemfontein by Bishop Johnson; the Conference for Orangia, Basutoland and Cape was held at Worcester in 1914 by Bishop Johnson. 2 deacons and 1 elder were ordained. A joint session was held at Bloemfontein in 1915, after which the Bishop returned to America. 3 deacons and 3 elders were ordained. A joint session in Bloemfontein by Bishop Beckett, in the year 1915, after which he left for America. 4 deacons and 9 elders were ordained. A joint session held in the year 1917 at Kimberley by General Superintendent, Rev. F. M. Gow, who was awarded D.D. by Wilberforce University. The sessions of 1918 to 1920 were presided by Dr. F. M. Gow, General Superintendent at Bloemfontein. A joint session was held by Bishop Vernon Nov. 30 to Dec. 5, 1921; 12 deacons and 7 elders were ordained. Joint sessions in 1922-1923 held by the same Bishop, were held in Bloemfontein; 28 deacons and 11 elders ordained. Bishop Gregg held the annual conference at Bloemfontein, joint sessions in 1924, ordained 14 deacons and 5 elders; at Bloemfontein in 1925, and ordained 6 deacons and 3 elders; and at Bloemfontein in 1926, several deacons and elders ordained. From the time the church started up to 1926 it has 22 ordained elders, 13 deacons, licensed 166 exhorters; organized and built 60 churches and 30 parsonages; with 6751 full members, 1399 probationers and 1358 Sunday school pupils.

By Revs. A. A. Mareka and R. G. Mosebi, 1927.

AFRICA, SOUTH. The Transvaal Annual Conference. At the third annual conference of the Ethiopian Church held in Pretoria on March 17, 1896, the Ethiopian Church decided to seek amalgamation with the AME Church in the USA, and toward the end elected the Revs. James Mata Dwane, and Jacobus Gilead Xaba as emissaries to present the petition of the Ethiopian Church to the General Conference held in Wilmington, North Carolina. Revs. Marcus G. Gabashane and James M. Dwane had just been admitted into the Ethiopian Church at this conference where the latter was elected as the first South African delegate together with Rev. Xaba. On April 16, 1896 Bro. Dwane sailed from Cape Town with the documents, without the Rev. J. G. Xaba, arriving in New York City on June 10th. Having reached America too late to meet the General Conference in session, the Rev. Henry Blanton Parks then Secretary of Missions received him and took him to Atlanta, Ga., where with Bishop Henry McNeil Turner, Dr. J. S. Flipper of Allen Temple, Rev. Dwane presented his credentials and on June 19, 1896 in Allen Temple, Atlanta, Ga., the Ethiopian Church was reborn as the AME Church. Rev. Dwane was appointed as the General Superintendent of South Africa, which caused much friction in South Africa. In March, 1898 Bishop Turner arrived in South Africa, and proceeded to the Transvaal, stopping at Johannesburg, and from thence to Pretoria, calling on President Paul Kruger of the South African Republic. Bishop Turner held the first conference on South African soil in Pretoria, and proceeded to organise the Transvaal Annual Conference which at that time embraced the present Orangia conference. He re-obligated the brethren, and on the following week proceeded to Queenstown and organised the South African conference whose work up to that time was confined to the Eastern Province of the Cape. On April 27 Bishop sailed for home. Superintendent Dwane was called to America in September, 1898, and stayed there to familiarise himself with the laws and doctrines of the AME Church, returning to South Africa in March, 1899, and held the second session of the Transvaal Annual Conference in Bloemfontein during the same month. He called a Presiding Elders' Council in April of that year also in Bloemfontein for the express object of submitting the names of certain ministers to the Transvaal and Orange Free State Governments for approval as marriage officers. At a special conference called by superintendent Dwane in Queenstown on October 6. 1899, he revealed to the brethren assembled, what had been on his mind, namely, seceding from the Church in America, and form an independent African Church, claiming that the Bantu, unlike the Negro in America, were never slaves, and so could not, and should not submit to slaves. Further that the American Church had promised the sum of £2.000, for the erection of a Native College, and up to the last moment before his departure from the United States, had failed in their promise. This sudden about-face ordered by the head of the Church, had the entire Church confused and wavering for a spell. Some affirming, others wavering, but most decided to remain in the Church, and prove their loyalty. With this chaotic state of affairs, together with the Anglo-Boer-War, travel was severely restricted to the inhabitants of the Orange Free State, and the Transvaal, resulting to no conferences being held until the arrival of Bishop Coppin, when the Transvaal conference met in joint session with the South African Conference in Cape Town on December 18, 1901. At the close of the Anglo-Boer War affairs in the Transvaal and the Orange Free State were in a fluid state of transition since England had just conquered and annexed the two late Boer Republics, a new Government was set up under Lord Milner, and all the rights and privileges the Church enjoyed under the late Boar Republics were negatived, and sometime ensued before ministers in the two Provinces could meet. In the Cape Colony, its Government granted formal recognition to the AME Church in April, 1901, so that the Bishops' travels were confined to the Cape Colony and Basutoland. The Transvaal Annual Conference only held annual meetings in order that the Presiding Elders could meet with the brethren to prepare what reports they had for the Conference meeting in the Cape. In 1904 Bishop C. S. Smith was assigned to South Africa, but like Bishop Coppin did not stay long enough to visit the Transvaal. The 5th session of the Transvaal Annual Conference was held in Bloemfontein in 1907, and was presided over by Bishop Derrick. The Church got its bearing once more, and a calm once more settled upon the Church. In 1908 Bishop John Albert Johnson held the 6th session of the Transvaal Conference and closed with the 13th session in 1915. Bishop W. W. Beckett presided over the 14th session, and returned to America to bring his family to South Africa, but was prevented from returning due to the war of 1914-1918. Rev. Francis McDonald Gow was elected president in the absence of the Bishop, and presided over the 15th, 16th and the 17th sessions of the Transvaal Conference, and in 1920 Bishop Vernon presided over the 18th session to the 21st session. The 2nd session began with Bishop John Andrew Gregg, a man beloved of all, and at the 25th session, he wound up his term, and was succeeded by Bishop George Benjamin Young who held the 26th, 27th, 28th, and the 29th sessions. Bishop David H. Sims took up the gavel at the 30th sessions, and was succeeded by Bishop Richard Robert Wright, Jr., from the 34th session, and closed his term with the 37th session. During this period, the Church rose in esteem, and Wilberforce Institute began to expand physically, educationally and morally. The Church in South Africa got for the first time in its history, the Catechism and ritual of the AME Church in the vernacular, which Bishop Wright had translated and printed in Seautho, Xosa and Afrikanna. Bishop Frank Madison Reid succeeded him but was prevented from reaching his work, due to world conflict, but he appointed Dr. Josephus Roosevelt Coan who had been brought from America in 1938 by Bishop Wright, as General Superintendent, and his duty, as from the 38th session he presided over the Transvaal Annual Conference until the 43rd session. The Transvaal Conference was put into the 17th Episcopal District by the General Conference of 1944 and Bishop G. W. Baber was appointed to this district. Being prevented from coming, Bishop Baber appointed Dr. J. R. Coan as superintendent of the 17th District, and held the sessions of the Transvaal Conference of 1944, '45 and 1946. Dr. Coan returned to America in 1947.

By J. M. Mokone, Secretary, Transvaal Annual Conference.

AFRICA, SOUTH. The Zambesi Annual Conference. The AME Church began in Southern Rhodesia in 1900 when the Rev. S. J. Mabote, presiding elder of the Krugersdorp District also served the colony. Bros. M. C. Ncube, J. Molebatsi, and Rev. D. K. Gabashane were sent as missionaries to this new field. In 1902 Bishop Coppin visited the field and sent Rev. D. M. Makgatho in 1903. The brethren carried on the work until 1925, under most difficult conditions, meeting not in Churches but in private homes and on farms. Faith and courage enabled these modern apostles with their band of loyal followers to go forward inspite of difficulties. Rev. J. J. Khaile was sent and served for one year. 1925. In 1927 the Rev. Z. C. Mtshwelo arrived. He was not allowed to remain. Bishop Gregg came by car from the Union, interviewed the Government authorities and secured the recognition of the Church in Southern Rhodesia. Rev. Mtshwelo was re-appointed by Bishop Gregg and served from 1927 to 1935. This was an era of expansion. New missions were opened throughout Southern Rhodesia. The Church became recognized in Northern Rhodesia and missions established from Livingstone to Ndola. Schools were opened and managed by Rev. Mtshwelo. The Church was opened in Nyasaland in 1924 by Rev. H. M. Phiri. Bishop George B. Young succeeded Bishop Gregg and organized the Zambesi conference with Rev. Z. C. Mtshwelo as superintendent; Gumtree farm was purchased. Young's Chapel and a lovely parsonage were built at Bulawayo. Invitation was received from Chief Imwiko of Barotseland to introduce the AME Church to his people. Bishop Sims succeeded Bishop Young. The work continued to grow although there were some discouragements growing out of the loss of Gumtree Farm. During this time Sim's Chapel in Salisbury was erected. Rev. Z. C. Mtshwelo was succeeded as Superintendent by the Rev. R. J. Mkwayi. In 1936 Bishop R. R. Wright came to South Africa and held the Joint Conference at Bloemfontein in December, 1936. Rev. J. M. Mokone succeeded Rev. R. J. Mkwayi as Superintendent of Zambesi Conference in 1937. Rev. Mokone was succeeded by Rev. S. L. Lesabe in 1941. The last decade of the Church in Zambesi conference might be described as the period of consolidation of gain although some expansion continued. The frontiers of Belgian Congo were crossed by Bishop Wright, advances made in Tanganyika, and Angola. But the era was more characterised by developments in the areas already conquered; membership multiplied rapidly; church buildings were erected to take the place of open air services under the trees. The WMS developed and played an important role in the development of the work. The standard of the ministry became higher; government attitude changed from suspicion and hostility to friendly co-operation. The trip of Bishop and Mrs. Wright, with Mrs. Lucy Hughes in 1939 did much to awaken the people of the country to the AME Church. Early in 1941 when the General Superintendent, Dr. J. R. Coan, visited Southern Rhodesia, the Government authorities had reached the conclusion that it was hopeless for the AME Church to attempt to operate schools in the colony. On the other hand the cry from almost all the circuits in both the Rhodesias and Nyasaland was "Give us a School so that our children might be taught". The Government's confidence had to be won. A deputation led by Dr. Coan, Revs. J. A. Daniels, S. L. Lesabe, and R. Z. Mpezeni laid the matter before authorities at Salisbury, and a great victory was won. Later Dr. Coan contacted by correspondence the Governmental authorities of Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland. The only schools opened in 1941 were in Nyasaland, run privately by Rev. H. M. Phiri. At the beginning of 1942 schools were opened in Southern and Northern Rhodesias. A new organisational set up was made with Rev. J. A. Daniels as Superintendent of missionary education. Rev. S. L. Lesabe, Secretary-Treasurer. Revs. D. D. Khomela, J. L. C. Membe, Deputy Superintendent of Schools in Northern Rhodesia. Rev. H. M. Phiri in Nyasaland. There was formed the Central School Committee. The object of which was 'To endeavor to secure the most equitable means of promoting and preserving the educational interests of the AME Church within the area of the Zambesi Annual Conference". At the end of 1944 there were 14 schools, 24 teachers, and about 2,500 pupils. There are four schools: SOUTHERN RHODESIA located at Balla Balla (1 Teacher), Impindo (2) Gwaai (1), Konyana (1); NORTHERN RHODESIA: Mwinilunga (2) (teachers), Mulungushi, (1), Nachula (1) Molebatsi (2), Chisanga (Coan School) (2), Chipwa (2), Chiyanga (2); NYASALAND: Ndaba (3), Chinula (2), Fort Jameson (2). The annual cost of operating the schools is £850. The Zambesi conference has had and still has to depend upon outside source for men and women. Although gains are made each year in conference funds, this is not enough to cover half the cost of operation. The conference embraces the two Rhodesian colonies and Nyasaland an area of 500,000 square miles; has a total adherents of 12,803; 15 Church buildings, 50 pastors, 5 deacons, 15 elders, and 9 presiding elder Districts.

AFRICA, WEST, consists of some 14 or 15 countries on the western coast of Africa, the largest of which are French West Africa, Nigeria, Camaroons and Angola. The AME Church work is in the smaller countries, chiefly in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Gold Coast and Nigeria where there are few white people and where the native Africans are most progressive, in religion, education, and government. Rev. Daniel Coker, first elected (but not consecrated) bishop of the AME Church was one of the first American immigrants and missionaries to Liberia about 1821; Bishop H. M. Turner went there in 1891. Rev. John Richard Frederick went to Sierra Leone in 1886 arriving January 12, 1887. He was followed by Sister Sarah Gorham.

WEST AFRICA. The 14th Episcopal District, covers all of the territory of West Africa. There are four annual conferences: "Liberian", "Gold Coast", "Sierra Leone" and the "Nigeria", covering the territory of the countries for which they are named. Of the 4, the Liberian is the largest, and best developed. The Gold Coast conference, offers the church great possibilities. Its located in a very fruitful section of British West Africa. We have in that area, many Mission schools; among them Christine S. Smith Institute, located in Accra Gold Coast, British West Africa. In the Western Province, we have 'Clayborn College", supported by the parishioners of Sekondi, Kumasi, and others. The Sierra Leone annual conference, is one of the oldest annual conferences in the 14th District. There we have one main school, Secondary in its function, operated by Dr. J. E. Steady. Our work, has lagged in this section, due to the fact of non-Episcopal supervision. We have in West Africa, some twenty or more Mission schools, and five secondary schools, all too poorly supported financially to make the type of progress that they would make. We have there approximately five thousand monifide members connected with the African Methodist Episcopal Church. If properly supervised, and financed, we should easily have in a few brief years ten times that number. Among our greatest needs: Funds for school buildings, church repairs, better salaries for the teachers. We have converted the old Liberian college, the building which was erected by the late Bishop W. Sampson Brooks, into a Junior college, known as the "W. Sampson Brooks" Industrial college. This was done to help the people forget their old troubles, which caused it to go down, and to keep green the memory of Bishop Brooks. We have approximately 50 and 60 ordained itinerant ministers in West Africa. 30 or more licensed missionaries and evangelists. This number is far too inadequate. We have around 100 Sunday schools, and about 2000 Sunday school pupils. We have ten presiding elders. Our needs are $30,000 for new churches, $10,000 for school buildings, $10,000 for repairs on old church buildings, $5,000 for mission schools in the bush. The Shaffer-Smith Day school, at Arthington, Liberia, is doing a great work, under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Mason-Lewis. Mrs. E. J. Randall, at Kumasi, Western Province, is ably assisted by Drs. J. S. Aidoo, J. P. Richards and Campbell, in the Clayborn college. Rev. Dr. Ralph S. Wright heads the Christine S. Smith Institute, at Accra-Gold Coast. Dr. W. T. White, and wife are the leaders in our Mission school at Cape Palmas.

By Bishop J. H. Clayborn.

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ORIGIN OF. As a result of what they termed unkind treatment at the hands of their white brethren, who attempted to segregate them, the "people of color" belonging to the Methodist Society of St. George, in Philadelphia, Pa., walked out of that church in September, 1787, and formed the "Free African Society", got their own place of worship. Thus began, under Richard Allen a local preacher, the African Methodist Episcopal Church, which was fully organized in a general convention held in April, 1816, in Philadelphia, Pa. The people of African descent were variously called "People of Color", and "Africans". Hence the name "AFRICAN" Methodist Episcopal Church. (See "Handbook for AME Church Members", by R. R. Wright, Jr.; See page 11 of this Encyclopaedia).

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH, THE, grew out of about the same conditions which caused the organization of the AME Church. Richard Allen endeavored to get them to join his movement but did not succeed. "Mother Zion Church" was started in New York about 1796, and Wesley Zion Church, in Philadelphia soon afterward. In 1820 the connectional organization was formed. The head of the Church was called a general superintendent and not a bishop, and was not elected for life, but for four years only, with the privilege of re-election. James Varick was the first superintendent. Since then, bishops have been elected for life. A short account of the Rise and Progress of the AME Zion Church in America", was published by Christopher Rush in 1843, and contained the following quoted from the AME Zion Year Book of 1942-43; compiled by S. M. Dudley.

CHARTER I

IN THE YEAR 1796, when the colored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the City of New York became increased, and feeling a desire for the privilege of holding meetings of their own, where they might have an opportunity to exercise their spirtual gifts among themselves, and thereby be more useful one to the other, a few of the most intelligent of our brethren obtained permission from Bishop Francis Asbury to hold meetings by themselves, in the intervals of the regular preaching hours of our white brethren, in the best manner they could. The names of some of the men who went forward in this dawning of religious priviliges were Francis Jacobs, William Brown, Peter Williams, Abraham Thornton, June Scott, Samuel Pontier, Thomas Miller, James Varick, William Hamlton and some others whose names are not now recollected, who united together and, by some means, hired a house in Cross Street, between Mulberry and Orange Streets, which formerly was a stable, but at that time was occupied by William Miller as a cabinet-maker's shop, which house they fitted up with seats and a pulpit and also a gallery. In this house they held prayer meetings on Sunday afternoon, in the interval of divine service among our white brethren, between afternoon and evening or night service, and also held preaching and exhorting meetings on Wednesday nights by such of our colored brethren as were licensed to preach and exhort. At this time there were in the City of New York three licensed preachers, viz: Abraham Thompson, June Scott and Thomas Miller, exhorter, who officiated as they had opportunity, and once in a while they were aided by colored preachers from Philadelphia and other places. In this way they continued until some time in the year 1799, when the number of colored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the City of New York became further increased, and as the seats in the church among our white brethren were limited, they began to think about building a house of worship for themselves, and to form themselves into a body corporate, separate from the white church, according to the privilege granted to religious societies by the laws of the State of New York. For this purpose they called a meeting of some of the most respectable and intelligent religious colored men of the city, in order to consult upn the best method to proceed in this great undertaking for colored people in the city of New York.

The meeting was held in their meeting house in Cross Street, but the names of the persons who attended this meeting are not now recollected, as the minutes have not been preserved; we can only add, from strength of memory, to those already given in the commencement, George E. Moore, Thomas Sipkins, David Bias, George White, Thomas Cook, John Teesman and George Collins. After they had only considered the object of the meeting, they concluded that the Church should be under the Methodist government, and should be named the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. They then appointed nine trustees to attend to the business of the church and getting up the house of worship, among which were Francis Jacobs, William Brown, Thomas Miller, Peter Williams, Thomas Sipkins, William Hamilton and George Collins. The names of the others are at present forgotten. Francis Jacobs was appointed chairman of the board of trustees; Thomas Miller, treasurer, and George Collins, secretary. The trustees then issued subscription and solicted the citizens of New York for aid to build the contemplated house for religious worship, and when they had collected eighty dollars, they deposited the same in the hands of the treasurer, Thomas Miller, and being anxious to commence the operation of building, they immediately appointed him to go forward and procure a spot of ground for that purpose. According to appointment, the treasurer, Thos. Miller, purchased a lot of ground, twenty-five-foot front and seventy-five or one hundred deep, in Orange Street, between Cross and Chatham Streets, for which he paid the eighty dollars on account and obtained a deed for the same in his own name; but, upon examination, it was found that it was not a suitable place to erect a church for the purpose contemplated, especially when they found that he would not consent to have the deed altered, which caused much dissatisfaction in the minds of the trustees; and, being thus disappointed (but not discouraged) Francis Jacobs, who was appointed chairman of the trustees, being a very intelligent man and of good repute, undertook the procuring of a suitable place for the Church, and for this purpose he consulted with William Brown, who united with him, and they went forward and obtained two lots of ground, each twenty-five feet front and seventy-five feet deep, situated at the corner of Church and Leonard Streets, and fronting on Church Street, which circum-renewed the courage of the trustees, who agreed to accept the said ground and resolved upon its being a suitable place for the contemplated building.

The lots of ground now procured and agreed upon to be the place where the church or house of worship should be erected, the trustees took fresh courage and joyfully renewed their efforts to collect money for that purpose. They therefore went forward with their subscription books and solicited the public generally for aid in this great and laudable work for the benefit of colored people in the City of New York, and in the month of September or October, of the year 1800, they erected a frame building on the aforesaid spot of ground, thirty-five feet wide and forty-five feet long, which was dedicated for the House of God, and named the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.

CHAPTER II

OF THE CHARTER, AND OF THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT WITH THE WHITE GENERAL CONFERENCE

When our white brethren, the ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church found that we were determined upon becoming a separate body, or society, they appointed the Reverend John McClaskey, at their General Conference, who was one of the stationed elders of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the City of New York, to make arrangements and effect some articles of agreement with us for our government, in order that the spiritual part of the government might be under the direction of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church from time to time, and so keep the two churches or societies in union with each other and secure to the aforesaid General Conference the ecclesiastical part of the government. The Reverend John McClaskey, being a man of friendly disposition toward us, commenced his mission by giving us some friendly advice, and aided to draw up the instrument of writing which was necesary to present to the Master in Chancery, in order to obtain our incorporation, which, with the Articles of Agreement, we will give from the original, as follows:

CHARTER OF THE AFRICAN CHURCH

In pursuance of an act entitled an act to enable all the religious denominations of this State to appoint trustees who shall be a body corporate, for the purpose of taking care of the temporalities of their respective congregations and for other purposes therein mentioned, passed the sixth day of April, 1784, public notice was given in the African Methodist Episcopal Church (called Zion Church) of the City of New York, in the State of New York, as the aforesaid law directs; and we, the subscribers, being nominated and appointed, agreeably to the aforesaid act, inspectors of an election held in our place of meeting the eighth day of September, 1800, do report and declare the following persons duly elected by a plurality of voices, to serve as trustees of the said church, viz: Francis Jacobs, George Collins, Thomas Sipkins, George E. Moore, George White, David Bias, Peter Williams, Thomas Cook and William Brown, which said persons, so elected, and their successors in office, shall forever be styled and denominated the trustees of the Corporation of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the City of New York.

Given under our hands and seals, this fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and one.

His
PETER (X) WILLIAMS,
Mark
FRANCIS JACOBS.

STATE OF NEW YORK, ss.:

On this sixteenth day of February, 1801, before me personally came Peter Williams and Francis Jacobs, to me known to be the persons within described, and who executed the within conveyance, who duly acknowledge the same—and there being no material erasures or interlineations therein, I do allow it to be recorded.

(Signed)
JAMES M. HUGHES,
Master in Chancery.

Recorded in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New York, in Library No. 1, of Record of Incorporation of Religious Denominations, page 28, this ninth day of March, 1801.

(Signed)
Examined by
ROBERT BENSON CLARK.

A. M. E. ZION CHURCH, ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

Made the sixth day of April, 1801, between the Reverend John McClaskey, in behalf of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America, of the one part, and the trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the City of New York, of the other part, showeth, for themselves and their successors in office:

ARTICLE I

It is provided and declared that the style and title of this Corporation shall be "The African Methodist Episcopal Church of the City of New York, in the State of New York," and shall consist of Francis Jacobs, George Collins, Thomas Sipkins, George E. Moore, George White, David Bias, Peter Williams, Thomas Cook and William Brown, trustees and members of Zion Church, and their successors duly qualified, elected and appointed according to law (for the purposes with the powers and privileges hereinafter granted and specified), of the church called Zion Church, and of all and every such other church or churches as do now, or hereafter shall be become the property of the Corporation.

ARTICLE II

The Corporation aforesaid and their successors forever, do, and shall have and hold the said building called Zion Church, and all other churches which are now or shall become the property of the Corporation, in trust, for the religious use of the ministers and preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who are in connection with the General Conference of the said church, and likewise for our African brethren and the descendants of the African race, as hereafter specified, and also for ministers and teachers of our African brethren, duly licensed or ordained according to the form of discipline.

ARTICLE III

It is provided and declared that the rents, issues, profits and interests of the real and personal estate of and belonging to the said church and trustees and their successors shall, from time to time, be applied and laid out for repairing and maintaining their said Zion Church, and all and any place or places of public worship, lot and lots of ground, burial grounds, or buildings which now do, or at any time hereafter may or shall belong to the said church or trustees, as shall, from time to time, be thought proper and expedient by the trustees for the time being; and if the funds and revenues be sufficient, the trustees may and shall be permitted, in their own discretion, to allow a reasonable and proportionable part of the support of the ministers.

ARTICLE IV

It is provided and declared that the said trustees and their successors shall not, by deed or otherwise, grant, alien, convey, or otherwise dispose of any part or parcel of the estate, real or personal, in the said Corporation vested or to be vested, or in any other way to mortgage or pledge the said real estate for the payment of any debts by them contracted to any person or persons whatever, unless such grant, alienation and conveyance be made by and with the consent of two-thirds of the regular members of the said church, of at least twety-one years of age, and one year's standing.

ARTICLE V

It is provided and declared that none but Africans or their descendants shall be chosen as trustees of the said African Episcopal Zion Church, and such other church or churches as may or shall hereafter become the property of this Corporation, and none shall be eligible to the office of a trustee but such as are received and acknowledged to be members of the said church by the elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the City of New York who shall be appointed by the conference of the said church, to the charge of the Methodist Society in the said city.

ARTICLE VI

All elections for trustees of the Aforesaid Zion Church shall be by ballot of the male members, in close communion with them, or as many of them as attend, after being duly warned thereto; and no one shall have a right to vote for trustees until he has been a member in standing and full connection, one year at least; and no person shall be chosen a trustee of the said Corporation until the said person shall have been a member in full connection and standing, at least two years. And no person shall be admitted into close connection with their classes or be enrolled on their books but Africans and descendants of the African race.

ARTICLE VII

It is provided and declared that the trustees aforesaid and and their successors forever are and shall be empowered to have, and shall have, the entire direction and disposal of the temporal revenue of the aforesaid African Zion Church, and after paying the ground rent of the said church, are to apply the remainder for the benefit of the said church, as a majority of the aforesaid trustees and their successors shall, from time to time, direct. And the aforesaid trustees and their successors forever shall have disposal and management of the temporal concerns of the aforesaid African Methodist Episcopal Church, subject, nevertheless to the provisions, and under the regulations made and provided in the fourth article of this instrument.

ARTICLE VIII

It is declared that the Trustees and members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church do acquiesce and accord with the rules of the Methodist Episcopal Church for their church government and discipline, and with their creed and articles of faith, and that they and their successors will continue forever in union with the Methodist Episcopal Church in the City of New York, subject to the government of the present Bishops and their successors, in all their ecclesiastical affairs and transactions, except in the temporal right and property of the aforesaid Zion Church, which is to be governed and herein directed, as long as the said articles and creeds of the said church remain unchanged.

ARTICLE IX

It is declared that the elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the time being, in the City of New York, appointed as aforementioned, shall have the direction and management of the spiritual concerns of the said Zion Church, or any other church or churches which may or shall be builted hereafter by the Corporation aforesaid, or by any other means become their property, agreeably to the form of discipline of the said Methodist Episcopal Church, provided, always, that the said elder shall receive no person into the African Society but such as are previously recommended by a trustee or trustees of the said African Zion Church. And upon complaint being made to the said African Zion Church, or to the elder of any of its members having walked disorderly, they shall be dealt with according to the form of the Discipline; provided, always, that their triers be members of their own church, and that the member, if condemned in the first trial, have an appeal to the trustees, local preachers, exhorters and class leaders of the aforesaid Zion Church. And it is further declared that no person who may come recommended to the elder from other societies as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, shall be admitted or considered as a member of the African Church if he refuse to have his name registered in the books of the said Zion Church, after notice having been given him.

ARTICLE X

It is agreed and declared that the Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the City of New York, appointed as aforesaid, shall from time to time, forever hereafter, nominate the preacher who shall officiate in said African Methodist Episcopal Church, and any, and all, other church or churches, which shall hereafter become the property of the Corporation, and shall attend to the said church or churches himself, to administer the ordinances of Baptiism and the Lord's Supper, as often as he, the said Elder, can make it convenient. And the said Elder, for the time being, shall license to exhort and preach any one or more of the brethren who are, or shall be, members of the said church, and shall appear, to the satisfaction of the said Elder, to be adequate to the task, and to have grace and gifts proper to appear in public: Provided, always, that such persons are previously recommended to him by a majority of the trustees, local preachers, exhorters and class leaders, of the aforesaid church. And if either of the said African brethren shall graduate into holy orders, it shall be done in such manner and way as the General Conference has directed. And it is provided and agreed that the said Elder may claim for himself and his white brethren, and shall have and possess, a right to preach once every Sunday, and once during the course of the week (and no more, when there is a sufficient number).

ARTICLE XI

It is provided and declared that no powers and authorities hereby given to the aforementioned trustees shall be understood, taken, or construed, in any wise to prohibit or prevent the Elder for the time being, duly authorized and appointed as aforesaid, the religious use benefit and enjoyment of the church known by the name of Zion Church, or of any other church or churches which at any time hereafter, may be purchased or built by the said Corporation, or in any other way become their property, in the City of New York or the suburbs thereof, but that the same shall be, and forever hereafter continue to be, had, used, and enjoyed, by the said Elder for the time being, as heretofore, and by no other person whatever, of another denomination, unless by the particular license and consent of the Elder for the time being, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the trustees for the time being, anything to the contrary in these articles notwithstanding.

(Signed)
FRANCIS JACOBS,
His
THOMAS (X) Sipkins,
Mark
GEORGE E. MOORE,
His
GEORGE (X) WHITE,
Mark
GEORGE COLLINS,
His
PETER (X) WILLIAMS,
Mark
THOMAS COOK,
His
WILLIAM (X) BROWN,
Mark
DAVID BIAS.

AGAPE was a feast of the early church connected with the Lord's Supper. It would be similar to the Love Feast of the Methodist Church.

AGES OF MINISTERS. The Bureau of the Census recorded a median age of 45.8 years for the 133,449 male clergymen reporting. Fifty-one and eight-tenths per cent of the clergymen reporting were over 45 years of age. This was the highest median of any large vocational group, except farmers and farm managers, for whom a median of 46.6 years was reported. The median ages of other men in professions were: physicians, 44.1 years; lawyers and judges, 42 years; college presidents and teachers, 40.8 years; architects, 43.0 years; social workers, 37.5 years.

AGE OF MALE CLERGYMEN
Published by Federal Council of Churches

Age Group	Number Reporting	Per cent
18-24 Years	2,698	2.0
25-34 Years	29,030	21.8
35-44 Years	32,609	24.4
45-54 Years	31,608	23.7
55-64 Years	24,076	18.0
65-74 Years	11,701	8.8
75 and over	1,727	1.3
Total	133,449	100.0

Median Age: 45.8 years

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census, Series P-16, No. 6, 16th Census. Published by Federal Council of Churches.

ALTAR, THE, was originally the place where the sacrifice is made; frequently a raised place of earth, a stone, or a table. In the Catholic Church the altar is the place for the communion which is kept strictly separate from other parts of the church. Strictly speaking there is no altar in the Methodist Church. The priestly function is superceded in Methodism, by the prophetic function of the preaching of the Gospel. In an increasing number of our churches there is a table used only for the Holy Communion. However when AME's say "altar" they refer to everything within the chancel railing: pulpit and table.

ALTERNATE, AN, is a person elected to take the place of a delegate who may be absent for any cause. However, no delegate can appoint some one else to sit for him. In our general conference the alternates in order of election take the places of the delegates who cannot perform thir duties.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. Population in 1940 was 64,094, of whom approximately one third are Negroes. There are two AME churches in Atlantic City proper, St. James and Allen.

ALLEN C. E. LEAGUE, THE. The Young People's Department of the AME Church, is the result of three separate and distinct names or organizations. "Allen", the name of the founder and first bishop of our Church, also from the name of an organization started some years ago by Bishop Derrick in the city of Philadelphia, called "The Sons of Allen". "Christian Endeavor", a world-wide and interdenominational society organized originally in Portland, Maine, in the early 80's, by Rev. F. E. Clark, and which is today a powerful young people's movement in the world. "League", taken from the "Epworth League", which was the name of the young people's organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The name Allen Christian Endeavor League stands for church loyalty, interdenominational fellowship and denominational pride. In 1896 at the General Conference at Wilmington, N. C., the Rev. D. P. Roberts, D.D., offered a resolution to adopt the Christian Endeavor Society as the official young people's society of the Church, which was done. The bishops in their quadrennial address in 1900 recommended the Christian Endeavor and asked that a young minister be selected as general secretary, and Rev. B. W. Arnett, Jr., was chosen, to work without salary. The majority of the ministers knew little about the work which grew slowly. In 1904 Rev. E. J. Gregg, was elected secretary, and the General Conference changed the name to "The Allen Christian Endeavor League"; a pledge and constitution, better adapted to the AME Church, were adopted, and a salary provided. In 1908 he was succeeded by Rev. Julian C. Caldwell, D.D., who entered enthusiastically into the work and traveled extensively, spending from seven to eight months of the year in the field. He published literature for the Department, including a monthly paper, "The Allen Christian Endeavorer"; secured general recognition of the value of the League; new Leagues were organized, old Leagues revived and thousands of young people enlisted in the organization; "Young People's Day" (Richard Allen's birthday) and Self Denial Week were made vital by the ACE League under Dr. Caldwell. At the World's Interdenominational Christian Endeavor Convention in 1915, our ACE League reported 4,215 Leagues with a membership approximating 150,000. In 1920 Rev. S. S. Morris, Sr., was elected to succeed Dr. Caldwell, and has served continuously to this date. In 1936 the ACE League with the Sunday School Union combined to form the Department of Religious Education of the AME Church, with headquarters at 414 8th Ave., So., Nashville, Tennessee, where all the literature of the Department may be secured.

ALLEN DAY. The birthday of Richard Allen was February 14, 1760. On that date or the second Sunday in February all AME churches are asked to celebrate the birth of the founder of African Methodism. "The funds raised on that day shall be sent, 25 percent to the Secretary of Church Extension; 25 percent to the Publication Department, and 50 percent to the annual conference treasurer to supplement the salaries of mission preachers." D. p. 302. A booklet "Richard Allen, the Greatest Negro Born on American Soil", by R. R. Wright, Jr., is a valuable Allen Day help.

ALLEN UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA. S. C., was established in December, 1880, by Bishop Dickerson, Rev. Bruce H. Williams and others. It absorbed Payne Institute, which had been established at Cokesbury, in 1870. Its presidents had been Rev. J. C. Waters, 1881-1885; Prof. J. W. Morris, 1885-1894, and 1895-1897; Rev. J. S. Johnson, 1894-1895; Rev. W. D. Chappelle, 1897-1899; Rev. David H. Johnson, 1899-1904; Rev. W. D. Johnson, (not Bishop Johnson) 1904-1908; Rev. W. D. Chappelle, 1908-1912; Rev. W. W. Beckett, 1912-1916; Rev. R. W. Mance, 1916-1928; Courses are given from the primary classes through college course. There is also a scientific and theological department. There are approximately 700, and 1000 students; graduates since beginning, the most distinguished being Bishop W. D. Chappelle. Many of the leaders in the Church in South Carolina, both ministers and laymen are graduates of Allen University. The present president is Rev. S. R. Higgins.

ALMSGIVING. The twenty fourth Article of Religion declares against possession of goods in common, but urges the duty of each one to give liberally of his possessions to the poor according to his ability. Special "Rules for Giving" have been published in the discipline from the beginning of African Methodism.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY—See Bible Society.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE, so called because it is a meeting which takes place once a year—in the AME Church. It is composed of all the traveling elders, deacons and licentiates, and all the local elders and local deacons, also one layman from each charge within its bounds. The boundaries of each conference are set by the General Conference. The business of an annual conference is judicial and administrative, but not legislative. Reports of all pastors and presiding elders are had, young preachers are examined for admission, for ordination, and in the conference, courses of studies; deacons and elders are elected and ordained; the characters of ministers of the conference are examined; finances of the conference are regulated; the appointments of the preachers made; educational, missionary and other anniversaries held, and such other business as may relate to the welfare of the church within the boundary of the conference, is transacted. A bishop assigned by the General Conference presides, and is held responsible by the General Conference for proper administration of the law. The annual conference elects its other officers. Sessions generally are held from Wednesday to Sunday night at a time selected by the bishop and a place selected by the conference. The annual conference elects ministerial delegates to the General Conference, according to law, which is now, one minister for every thirty members, or final fraction over fifteen. It also confirms the election of lay delegates elected, at least three months prior, by the electoral lay college. All money collected in the name of the conference during the year is reported to the annual conference. Extra sessions may be called by the bishop upon emergencies. Only the General Conference can create an annual conference and set its boundaries.

ANNUAL CONFERENCES. The number of annual conferences at the general conference, May, 1944 was 108, of which were 84 in United States, 4 in West Africa, 8 in South Africa, 9 West Indies, 1 in South America, 2 in Canada. In 1916 there were 71 in the United States, 2 in West Africa, 5 in South Africa, 1 in West Indies, 1 in South America and 2 in Canada.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES are fixed by the General Conference on recommendation of a "committee on boundaries", composed of one delegate from each annual conference. The boundaries are, however, usually agreed upon by the conferences concerned and the same approved by the General Conference. See "Boundaries".

ANTIGUA, an island in the West Indies, a dependency of Great Britian, famed as the first place in America in which the Methodist doctrine was preached, being brought from England by Nathaniel Gilbert and two of his Negro servants, who were converted and baptized by John Wesley in 1758. The first Methodist class in the New World was formed in this island in 1759, composed of black people, and between 1774 and 1778, was led by two black women. Bishop Derrick and several other of our ministers were born in Antigua.

ANTINOMIANISM. The name given to doctrines which claim that the law is made void through faith. The chief thought is that Christ abolished the moral law; hence Christians are not obliged to observe it. This doctrine has done a great deal of harm.

APOCRYPHA is the term applied to fourteen books added to the Old Testament but not usually found in our English Bibles. They were supposed not to be inspired. Some are found in Roman Catholic Bibles, a few Protestant Bibles, and all in the Septuagint. The books are I & II Esdras, Tobit, Esther, Wisdom of Solomon, Ecclesiasticus of Wisdom of Jesus, Son of Sirach, Baruch, with Epistle of Jeremiah, Song of the Three Children, History of Susannah, Bel and the Dragon, Prayer of Manases, I Maccabees.

THE APOSTLES' CREED, is as follows: "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He decended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen". This creed contains the essentials of Christian faith. The Roman Catholic Church claims that the Apostles wrote the creed in the upper room at Jerusalem, each contributing a part; but this is probably untrue. The creed or its essentials, probably came from the Apostles in some shape, but not in its present written form. It is of such great antiquity, however, as to be the most revered creed of the Church. It is accepted by Protestant as well as Catholic Churches, but the term "Catholic Church" in the creed does not mean either the "Greek Catholic" or the "Roman Catholic Church", but the "Universal Church". The term "Catholic" means "Universal", but neither the Roman or Greek Church is universal.

APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION. This doctrine holds that there is "a ministry that can trace its orders up through episcopal hands to the Apostles". Methodists believe this to be erroneous. We do not believe in any distinct and separate priesthood of the ministry". Why? See Discipline, page 67 ff.

APPEALS, TRIERS OF. Each annual conference shall select five judicious and experienced elders to be known as "Triers of Appeals". The Triers of three annual conferences shall constitute a court to which shall be referred appeals which are made from the decision of an annual conference. (See discipline for procedure).

APPEAL, AN, is entered when one is not satisfied that the law has been properly applied in his case, and asks that his case be taken to a higher judical authority. The rgiht of appeal is fundamental to Methodism, and according to our "Restrictive Rules", cannot be denied anyone. A member tried by a committee and dissatisfied, may appeal to the quarterly conference, thence to the annual conference, thence to the general conference, which has the final decision. Ministers, local and itinerant, have the same right of appeal. A bishop may appeal from a committee's trial to the general conference.

APPOINTMENTS to pastorates are made for the conference year only by the Bishop usually in conference with his presiding elders. Appointments of bishops are made by the general conference episcopal committee. Appointments of stewards and stewardesses and all other officers, except those to elected according to the discipline, are made by the pastor for the local church.

ARBITRATION is the settling of a dispute between two parties by a committee. Each party selects one person and the two selected select an impartial third party. Both contending parties agreed before hand that they will accept this committees finding. Then all the facts are laid before the committee and it makes a decision which is accepted by both contending parties. This method is recommended to our members rather than taking their differences to court. See Discipline.

ARKANSAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE was organized 1868 by Bishop Shorter, and embraced all of the State of Arkansas and the Indian Territory, which is now the state of Oklahoma. There were at that time 14 preachers, 16 churches, valued at $2,359, and about 3,500 members and 450 Sunday school scholars. Today the same territory is the Twelfth Episcopal District and it embraces the Arkansas, South Arkansas, East Arkansas, West Arkansas, Oklahoma, Northeast Oklahoma and Central Oklahoma Conferences, having about 500 ministers and 40,000 members. The Arkansas Conferences are presided over by Bishop Baber, and the Oklahoma Conferences by Bishop Clayborn, who is the most distinguished product of AME Arkansas.

ARMINIANISM, the name of a system of theology followed by most Methodists, promulgated by James Arminius who was born in 1560 in Holland and was professor in University of Leyden from 1603 till his death in 1609. Arminius held to the freedom of the will of man. Essentials of Arminianism are opposed to John Calvin's doctrine of election and predestination, Calvin holding that persons are elected to salvation or damnation by God without regard to any exercise of their own will. Arminius held that election was only because of the omniscience of God who foreknows all things, but was primarily based upon the foreknowledge of the free choice or rejection of salvation which the individuals should make. This doctrine is not only philosophically sound, but socially far more serviceable than Calvinism. Still Arminius did not hold that man's salvation is due entirely to man's choice. For he held that man in a sinful state cannot come to God except through the working of the Holy Spirit. In remonstrance against Calvinism the followers of Arminius in 1610, a year after his death addressed to the government of Holland the famous "Five Points", 1. "Election and condemnation, conditional upon the faith or unbelief of men." 2. "Atonement is for all but only believers enjoy its benefits". 3. "Man, unaided by the Holy Spirit is unable to come to God". 4. "Grace is not irresistable". 5. "The perseverance of the converted".

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION were granted the Board of Incorporators of the AME Church by the Court of Common Pleas No. 1, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, March, 1936. The incorporators were Bishops D. H. Sims, M. H. Davis, R. C. Ransom, E. J. Howard and Revs. D. M. Baxter, and W. E. Barnes and Layman A. S. Jackson. W. H. C. Brown and S. Morgan.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION. The Subscribers, Trustees, and Members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, called "BETHEL CHURCH", having associated themselves together for a religious purpose, and being desirous to acquire and enjoy the powers and immunities of a Corporation or Body Politic in law, beg leave to exhibit to Jared Ingersol, Esquire, Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court of the said Commonwealth, the following instrument of writing, wherein is specified the Objects, Articles, Conditions, and name or title under which they have associated, in pursuance of a law of this Commonwealth, entitled, "An Act to confer on certain Associations of the Citizens of this Commonwealth, the Powers and Immunities of Corporations or Bodies Politic, in law.

August 23, 1796.

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JOHN (X) MORRIS
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JUPETER GIBSON
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PETER (X) LUX
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WILLIAM (X) HAGAN
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WILLIAM JONES
PRINCE PRUINE
ROBERT GREENE
JONATHAN TRUSTY
RICHARD ALLEN

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH CALLED "BETHEL CHURCH"

ARTICLE I.

It is provided and declared that the Style and Title of this Corporation shall be "THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, of the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania", and shall consist of John Morris, William Hagan, Robert Green, Jupiter Gibson, William Jones, Jonathan Trustee, Peter Lux, Prince Pruence, and Richard Allen, Trustees, and Members of "BETHEL CHURCH" aforesaid, and their successors, duly qualified and elected and appointed, in such manner as is herein after provided and directed who shall be Trustees, (for the purpose and with the powers and privileges herein after granted and specified), of the Church called "BETHEL CHURCH", and of all and every such other Church and churches as do now or hereafter shall become the property of the Corporation.

ARTICLE II.

The Corporation aforesaid and their Successors forever, do and shall have and hold the said buildings, called "Bethel Church", and all other Churches, which are now or shall become the property of the Corporation, in trust for the religious use of the Ministers and Preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who are in connexion with the general conference of the said Church; and likewise for our African Brethren, and the descendants of the African race as hereafter specified, and also for the Ministers and Teachers of our African Brethren duly licensed or ordained according to the form of discipline.

ARTICLES III.

It is provided and declared, that the rent, issues, profits, and interest, of the real and personal estate of and belonging to the said Church and Trustes, and their successors shall from time to time, be applied and laid out for repairing and maintaining their said Bethel Church, and all or any other place or places of public worship, lot or lots of ground, burial grounds and buildings, which now do or at any time hereafter may belong to the said Church and Trustees, as shall from time to time be thought proper and expedient by two thirds of the Trustees for the time being; and after the year one thousand eight hundred, if the funds and revenues shall be sufficient, the Trustees may and shall be permitted in their own discretion to allow a reasonable and proportionable part for the support of the Ministers, and if it shall so happen that the Trustees shall be divided with respect to a proposed application or appropriation of money and two thirds do not coincide in opinion, then and in such case, the elder of the Methdist Episcopal Church, for the time being, in the City of Philadelphia, who shall be appointed by the Conference of the said Church, to the charge of the Methodist Society in the said City, shall have a voice in the decision of the question, and his vote, whether it be with the majority or minority of the Trustees, shall be final and definitive against the proposed appropriation, but shall never have effect to confirm the proposed appropriation or application of money with a minority.

ARTICLE IV.

It is provided and declared, that the said Trustees and their Successors shall not by deed or any other wise, grant, alien, convey, or otherwise dispose of any part or parcel of the estate, real, or personal, in the said Corporation, vested or to be vested, or in any way to mortgage or pledge the said real estate for the payment of any debts, by them contracted, to any person or persons whatever, unless such grant, alienation and conveyance bemade by and with the consent of the Elder for the time being, regularly appointed by Conference, and two thirds of the regular male members of the said Church, of at least twenty-one years of age, and one year's standing.

ARTICLE V.

It is provided and declared, that the Trustees shall consist of nine persons duly qualified, chosen and appointed as is hereafter mentioned, who shall be and continue Trustees of the said Church, until they be removed in manner and form following, that is to say, one third part in number of the said Trustees, being the third part herein first named, shall cease and be discontinued on the second Monday after Easter, which shall be in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred, upon which day a new election shall be had, and held of so many others in their place and stead, by a majority of the male members of the said congregation duly qualified to vote, as is hereafter mentioned, and that such election shall and may be held in such manner and at such places, as the Corporation shall from time to time appoint and direct on the aforesaid day, in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, the second third part of the Trustees aforenamed, shall cease and be discontinued; and a new election shall be held in like manner, of an equal number in their place, and by the like mode of rotation, one third part in number shall cease and be discontinued, and their appointment be determined; and a new election be had and held in manner and form aforesaid on the second Monday after Easter, in every three years forever. And no person shall continue to be a Trustee for any longer time than nine years, without being re-elected; but the Electors qualified as hereinafter mentioned, shall and may be at liberty, to re-elect the same Trustees, or any one or more of them whose time shall have expired on the day of the said Triennial Election, whenever and so often as they shall think expedient and proper; and it is further provided, that when any circumstance shall prevent the holding of an Election for Trustees, at the period aforementioned, in the stead and place of those whose appointments shall have ceased, then and in such case, an Election shall be held as soon as conveniently may be done in manner and form aforesaid, and that the remaining Trustees shall have power to call a meeting of the Electors of the said Congregation for such purpose.

ARTICLE VI.

It is provided and declared, that none but coloured persons shall be chosen as Trustees of the said African Methodist Episcopal Bethel Church, and such other Church or Churches as may or shall hereafter become the property of this Corporation, and none shall be eligible to the office of a Trustee, but such as are received and acknowledged to be members of the said Church, by the Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Ctiy of Philadelphia appointed as aforesaid, and in case of death, expulsion, or resignation from the said Corporation, of any of the said Trustees or their Successors, then the members of the said Church shall convene together, within one month from the time of such death, expulsion, or resignation, and shall choose from among themselves, by a majority of legal votes, a person or persons to fill up such vacancy, and the person or persons so elected, shall be and continue in office so long as the person or persons in whose place or stead he or they shall have been so elected, would or might have continued in order to preserve and keep up the number of nine Trustees forever.—But before any of the aforesaid Elections are held, public notice shall be given to the Congregation, on the preceding Sunday after divine service, before the said Congregation be dismissed.

ARTICLE VII.

All Elections for Trustees shall be held by Ballot, of the male coloured members in close communion with them, or as many of them as attend after being duly warned thereto; and no male member shall have a right to vote for Trustees, until he has been a member standing in full connection one year at least; and no coloured person shall be chosen a Trustee of the said Corporation, until the said person shall have been a member in full connection and standing at least two years; and no person shall be admitted into close connection with their classes, or be enrolled on their books but Africans and Descendants of the African race.

ARTICLE VIII.

It is provided and declared, that the Trustees aforesaid, and their Successors forever, are and shall be empowered to have and shall have the entire direction and disposal of the temporal revenues of the aforesaid African Bethel Church; and after paying the ground-rent for the said Church, are to apply the remainder for the benefit of the said Church, as a majority of the aforesaid Trustees and their Successors shall from time to time direct, and the aforesaid Trustees and their Successors forever, shall have the entire disposal and management of the temporal concerns of the aforesaid African Methodist Episcopal Church, subject, nevertheless to the provisions, and under the regulations made and provided in the third and fourth Article of this Instrument.

ARTICLE IX.

It is declared, that the Trustees and Members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, do acquiesce in and accord with the rules of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for their Church Government and Discipline, and with their Creeds, and Articles of Faith; and that they and their Successors will continue forever in union with the Methodist Episcopal Church of Philadelphia, subject to the Government of the present Bishops and their Successors, in all their ecclesiastical affairs and transactions, except in the temporal rights, and property of their aforesaid Bethel Church, which is to be governed as herein directed, as long as the said Articles and Creeds of the said Church remain unaltered and unchanged.

ARTICLE X.

It is declared, that the Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the time being, in the City of Philadelphia, appointed as aforementioned, shall have the direction and management of the spiritual concerns of the said Bethel Church, and any other Church or Churches, which may or shall be built hereafter, by the Corporation aforesaid or by any other men as become their property, agreeably to the form of discipline of the said Methodist Episcopal Church, provided always, that the said Elder shall receive no person into the African Bethel Society but such as are previously recommended by a Trustee or Trustees, of the said African Bethel Church; and upon complaint being made to the said African Church, of any of its members having walked disorderly, the Elder shall call the Trustees of the African Bethel Church, as his advisors and councellors, to hear the case, and give the Elder their opinion upon it; nevertheless the Elder after having heard their opinion as aforesaid, shall have the power and liberty to act according to his own judgment; but if at any time it shall so happen, that a majority of the Trustees so convened, for the purpose aforesaid, shall differ in opinion with the Elder, the person or persons concerned, shall be allowed an appeal from the judgment of the Elder, to the Trustees, local Preachers, Exhorters, and Class Leaders: provided always, that such local Preachers, Exhorters, and Class Leaders, shall be of the African race; and if the Elder and a majority of the Trustees, shall agree in expelling a disorderly member from the said Bethel Church, the person or persons so expelled, shall and may have an appeal after their expulsion, to the persons above described; and it is further declared, that no person who may come recommended to the Elder, from other Societies, as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, shall be admitted or considered as a member of the said African Church, if he refuse to have his name registered in the books of the said Bethel Church, after notice given him.

ARTICLE XI.

It is agreed and declared, that the Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the City of Philadelphia, appointed as aforesaid, shall, from time to time, forever hereafter nominate the Preacher who shall officiate in the said African Methodist Episcopal Bethel Church, and any and all other Church or Churches, which shall hereafter become the property of the Corporation, and shall attend to the said Church and Churches himself, to administer the ordinances of Baptism, and the Lord's Supper, as often as he, the said Elder, can make it convenient: and the said Elder, for the time being, shall license to exhort or preach, and any one or more of the coloured brethren, who are and shall be members of the said Church, and shall appear to the satisfaction of the said Elder, to be adequate to the task, and to have grace and gifts proper to appear in public; and if either of the said coloured brethren shall graduate into holy orders, it shall be done in such manner and way as the general conference shall direct; and it is provided and agreed, that the said Elder may claim and shall have and possess a right to preach once on every Sunday and once during the course of the week, and no more, in any or all the houses, set apart and built, or to be set apart and built by the aforesaid Trustees, or theri Successors of the said African Bethel Church, in the city or suburbs of Philadelphia, in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE XII.

It s provided and declared, that the aforementioned Trustees, shall and may from time to time, elect by vote or ballot, from among their own members, a President, who shall continue in office three years, and then another may and shall be elected, or the former one be re-elected, and incase of the absence of the said President, then and in such case any other Trustee of the Corporation, may be elected and shall serve, and act as President for the time being, during the absence of the President; and the Trustees may and shall elect by vote or ballot, a Treasurer and Secretary from amongst themselves or elsewhere, as they may think proper, and may remove them from their respective offices at pleasure; and the Trustees may and shall be authorized to call a meeting of the Corporation, whenever and so often as they, or any three of them shall deem it necessary; or shall be requested so to do by a majority of regular male members as aforesaid, of the said Bethel Church; and the said Trustees or two thirds of them when regularly met and convened together, are and shall be fully authorized and empowered to make, enact and pass all and every such by-laws, rules, and ordinances, as they shall judge necessary and expedient. Provided always, and it is required, that all and every such by-laws, rules and ordinances, and all the proceedings of the said Trustees, so met and convened together, shall from time to time by the Secretary of the said Trustees, be fairly and regularly entered in the books or records of the said Corporation.

ARTICLE XIII.

It is provided and declared, that no powers and authorities hereby given or intended to be given, to the aforesaid Trustees, shall be understood, taken, or constructed, in any wise to prohibit or prevent the Elder for the time being, duly authorized and appointed as aforesaid, the religious use, benefit and enjoyment of the Church, known by the name of Bethel Church or of any other Church or Churches, which at any time hereafter may be purchased or built by the said Corporation, or in any other way become their property, in the City of Philadelphia, or the liberties and suburbs thereof, but that the same shall be and forever hereafter continue to be had, used, and enjoyed by the said Elder, for the time being as heretofore, and by no other person whatsoever, unless by the particular license and consent of the Elder for the time being, with concurrence of two thirds of the Trustees for the time being, anything to the contrary, in these Articles notwithstanding.

I have perused and examined the preceding Instrument, and hereby certify, that I am of opinion, that the Objects, Articles, and Conditions therein set forth and contained, are lawful.

JARED INGERSOL, Attorney General.

September 12, 1796

We, the Justices of the Supreme Court, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, hereby certify, that a Supreme Court, held at Philadelphia, for the said Commonwealth, on the twelfth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, An Act or Instrument of Incorporation of the Trustees and Members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, called Bethel Church, by the name and title of The African Methodist Episcopal Church, of the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania signed by a number of persons, Citizens of this Commonwealth, together with the opinion of Jared Ingersol, Esq. Attorney General of the said Commonwealth thereon, was exhibited to the said Supreme Court, who having perused and examined the same, concur with him in opinion that the Objects, Articles, and Conditions therein set forth and contained, are lawful.

Thomas McKean, Edward Shippen, J. Yeates, Thomas Smith. Pennsylvania, Ss.

GREAT SEAL — In the name and by the Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Thomas Mufflin, Governor, of the said Commonwealth.

Thomas Mufflin

To Matthew Irwin, Esq. Master of the Rolls in and for the said Commonwealth, SENDS GREETINGS:—

Whereas, it has been duly certified to me by Jared Ingersol, Attorney General of the said Commonwealth, and by Thomas McKean, Esq. Chief Justice, and Edward Shippen, Jasper Yeates, and Thomas Smith, esquires, Justices of the Supreme Court, of Pennsylvania, that they have respectively perused and examined the foregoing Act or Instrument for the Incorporation of the African Episcopal Church, of the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and that they concur in opinion, that the Objects, Articles, and Conditions therein, set forth and contained, are lawful. Now know you, that in pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly, in such case made and provided: I have transmitted the said Act or Instrument of Incorporation unto you the said Matthew Irwin, Master of the Rolls aforesaid, hereby requiring you to enroll the same at the expense of the Applicants; to the intent, that according to the Objects, Articles, and Conditions therein set forth and contained, the parties may become and be a Corporation and Body Politic in law, and in fact, to have continuance by the same Stile and Title in the said Instrument provided and declared. Given under my Hand, and the great Seal of the State at Philadelphia, the fifteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and of the Commonwealth the twenty-first.

By the Governor

JAMES TRIMBLE, Deputy Secretary

In Testimony that the above and foregoing is a Copy from Letter of Attorney, Book No. 5, page 458 STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, & c. remaining in the Land Office Of Pennsylvania.

THE SEAL OF THE
LAND OFFICE OF THE
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

I. WILLIAM CLARK, Secretary of said Office, have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Office, this 21st day of April, 1820.

WILLIAM CLARK.

AMENDED ARTICLES

Improving, amending, and altering the Articles of Association of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, commonly called and known by the name of Bethel Church of the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by and with the consent of two thirds of the Male Members of the said Church.

ARTICLE I.

It is hereby provided and declared, that so much of the fourth Article of Association as requires the consent of the Elder for the time being, to the grant, alienation or conveyance of the Estate, real or personal, in this Corporation, vested or to be vested, be altered and repealed, provided that no grant, alienation, conveyance, mortgage, or pledge of the Estate, real or personal, in the said Corporation, vested or to be vested, shall be made by the said Trustees or their Successors, unless with the consent of two thirds of the regular male members of the said Church, of at least twenty-one years of age, and one year's standing.

ARTICLE II.

Whereas some persons, members of Bethel Church, having been duly suspended upon complaint made of their having walked disorderly, or having been expelled from said Church, have afterwards been received as members of the Methodist Episcopal Church elsewhere, and notwithstanding their suspension, or expulsion as aforesaid, have claimed to be admitted into the private and close meetings of said Bethel Church, by reason of notes of admission, obtained in some other Church of which they have been received as members:—It is hereby declared that no person or persons whatsoever, while so suspended, or having been so expelled, nor any other person or persons not been members of said Methodist Episcopal Church, shall be permitted to commune, or to the love feast, or to any other close or private meeting whatever, held in said Bethel Church, or any other Church or Churches, which may hereafter become the property of this Corporation, unless with the consent of two thirds of the Trustees of said Church for the time being.

ARTICLE III.

It is hereby further provided and declared, that a majority of the Trustees and official members convened agreeably to notice, given at least one Sabbath day previous to such meeting shall and may nominate and appoint one or more persons of the African race, to exhort and preach in Bethel Church, and any other Church and Churches which may hereafter become the property of this Corporation, for such time and such conditions as may be agreed on, provided that the exhorters and preachers so nominated and appointed, shall have been regularly licensed by the quarterly conference of Bethel Church, or some one of the Methodist Episcopal Churches elsewhere, and provided also that the Elder of the Methodist Church for the time being, may as heretofore claim, and shall have and possess a right to preach once on every Sunday, and once during the course of the week and no more, in any or all the houses set apart and built or to be set apart and built by the aforesaid Trustees or their Successors, of the said Bethel Church.

ARTICLE IV.

It is hereby provided and declared, that the Trustees of Bethel Church and their Successors, or a majority of them, may open the said Church, or any Church or Churches, that may hereafter become the property of this Corporation, and appoint, and hold a religious meeting or meetings there provided, that no person or persons be admitted at such meeting or meetings to exhort of preach, unless they shall have been duly licensed thereto, conformably to the rules and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or have leave of a majority of said Trustees.

ARTICLE V.

It is hereby further agreed and declared, that the Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Chudch for the time being, in the city of Philadelphia, shall in no case receive any person as a member of Bethel Church, nor shall any person be received as a member thereof, or being a member, be suspended or expelled therefore, unless by a majority of the Trustees of said Church, or their Successors, and that in case the said Elder shall refuse, or neglect to preach and exhort in the said Church or Churches, which shall hereafter become the property of this Corporation, once on every Sunday, and once during the course of the week, as is herein before provided, or shall neglect or refuse to attend therein to administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's supper, in that case a majority of the said Trustees or their Successors, may appoint any other person duly qualified, according to the rules and discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to officiate in the place and stead of the Elder so refusing or neglecting, and if the said Elder shall neglect or refuse to attend any quarterly conference, love feast, or meeting for the trial of a disorderly member of said Church, or any other meeting, public or private, duly appointed by a majority of the Trustees or their Successors, it shall be lawful for them nevertheless, with the concurrence of one or more of their coloured brethren, duly licensed to exhort and preach by the quarterly conference of Bethel Church, or with the concurrence of any other person or persons so licensed, by the Methodist Episcopal Church, to hold such quarterly conference or love feast, and to proceed in the trial of such disorderly member, and to suspend or expel him or her as may be right and just to license qualified persons to exhort and preach, and finally to transact all business, and proceed in their affairs, temporal and spiritual, with the same effect to all intents and purposes, as if the said Elder were personally present and consented thereto.

ARTICLE VI.

It is hereby further agreed and declared, that the Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church for the time being, of the city of Philadelphia, shall in no case nominate any person to preach in Bethel Church, or any Church or Churches, which shall hereafter become the property of this Corporation unless with the concurrence of a majority of the Trustees of said Church or their Successors, and that any nomination made without the concurrence of said Trustees, or a majority of them, shall be void.

ARTICLE VII.

It is hereby further agreed, provided and declared, that any article or provision in the articles of association of the Trustees and members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, called Bethel Church, heretofore made and agreed on, inconsistent with and altered by these present articles, shall be deemed and taken to be repealed, and absolutely void sofar as they may be so inconsistent or altered.

The Subscribers, Trustees, and Members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, heretofore incorporated under the Style and Title of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, of the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, being desirous of improving, amending, and altering the Articles and conditions of the Instruments upon which the said Corporation was as aforesaid formed and established, and having herein specified the improvements, amendments, and alterations, which are desired. Respectfully exhibit and present the same to **Joseph B. M'Kean**, Esq. Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and to the Honorable the Judges of the Supreme Court of the said Commonwealth, in pursuance of an Act of Assembly, entitled, An Act to confer on certain Associations of the Citizens of this Commonwealth, the powers and iimmunities of corporations or body politic, in law, passed the sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one. Philadelphia, this twenty fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven, 1807.

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SIMON (X) MURRY
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I have perused and examined the within Instrument, and hereby certify that the improvements, amendments, and alterations, therein set forth and contained, are lawful. March 28th, A.D. 1807.

We, the Justice of the Supreme Court of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby certify, that at a Supreme Court held at Philadelphia, for the Eastern District, on the sixteenth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven, the within written Instrument entitled Articles improving, amending, and altering the Articles of Association of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, commonly called and known by the name of the Bethel Church, of the City of Philadelphia, in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by and with the consent of two thirds of the male members of said church, wherein are specified the improvements, amendments, and alterations, which are desired, together with the opinion of Joseph B. M'Kean, Esq. Attorney General of the Commonwealth thereon, was exhibited to the said court, and that we having perused and examined the same, concur with him in opinion, that the said improvements, amendments, and alterations therein set forth and contained, are lawful.—W. Tilghman, J. Yeates, T. Smith, H. H. Brackenridge.
Pennsylvania SS

(STATE SEAL) In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Thomas M'Kean, Governor of the said Commonwealth, to Timothy Matlack, Esq. Master of the Rolls, in and for the said Commonwealth sends greeting:

Whereas it has been duly certified to me, by Joseph B. M'Kean, Attorney General of the said Commonwealth, and by William Tilghman, Esq. Chief Justice, and Jasper Yeates, Thomas Smith, and H. H. Brackenridge, Esq. Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, that they have respectively perused and examined the foregoing act or instrument entitled Articles improving, amending, and altering the articles of association of African Methodist Episcopal Church, commonly called and known by the name of Bethel Church, of the City of Philadelphia in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by and with the consent of two

ARTICLES OF RELIGION. The AME Church subscribes to 25 Articles of Religion, as follows: I. Of Faith in The Holy Trinity; II. Of the Word or Son of God, who was made very Man; III. Of the Resurrection of Christ; IV. Of the Holy Ghost; V. The Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation; VI. Of the Old Testament; VII. Of Original or Birth Sin; VIII. Of Free Will; IX. Of the Justification of Man; X. Of Good Works; XI. Of Works of Supererogation; XII. Of Sin after Justification; XIII. Of the Church; XIV. Of Purgatory; XV. Of Speaking in the Congregation in Such a Tongue as the People Understand; XVI. Of the Sacraments; XVII. Of Baptism; XVIII. Of the Lord's Supper; XIX. Of Both Kinds; XX. Of the one Oblation of Christ, finished upon the Cross; XXI. Of the Marriage of Ministers; XXII. Of the Rites and Ceremonies of Churches; XXIII. Of the Rulers of the United States of America; XXIV. Of Christian Men's Goods; XXV. Of a Christian Man's Oath. There articles were taken by Wesley mainly from the 39 articles of the Anglican (Episcopal) Church. For the full text, see the Discipline.

ASSIGNMENTS OF BISHOPS: 1944-1948. Our bishops are assigned by the Episcopal Committee at the General Conference and there is no appeal from their decision. The assignments for 1944-1948 were as follows: (See Discipline).

FIRST EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Philadelphia, New Jersey, New England, Delaware, Bermuda and Maritime Conferences; Bishop David H. Sims, (The Extra General Conference November, 1946, expelled Bishop Sims, and the Philadelphia, Delaware and Maritime Conferences were assigned to Bishop Greene, and the New York, New Jersey, New England and Bermuda Conferences to Bishop Wright.)

SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Baltimore, Virginia, North Carolina, Western North Carolina Conferences; Bishop Monroe H. Davis. In 1947 the Baltimore Conference was assigned to Bishop Baber.

THIRD EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Ohio, Pittsburgh, North Ohio and West Virginia Conferences; Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom.

FOURTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Indiana, Chicago, Illinois, Northwestern, Michigan and Ontario Conferences; Bishop John A. Gregg.

FIFTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, North Missouri, Southwest Missouri, California, Southern California and Puget Sound Conferences; Bishop Noah W. Williams.

SIXTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Georgia, Southwest Georgia, North Georgia, Atlanta, Macon, South Georgia, Augusta and Americus Conferences; Bishop Wm. A. Fountain.

SEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Palmetto, South Carolina, Columbia, Northeast South Carolina, Piedmont and Central South Carolina Conferences; Bishop J. S. Flipper, deceased; succeeded by Bishop Frank Madison Reid.

EIGHTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Mississippi, North Mississippi, Central Mississippi, Northeast Mississippi, East Mississippi, Northwest Mississippi, Louisiana, North Louisiana, and Central Louisiana Conferences; Bishop S. L. Greene.

NINTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Alabama, North Alabama, Central Alabama, South Alabama and West Alabama Conferences; Bishop D. Ward Nichols.

TENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Texas, Central Texas, Northeast Texas, West Texas, Southwest Texas, North Texas, Southeast Texas, East Texas, Mexico and Rio Grande Valley Conferences; Bishop Geo. B. Young.

ELEVENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Florida, East Florida, Orlando Florida, South Florida, Central Florida, West Florida, Northeast Florida, and Tampa Florida Conferences; Bishop H. Y. Tookes.

TWELFTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Arkansas, West West Arkansas, Central Arkansas, East Arkansas, Northeast Arkansas, Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma and Northeast Oklahoma Conferences; Bishop G. B. Curry. After the Extra General Conference, 1946, Bishop Baber was assigned to the Conferences in Arkansas, and Bishop Clayborn to those in Oklahoma.

THIRTEENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Tennessee, East Tennesee, West Tennessee, Kentucky and West Kentucky Conferences; Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.

FOURTEENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Gold Coast Conferences; Bishop J. H. Clayborn.

FIFTEENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Cape, Swaziland, Orangia, and Natal Conferences; Bishop F. M. Reid.

SIXTEENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Cuba, Bahama, Windward Island, Jamaica, Guiana, Santa Domingo, Haiti and South American Conferences; Bishop A. J. Allen.

SEVENTEENTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT—Transvaal, Zambesi, Congo and Southwest Africa; Bishop G. W. Baber.

ATLANTA, GA., JOHN ALEXANDER MEMORIAL AME CHURCH. The late Rev. C. A. Wingfield, was the founder and organizer of the John Alexander Memorial AME Church, which was organized January 29, 1938. The first trustees were: Mrs. Dollie J. Alexander, W. H. Chivers, Paul Johnson, I. C. Bryant, and Mrs. Eugenia Williams. The stewards were: Mr. James Porter, Walter Hill, and Mrs. Dollie J. Alexander. Rev. R. B. Williams was the first pastor. The second pastor was Rev. Marion Thomas and the third Rev. Harvey Pittman. Mr. Alexander in whose memory the church was erected was always thrifty and energetic, and when only a boy of seventeen, working for only $6 per week, he ventured into business for himself, operating a meat market, and developed his business into one of the largest and best of its kind in Atlanta. At the time of his death was known to have extensive holdings in real estate and other valuables. He was for many years a member of Allen Temple AME Church, serving as trustee and treasurer of the church. He was respected by both races as a fine, honest, dependable business man and a Christian gentleman.

AUDIT, AN, is an official examination and check-up of claims and accounts. It may be made by a committee or by an accountant or auditor, or both. During the past ten years certified public accountants have been used in the church generally for auditing. The general conference requires the auditing of all general officer's accounts by a certified public accountant.

AUXILIARIES are organized for helping the stewards, stewardesses, and trustees, such as trustee aid, and other organizations sometimes called "clubs". All auxiliaries are amendable to the quarterly conference.

AVERY FUND.—Rev. Charles Avery, a merchant and minister in the Methodist Protestant Church, in 1849 gave funds to establish Avery Institute at Pittsburgh, Pa., from which Bishop Tanner graduated. He also gave a considerable sum to the AME Church in Ptitsburgh, from which Bethel AME at one time had an income of about $3,000 per year; he gave $10,000 to Wilberforce University, and was generally a liberal contributor to the educational and religious work of the Negroes, and especially the AME Church. He left funds for 12 scholarships exclusively for young Negroes in the University of Pittsburgh, which for many years were not used. In recent years, however funds from these scholarships are being applied.

BALTIMORE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, THE, was according to Bishop Handy, first held at the house Nicholas Gilliard on Low St., Baltimore, April 12, 1817. Bishop Allen presided and his son, Richard Allen, Jr. was secretary. The appointments were: Henry Harden, Baltimore; David Smith, Prince George County, Md.; Herculean Shureman, Frederick Road, Md.; Daniel Coker was left without appointment on account of damaging rumors. The next session was at the house of Samuel Williams. Bishop Allen presided and there were present Revs. Harden, Jacob Matthews, David Smith, Edward Waters, Abner Coker, Jacob Richardson, Joseph Clare, Charles Pierce as members, and Jacob Tapsico and William Cousins, as visitors.

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, the largest city in Maryland; population 1940 was 859,100 of whom, 165,843 or 19.3 per cent were Negroes—the fifth largest Negro city in America. The AME Church was started there about 1787 when the "Africans" or people of color were not permitted to sit in the same pews or commune alongside the white members, and because of this condition withdrew from the meeting house of Lonely Lane and Strawberry Alley, Baltimore. They joined Richard Allen's group in 1816. In 1948 there are the following AME Churches in Baltimore:

Church	Pastor	Members	Founding Date of
1. Bethel	J. E. Reese	1514	1787
2. Trinity	W. P. Mitchell	782	1881
3. Payne	C. Baker Pearle	852	1897
4. St. John	Harrison J. Bryant	945	1855
5. Ebenezer	W. F. Foster	743	1832
6. Waters	G. Dewey Robinson	1005	1843
7. Allen	T. C. Freeman	345	
8. Oak Street	Ellison Birch	69	
9. Grace—Catonsville	A. E. Allen	250	
10. Davis Memorial	W. R. Chew	117	
11. Wayman	J. H. Cashen	68	
12. Falls Road	J. M. Cox	80	1919

Date furnished by Rev. C. Baker Pearle

BANDS,—The weekly meeting together of two or three persons for the purpose of reading Scripture, prayer, relating experiences and rigorous personal examination, was called a band meeting and was especially useful in early Methodism in promoting a deep spiritual life. The bands are never mixed—they are all men or all women. Among the directions of band members are: not to buy or sell on the Lord's Day; to taste no spirituous liquors unless prescribed by a physician; not to mention the faults of any one behind his back; to wear no needless ornaments; to use no needless self-indulgence; zealously to maintain good works and "constantly to attend on all the ordinances of God".

BAND SOCIETIES existed in the early days of Methodism. Two, three or four Christians of the same sex and marital state who had confidence in one another came together and formed a "band", "to confess their faults to one another, and pray for one another that they may be healed".

BAPTISM is the application of water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to one being presented for the first time for church membership. "It is not only a sign of profession and mark of difference, whereby Christians are distinguished from others that are not baptized, but it is also a sign of regeneration, or the new birth". Baptism is generally recognized as essential to membership by Christian Churches. Methodists prescribe no particular mode, putting more emphasis on the spiritual condition than the physical act. The usual modes of baptism are sprinkling, pouring and immersing. Sprinkling and pouring are most generally used by us.

BENEDICTION, from Latin words, "bene" and "dicere", meaning to speak well of, a blessing, is the invocation of the favor and blessings of God. St. Paul used the benediction frequently in his letters. The benediction is always used at the close of the service. Methodists usually give the benediction in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Corinthians, 4:14, is called the Apostolic Benediction: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all". All AME meetings are closed with the benediction.

Bermuda Conference held by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., March 25-29, 1946. Accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. L. L. Berry and Mrs. Wright.

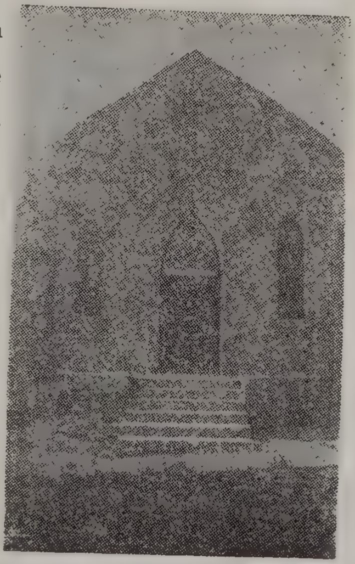
BERMUDA.—The AME Church in Bermuda had its birth in the Nova Scotia (Canada) Conference of the British Methodist Episcopal Church, of which Bishop Willis Nazrey was the presiding bishop. Because of racial discrimination the following brethren became dissatisfied with their respective churches (Anglican and Wesleyan Churches) viz: Benjamin Burchall of St. George's; William B. Jennings of Devonshire and Charles Ratterary of Somerset. Having heard of the British Methodist Episcopal Church, they communicated with Bishop Nazrey of the Nova Scotia Conference concerning the establishment of the BME Church in Bermuda. Bishop Nazrey was elated over the idea and instructed the Rev. R. R. Morris, the Secretary of the Nova Scotia Conference to answer the communications; inquiring as to the possibilities and probabilities of making such an expansive and extensive missionary endeavor, and he came to Bermuda in 1869. He preached in several places in the Colony, creating a great deal of enthusiasm among the people and established the BME Church in Bermuda, and then returned to Canada. In 1873 he returned to Bermuda and organized the Bermuda Annual Conference of the BME Church and sent Rev. R. R. Morris as the first BME Church minister. In 1885 Bishops R. R. Disney and Jabez P. Campbell of the AME Church and Bishop Willis Nazrey of the BME Church perfected a merger between the two churches. The following presiding elders have served in Bermuda from its inception to the present time: Reverends: W. H. Johns, John Albert Johnson (afterwards Bishop), James Porter, C. C. Dunlap, R. H. Shirley, J. O. Morley, T. J. Askew, F. G. Snelson, Israel Derrick, W. O. Davis, W. E. Walker, E. D. Robinson, Charles H. Bell, J. Leo Pottinger, B. A. Galloway, D. MacNeil Owens, and E. N. Thornley. The following Bishops have served in Bermuda: Rt. Reverends: B. T. Tanner, H. M. Turner, Abram Grant, C. S. Smith, J. A. Handy, W. B. Derrick, John Hurst, W. T. Vernon, J. M. Conner, J. H. Jones, W. H. Heard, David H. Sims, and R. R. Wright, Jr. Bishop C. S. Smith was appointed to this area twice, the first time in 1900 and the second time in 1916, serving four years each time. The Dollar Money has increased steadily from its inception and at the 59th Annual Conference of 1943, which was held in Somerset, the total amount for Dollar Money was $592.00 and the total amount for the various Departments of our Church including Dollar Money was $1148.00. The AME membership in Bermuda is approximately 1200 and out of this number more than 600 are members of St. Paul's, Hamilton, Bermuda: "The Cathedral of African Methodism in Bermuda". The smallest membership is in St. Phillips at Harris' Bay which has a membership of seven.

BERMUDA, BETHEL AME CHURCH, SHELLY BAY, Rev. J. D. Smith, pastor, was built by Rev. Austin Richardson and dedicated by Bishop Tanner in 1888. At the time of its dedication the Rev. Dr. George F. Woodson, afterwards dean of Payne Theological Seminary, was pastor. In historic importance and in the number of ministers of distinction who have served it, this church stands second only to St. Paul's in the island of Bermuda. The same may be said of it as a center of inspiration for African Methodism. Rev. Smith was appointed to this church by Bishop W. H. Heard, 1937 and is still serving. The 1948 annual conference was held by Bishop Wright in Bethel.

Bethel AME Church, Shelly Bay, Bermuda, Rev. J. D. Smith, pastor.

ALLEN TEMPLE AME CHURCH, SOMERSET

Allen Temple has developed from a mission begun during the Church's pioneer days in the colony. A wooden building was erected in the beginning of the eighties of the last century. That building was destroyed by a storm in 1899. The present building was erected in 1907, being dedicated by Rev. T. J. Askew on July 7, 1907. The Reverend B. W. Highgate was appointed by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., in 1947.

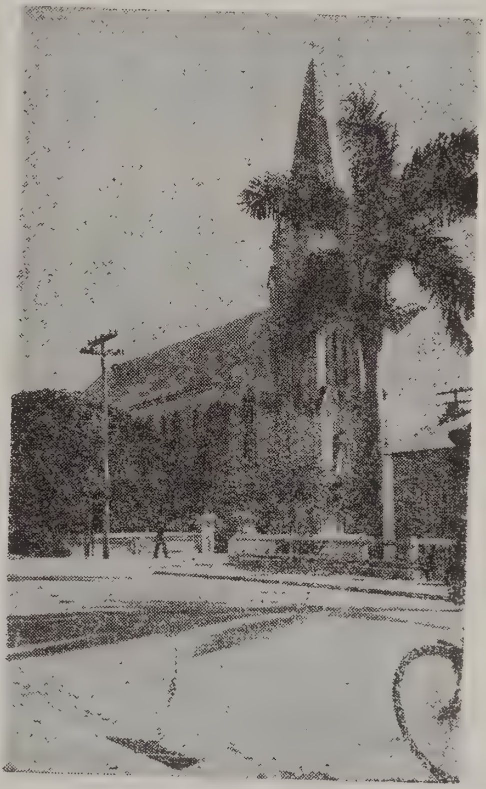


ST. LUKE'S AME CHURCH—ST. DAVID'S ISLAND

Rev. John W. DeShields, pastor. This mission was attempted as early as 1877 by Reverend C. N. Gibbons, but its successful operation may be dated from 1888 when the late Rev. Austin Richardson began a pastorate there which lasted seven years and resulted in the erection and dedication of a small wooden church. In 1928, Bishop J. H. Jones dedicated a new building which had been erected through the labors of Rev. J. W. DeShields.

St. Luke AME Church, St. David, Bermuda. Rev. J. W. DeShields, pastor.

BERMUDA, ST. PAUL'S, HAMILTON, is the mother church of the AME Churches in Bermuda. The site with the adjoining parsonage was purchased by Rev. R. R. Morris, who also laid the cornerstone of the church. The building was blown down by the gale of 1880; was rebuilt and dedicated by Rev. James H. Buckner. The steeple was erected by Mr. Julian Tucker during the pastorate of Rev. R. H. Shirley. The pipe organ was put in by Rev. J. O. Morley and the north and south porches were put on by Rev. C. H. Bell. The present pipe organ was installed by Rev. B. A. Gallaway and Rev. D. M. Owens paid the balance due which was $2110.00. One of the members of the church, Mr. James Richard donated $3,000.00



St. Paul's AME Church, Hamilton, Bermuda.
Rev. E. N. Thornley, pastor.

when the organ was installed. The original price of the organ was $6,000.00. The Bermuda cedar baptismal font was installed by Reverend D. M. Owens at a cost of more than $350.00 and paid for. The church is completely out of debt and has a very fine congregation, and a membership of about 600. It has two choirs and a very large Sunday school. Rev. E. N. Thornley has been pastor since 1945.

BERMUDA, ST. PAUL'S AME CHURCH, HAMILTON, is the premier Church of the denomination in the Island with a cosmopolitan congregation. The church is about to celebrate its 81st anniversary.

There are a number of working auxiliaries in the church. One of the oldest of them, with the Stewards and Trustees, is that of the Ladies' Aid organized some 77 years ago.

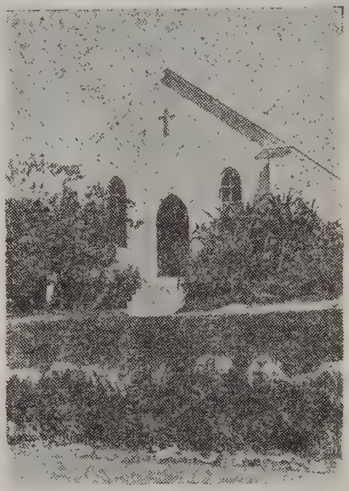
There are now seven young people preparing for the Ministry in the U.S.A. Five of whom have gone from this illustrious Church.

The group picture represents some of the faithful senoir Missionaries of the Church. This Society is known as the Rose Bell Missionary Society. Named for its first president and the Organzer of the Bermuda Conference Branch.

Under its present leadership, Rev. and Mrs. E. N. Thornley, much has been accomplished in helping to send five delegates to the Quadrennial Convention at New Orleans, Louisiana, which set a new record in the number of delegates to the Quadrennial Convention.

There are four organized singing groups i.e., Senior Choir, Gospel Chorus, Junior Choir and a mixed quartette which furnish soul stirring music at the worship services. The Senior Choir s rated the best in the Island. Women's Day, Men's Day and Young People's Day services are great events in the annual program of the Church. The present pastor is the Rev. E. N. Thornley, formerly of the New Jersey Conference.

HEARD CHAPEL AME CHURCH, NORTH SHORE PEMBROKE



Heard Chapel AME Church, Pembroke, East Bermuda, Rev. J. S. Johnson, pastor.

The cornerstone of this building was laid by Bishop John Hurst in the presence of Lt. Gen. Sir George M. Bullock, K.C.B., then governor of the colony, in 1915. The completed building was dedicated by Bishop Heard in 1935. The building of this church is a monument to the will and labors of Reverend J. S. Johnson and his co-laborers. Rev. E. H. Stowe was appointed to the church in 1939. Rev. J. S. Johnson is the present pastor.

MISSIONARY WOMEN, BERMUDA

ST. JOHN'S AME CHURCH, BAILEY'S BAY

Rev. Frank A. Lapsley, pastor.

St. John's AME Church, Bailey's Bay

St. John's was the first of our churches to be completed and dedicated. It stands near the north-eastern shore of the beautiful Harrington Sound and in the neighborhood of the caves. Rev. F. A. Lapsley was appointed to this church in 1943.

RICHARD ALLEN AME CHURCH, ST. GEORGE'S BERMUDA

Rev. Rufus J. Stovell, Pastor

Richard Allen AME Church, St. George's, Bermuda, Rev. R. J. Stovell, pastor.

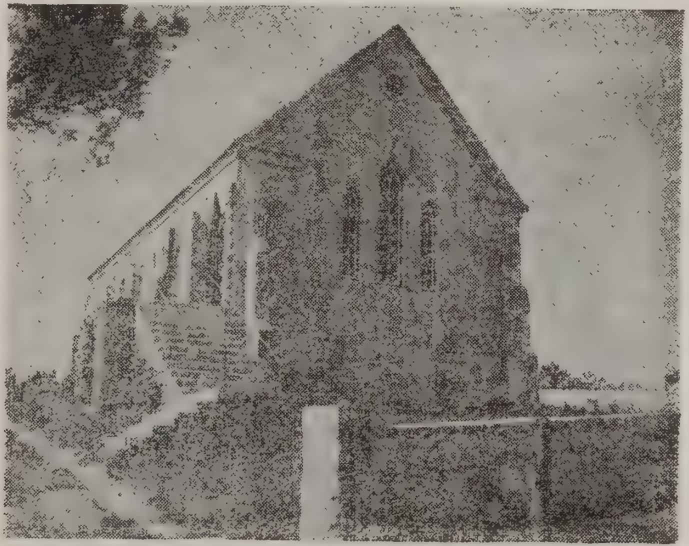
BERMUDA, RICHARD ALLEN CHURCH, St. George's.—The AME Church organized a mission here with Mr. Benjamin Burchall as its pillar soon after Bishop Nazrey's visit and preaching in this ancient capital. When the Bermuda Annual Conference of the pioneer church was organized in 1873, the first minister appointed to St. George's was the Rev. George Fitz John Urling, who did splendid work in the town, both as a minister of the gospel and as a school teacher. For many years the congregation worshipped in hired halls until some 28 years ago it dedicated its present place of worship. In 1929 a small pipe organ was added to its furnishings. **Rev. R. J. Stovell** was appointed to this church in 1940.

VERNON TEMPLE AME CHURCH, SOUTHAMPTON EAST

Rev. C. A. Darrell, Pastor

Vernon Temple AME Church, Southampton, East, Bermuda

As early as 1877 a mission was begun at this point. But it was not until 1926 that the church was completed. Rev. R. J. Stovell was the pastor under whom it was erected and prepared for dedication, which ceremony was performed by Bishop W. T. Vernon.



St. Phillips AME Church, Harris Bay, Bermuda.

BETHEL means "House of God", from two Hebrew words, "Beth" and "El" (See Genesis 28:16-19). "Bethel" was the name given to the house of worship first erected by Richard Allen and his followers in Philadelphia in 1794. "Bethel" was the name given to the first AME Church in Baltimore, the first in New York, Wilmington, Del., Atlanta, Georgia, Little Rock, Arkansas, Cape Town, South Africa.

On this account for many years the AME Church was called the "Bethel Connection". Even at this day "Bethel" is appropriately the most popular name for churches in our connection. Nearly every large city has a "Bethel", and there are approximately 500 Bethels in the AME Church.

BIBLE, THE HOLY, consists of 66 books, 39 in the Old Testament, 27 in the New Testament. The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew, and the New Testament in Greek. The Bible or some portion of it has been translated into over 1025 different languages and dialects during the past three hundred years, and is the chief help in missionary work. There are many versions of the English Bible. John Wycliff first translated it around 1382, William Tyndale, Myles Coverdale and others made translations. In 1611 the King James Authorized Version appeared, and is still the most popular version in America, though the American Revised Version is becoming popular. Reading of the Bible is required in eleven of the United States: Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee. It is permitted but not required in 34 states, and prohibited in 3 states: Illinois, Louisiana and Wisconsin.

BIBLE SOCIETIES. The British and Foreign Bible Society was organized in 1804 for the purpose of distributing the Bible at small cost to the common people. The American Bible Society was organized in 1816.

BIBLE SOCIETY, AMERICAN distributes Bibles in the North and South America. During World War II it took over much of the work of the British and other Bible Societies. In 1901 the Haven Agency started special work among Negroes with Rev. J. P. Wragg, as superintendent. Its current annual distribution exceeds 12,000,000 Bibles, Testaments, and Gospels in nearly 200 languages in more than forty countries. Its regular operations are administered through fourteen Districts and Divisions in the U.S.A. and twelve agencies abroad with a full time staff of about 300 and many more on part-time or similar arrangements.

The war situation brought forward a number of special services: (a) the supply to the armed forces of 365,000 Bibles, nearly 5,500,000 Testaments and 1,900,000 Gospels, etc.; (b) The provision of Testaments in water-proofed packages for life boats and life rafts of Navy Merchant Marine ships and many planes; (c) The supply of Scriptures to prisoners of war in Europe, U.S.A., Africa, and India; (d) The maintenance of supplies for civilian populations in Europe, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Italy, Belgium, France, etc.

The Society is supported by sales and donations. The AME Church contributes its "Bible Cause" money to the American Society.

The Society's regular budget for 1944, not including income from sales estimated at $800,000, is $923,000 of which $483,000 must be raised from living donors, $340,000 secured from proceeds of legacies, annuities terminated, and income from trust and other funds. To these have 1943. The expenditure is divided $325,700 for work abroad, been added $100,000 from income in excess of expense in $259,648 for work in the U.S.A., $29,743 for translation etc., $307,000 for service to the cause, promotion, administration, etc. The latter is relatively high because it represents an effort by the Society to make larger contact with the public to secure increased support at a new higher level while interest is so great.

For the War Emergency Fund of the Society there has been received in 3-1/3 years $526,000 of which the Society raised $273,000 from individual gifts. The expenditures have been $612,000. Toward the deficit of $86,000, $50,000 from excess of regular income over expense in 1942 has been applied, leaving a current deficit of about $36,000.

The Society is conducted by a Board of Directors, on which have been two Negroes, Dr. Channing H. Tobias, and Judge Francis E. Rivers, both of New York. Negro Divisional secretaries have been as follows: Atlanta Division: Rev. H. B. Wilson, 1920-1930; Rev. D. H. Stanton, 1930; Charlotte Division: Rev. D. H. Samson, Jr., 1920-1932; Rev. J. S. N. Tross, 1932-1944; Rev. J. W. I. Tunstall, 1945; Cleveland Division: Rev. C. A. Lucas, 1920-1931; Rev. A. J. Allen, 1931-1940 (elected Bishop of AME Church in 1940); Rev. V. C. Hodges, 1940; Dallas Division: Rev. M. L. Vaughters, 1920-1939; Rev. G. A. Hobart Sheppart, 1941-1944; Rev. Samuel Pettagrue, 1945.

Representatives on the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society: Negroes National Baptist Convention, Inc.: Rev. Abner Brown, Rev. L. K. Williams, Rev. J. H. Branham, Rev. O. C. Maxwell, Rev. W. H. Jernagin, Rev. T. S. Harten; AME Church: Bishop John Hurst, Bishop J. A. Johnson, Bishop W. H. Heard, Bishop M. H. Davis, Rev M. E. Jackson, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.; AMEZ: Bishop C. W. Clinton, Rev. W. C. Brown, Rev. G. M. Oliver, Rev. J. W. Brown, Bishop L. W. Kyles, Bishop P. A. Wallace; CME: Rev. S. B. Wallace, Jr., Rev. W. Y. Bell, Bishop C. H. Phillips; Methodist Church: Dr. G. M. Phelps.

BILL OF RIGHTS. The first ten amendments of the Constitution of the United States's constitute the Bill of Rights. They are in substance as follows: Article I—Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. Article II—A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed. Article III—No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law. Article IV—The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized. Article V—No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation. Article VI—In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trlai, by an impartial jury of the states and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation: to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense. Article VII—Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no act and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law. Article VIII—Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted. Article IX—The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people. Article X—The powers not delegated to the United States, by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

BISHOPS OF THE AME CHURCH FROM 1816 TO 1947 HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS: NAMES, YEAR OF BIRTH, YEAR AND PLACE OF ELECTION, YEAR OF DEATH AND YEARS SERVED

Order	Name	Born	Elected		Died	Years Served
1	Richard Allen* —	1760	1816	Philadelphia	1831	15
2	Morris Brown* —	1770	1828	Philadelphia	1849	21
3	Edward Waters —	1780	1836	Philadelphia	1847	11
4	William Paul Quinn* —	1788	1844	Pittsburgh	1873	29
5	Willis Nazrey —	1808	1852	New York	1874	22
6	Daniel A. Payne* —	1811	1852	New York	1893	41
7	Alexander W. Wayman—	1821	1864	Philadelphia	1895	31
8	Jabez Pitt Campbell—	1815	1864	Washington	1891	27
9	James A. Shorter—	1817	1868	Washington	1887	19
10	Thomas M. D. Ward—	1823	1868	Washington	1894	26
11	John M. Brown—	1817	1868	Washington	1893	25
12	Henry M. Turner* —	1833	1880	St. Louis	1915	35
13	William F. Dickerson—	1844	1880	St. Louis	1884	4
14	Richard A. Cain—	1826	1880	St. Louis	1887	7
15	Richard R. Disney—	1830	1884	Baltimore	1891	7
16	Wesley J. Gaines—	1840	1888	Indianapolis	1912	24
17	Benjamin W. Arnett—	1838	1888	Indianapolis	1906	18
18	Benjamin T. Tanner—	1835	1888	Indianapolis	1915	27
19	Abraham Grant—	1848	1888	Indianapolis	1911	23
20	Benjamin F. Lee*—	1831	1892	Philadelphia	1926	34
21	Moses B. Salter—	1841	1892	Philadelphia	1913	21
22	James A. Handy—	1826	1892	Philadelphia	1911	19
23	William B. Derrick—	1843	1896	Wilmington, N. C.	1913	17
24	Josiah E. Armstrong—	1842	1896	Wilmington, N. C.	1898	2
25	James C. Embry—	1834	1896	Wilmington, N. C.	1897	1
26	Evans Tyree—	1854	1900	Columbus, Ohio	1921	21
27	Morris M. Moore—	1856	1900	Columbus, Ohio	1900	6 Mons.
28	Charles S. Smith—	1852	1900	Columbus, Ohio	1922	22
29	Cornelius T. Shaffer—	1847	1900	Columbus, Ohio	1919	19
30	Levi J. Coppin* —	1848	1900	Columbus, Ohio	1924	24
31	Edward W. Lampton—	1857	1908	Norfolk, Va.	1910	2
32	Henry B. Parks*—	1858	1908	Norfolk, Va.	1936	28
33	Joseph S. Flipper* —	1858	1908	Norfolk, Va.	1944	36
34	J. Albert Johnson—	1857	1908	Norfolk, Va.	1928	20
35	William H. Heard —	1850	1908	Norfolk, Va.	1937	29
36	John Hurst—	1863	1912	Kansas City, Mo.	1930	18
37	William D. Chappelle—	1857	1912	Kansas City, Mo.	1925	13
38	Joshua H. Jones—	1856	1912	Kansas City, Mo.	1934	22
39	James M. Connor—	1863	1912	Kansas City, Mo.	1925	13
40	William W. Beckett—	1859	1916	Philadelphia, Pa.	1925	9
41	Isaac N. Ross—	1856	1916	Philadelphia, Pa.	z1927	11
42	William D. Johnson—	1869	1920	St. Louis, Mo.	1936	16
43	Archibald J. Carey—	1868	1920	St. Louis, Mo.	1936	16
44	W. Sampson Brooks—	....	1920	St. Louis, Mo.	1934	14
45	William T. Vernon—	1871	1920	St. Louis, Mo.	1944	24
46	William A. Fountain* (x)	1870	1920	St. Louis, Mo.		27
47	Abraham L. Gaines—	1866	1924	Louisville, Ky.	1931	7
48	Reverdy C. Ransom (x)	1861	1924	Louisville, Ky.		23
49	John A. Gregg (x)	1877	1924	Louisville, Ky.		23
50	Robert A. Grant—	....	1928	Chicago, Ill.	1939	11
51	Sherman L. Greene (x)	1886	1928	Chicago, Ill.		19
52	George B. Young (x)	....	1928	Chicago, Ill.		19
53	Monroe H. Davis (x)	....	1928	Chicago, Ill.		19
54	Noah W. Williams (x)	....	1932	Cleveland, Ohio		15
55	David H. Sims (x) (e)	1889	1932	Cleveland, Ohio		14
56	Henry Y. Tookes (x)	....	1932	Cleveland, Ohio		15
57	Richard R. Wright, Jr. (x)	1878	1936	New York		11
58	Edward J. Howard—	1871	1936	New York		
59	D. Ward Nichols (x)	1900	1940	Detroit, Michigan	....	7
60	George E. Curry (x) (e)	1899	1940	Detroit, Michigan	....	6
61	Frank M Reid (x)	1899	1940	Detroit, Michigan	....	7
62	A. Joseph Allen (x)	....	1940	Detroit, Michigan	....	7
63	George W. Baber (x)	....	1944	Philadelphia, Pa.		3
64	John H. Clayborn (x)	....	1944	Philadelphia, Pa.		3

(—) Deceased.
(*) Was Senior Bishop of the Church
(x) (Was living in 1947)
(e) Expelled November, 1946.

BISHOPS' WIDOWS. The widows of bishops receive a pension from the church of $25 per month, paid by the financial department, provided they retain their widowhood and membership in the AME Church. January, 1944, there were the following widows of Bishops: Mrs. C. S. Smith, Mrs. J. S. Flipper, Mrs. W. D. Chappelle, Mrs. W. D. Johnson, Mrs. W. S. Brooks, Mrs. A. L. Gaines, Mrs. R. A. Grant.

BLACKSMITH SHOP. Richard Aller purchased a discarded blacksmith shop and moved it upon the lot at Sixth and Lombard Streets, Philadelphia, Penna.; repaired it and dedicated it as Bethel Church. No blacksmith business was ever conducted upon the ground where Bethel Church is located, so far as we know, and Richard Allen was not a blacksmith.

BOARDS, is the name given to the group of persons selected to manage certain works in the local and general church. In the local church the STEWARDS BOARD has responsibility for the spiritual welfare of the church; the TRUSTEE BOARD has responsibility for the business affairs. Each of the general departments of the church has a board elected by the General Conference nominated by the Bishops' Council.

BOARDS, GENERAL. Each general church department is under a general board, made up as a rule of one member from each Episcopal District. Each board is presided over by a bishop. The principal boards meet once per year to examine the accounts and general condition of the department, and serve whatever other interests they may. The Bishops' Council recommends most of the Boards and the General Conference approves them. The Financial Board is elected by the General Conference without special nomination by the Bishops' Council. The members of the respective boards are listed under their respective departments in this section of the Encyclopaedia.

BOOK CONCERN OF THE AME CHURCH, THE, was provided for in the first discipline of the AME Church, which stated that the profits from the same should go for the support of superannuated preachers, and widows and orphans of deceased ministers, but at that time it was no more than a book agency. In 1817 the first discipline was published, and in 1832 a second was published. A hymn book was published in 1818 and another in 1835. Bishop Richard Allen was first general book steward. In 1835 Joseph M. Corr reported as general book steward that he had printed 1,000 disciplines and bound 500, also 1,000 hymn books, 2,000 minutes at a cost of about $600. He had sold $3000 worth of hymnals and disciplines and "had succeeded in getting through with all this huge debt, and had on hand and clear of all contingencies $60, with which to commence the "Publishing Fund". James M. Corr died October, 1835, and was succeeded by George Hogarth. The Book Concern was moved from Philadelphia to New York. Here it had a more or less precarious time. In 1845 it is reported that "The condition of the Book Concern is painful". Rev. Hogarth was succeeded by Rev. Augustus N. Green and he by Rev. M. M. Clark in 1852. Rev. W. T. Catto was general book steward from 1852-1854, when he was succeed by Rev. J. P. Campbell. Other book stewards were: Revs. Elisha Weaver, 1860-1868; John A. Woodlin, A. L. Stanford and B. T. Tanner, 1868-1872; W. H. Hunter, 1872-1875; H. M. Turner, 1876-1880; T. Gould, 1880-1884; J. C. Embry, 1884-1896; T. W. Henderson, 1896-1900; R. H. W. Leak, 1900-1902; J. M. Collett, 1902-1909; R. R. Wright, Jr., 1909-1912; J. I. Lowe, 1912-1916; R. R. Wright, Jr., 1916-1920; D. M. Baxter, 1920-1936; Prof. R. R. Wright, III, deputy of Dr. D. M. Baxter, June, 1936-February, 1937; G. E. Curry, 1937-1940; W. A. Dorsey, May, 1940-three days; W. K. Hopes, 1940-to date. The Book Concern was located in Pittsburgh in 1848, removed to Philadelphia in 1852, and located at 631 Pine Street in 1866; 1928 moved to present location, 716-18 South 19th Street, Philadelphia; went into bankruptcy in 1929 and moved to corner 19th and S. College Ave.; returned to 716-18 So. 19th in 1937. The present structure was built under Manager Baxter in 1926-27-28. It is a six-story building on the corner of 19th and Pemberton Sts., with cement basement. Besides housing the Book Concern's offices, printing, binding and mailing departments, The Christian Recorder, AME Review, it supplies offices for the Bishop of the First Episcopal District, The WMS, Book store, the Business Men's Organization, and offices for professional and business people. The Book Concern is the most outstanding Negro business building in Philadelphia, and one of the best in America. The publications of the Book Concern are the Christian Recorder, AME Review, discipline, hymn books, polity, Digest of Theology and other books, blanks, etc., necessary for the work of the Church.

The income of the Book Concern since 1836, as nearly as can be ascertained from reports is as follows, under each business manager:

George Hogarth—1836-1840	$ 1,954.11
George Hogarth—1840-1844	2,168.00
George Hogarth—1844-1848	8,407.58
TOTAL	$12,529.69
A. R. Green—1848-1852	$11,585.47
W. T. Catto, M. M. Clarke and J. P. Campbell—1852-1856	3,995.80
J. P. Campbell—1856-1860	6,449.57
Elisha Weaver—1860-1864	7,410.26
Elisha Weaver—1864-1868	29,149.86
J. Woodlin, A. L. Stanford and B. T. Tanner—1868-1872	25,275.47
W. W. Hunter—1872-1876	41,368.69
H. M. Turner—1876-1880	50,142.27
T. Gould—1880-1884	63,139.65
J. C. Embry—1884-1888	49,123.49
J. C. Embry—1888-1892	55,597.86
J. C. Embry—1892-1896	67,876.46
T. W. Henderson—1896-1900	65,811.27
R. H. W. Leak and J. H. Collett 1900-1904	....
J. H. Collett—1904-1908	....
J. H. Collett and R. R. Wright, Jr. 1908-1912	63,702.25
J. I. Lowe—1912-1916	53,161.24
R. R. Wright, Jr.—1916-1920	....
D. M. Baxter—1920-1924	....
D. M. Baxter—1924-1928	....
D. M. Baxter—1928-1932	....
D. M. Baxter—1932-1936	....
R. R. Wright, III—1936-1937 (7 months)	....
G. E. Curry—1937-1940	.....
W. K. Hopes—1940-1944	$120,328.23

The Book Concern has never had title to the property at 716-718 S. 19th St., Philadelphia. The property is in the name of who is the title owner of the property; a mortgage for $110,000 is against the property.

The taxes have been unpaid for many years, and December, 1946 were more than $40,000. The report of George E. Curry as business manager in 1940 was false as to the liabilities and ownership of the Book Concern.

BONDS. Each general officer is required to file a bond with the secretary of the general conference, within twenty days after the date of his election. The manager of the Book Concern, secretaries of Finance, Missions, Church Extension, Sunday School Union and Education are required to give bond for $10,000.00 and the editors of Christian Recorder, Southern and Western Recorders and AME Review give a bond for $2,500.

BORROWING. The discipline of the AME Church discourages borrowing money and specifically borrowing by ministers without the probability of paying. It should be a rule of every man's life not to borrow, except under absolute necessity. Pride, ambition, self-indulgence and the desire to make a show should never force persons to borrow. And no person should indulge in luxuries or extravagences as long as he is in debt.

BOSTON, MASS., The First AME Society of Boston formerly called Charles Street AME Church, was organized Nov. 25, 1833. Its founder was Rev. Noah C. W. Cannon, a man of piety and capability; was first located in the West End on Belnap Street. It had other sites: West Cedar Street, Cambridge Street, North Russel Street, then to Anderson Street, next to the corner of Charles and Mt. Vernon Streets, December 15, 1876; membership at this time was about 200 persons. The church building and ground, which was just below Beacon Hill and the State House, a block and a half from the Charles River basin and the same in another direction from the historic public gardens, includes a pipe organ, (the first installed in any church in Boston), magnificent oak pews and other furnishings, was purchased from the Third Baptist Society for the sum of $40,000, under Rev. William H. Hunter, pastor. Rev. Ebenezer T. Williams paid off the mortgage on the church building on Anderson Street and opened the way for the larger venture. Rev. Joseph P. Shreves, the next pastor, looking to the future of the society, began a sinking fund, raising the $3,050.50, which was deposited in the bank. The property on Anderson Street was mortgaged $6,000 which with the sinking fund made a total of $9,050.50; it was resolved to raise $10,000 for the first payment on the indebtedness; the good women led off in the endeavor. Mrs. Elizabeth Clinton pledged the sum of $50, also Mrs. Rosetta Allston, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Ruth Hill, Mrs. Mary Thomas and others contributed like sums, which with the aid of other friends, succeeded in making the grand total. Dr. J. T. Jenifer, who raised and paid $22,000 on the property, (this was at that time largest amount ever raised at one time by any church in the connection).

A charter was granted the society in 1839 by the legislature. In the early history of this church the Negroes of Boston were only allowed to occupy the first two rows in the gallery on the Charles Street side during the services. Later they purchased the building. Wendell Phillips, William Lloyd Garrison, Dr. Edward Everett Hale, General Ben. F. Butler, Frederick Douglass, Phillip Brooks, and others of world-wide fame have been a part of this congregation and contributed some of the service in times past. Within her walls the "Boston Associated Charity Society" was organized; "The St. Andrew's Church" was born here, as well as the great "Tremont Temple"; four of its pastors have served as general officers in the great AME Church: Theodore Gould, T. W. Henderson, J. T. Jenifer, and Reverdy C. Ransom; Three were elected bishops: Revs. J. P. Campbell, W. F. Dickerson and Reverdy C. Ransom. Some of the other able pastors were: Father Johnson, R. F. Hurley, D. P. Roberts, W. H. Thomas, Sr., R. W. Fickland, J. M. Henderson, W. H. Thomas, Jr., A. R. Cooper, U. G. Leper, I. S. Jacobs, W. Lamar, J. Albert Sterrett and the present pastor Oliver W. Childers. During the administration of Dr. Thornton (1912-1916) the colored people moved from Beacon Hill to South End. Eventually the church had also to move. The new home of the congregation, valued at $150,000 and free of debt, secured under the administration of Dr. O. W. Childers, who has been pastor since 1930. It is situated on Warren Street and Elm Hill Ave., Boston. Since moving to the new site Sunday, July 2, 1939 the church has steadily grown.

"BOTH KINDS". The Roman Catholics do not give the wine of the Lord's Supper to the laity, but only the bread; the AME Church as most Protestant Churches, gives it in "both kinds" to laity, namely, the bread and wine, in accordance with the Scriptural injunction.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA have superseded the Allen Life Guards in ACE League.

BRITISH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, THE, grew out of the AME Church. The preachers of the AME Church went early to Canada, where many fugitive slaves had gone, and there the Church grew. In 1840 the Upper Canada Conference was organized by Bishop Morris Brown at Toronto. But the question of difference in political allegiance arose and it was thought best to form a separate Church out of the Canada societies, and in 1855 a committee was appointed to look into the matter. In 1856 the BME Church was set apart and Bishop Nazrey, who was a British subject, was elected its bishop. Bishop Nazrey died in 1875 and was succeeded by Bishop Disney. In 1884 a reunion with the AME Church took place and Bishop Disney became one of our bishops. All of the Canadian BME Churches, however, did not come with the AME Church and a small British ME Church still exists.

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. Greater Bridge Street AME Church, was organized in 1818 and has served effectively, three important sections of Brooklyn for 126 years; 36 years the Navy Yard, 84 years Brooklyn Heights and 6 years Bedford-Stuyvesant. It is the oldest church of our group in the city and has three pieces of income property; a parsonage and the old edifice, plus the new one. 53 ministers have pastored it and the present pastor is Rev. Roscoe C. Henderson, who came to it in June, 1941. When Dr. Henderson took charge it owed $45,000 and this has been fully paid by him. He has taken in over 1200 new members, christened 125 children, added 14 more deaconesses, 12 junior stewards, 2 new stewardess boards, 250 added to the Sunday school, 36 altar children, 21 new class leaders, a male chorus of 50 voices, new clubs, a strong league and many other new innovations. All these new additions supported by a well organized program have resulted in a great financial income; the average Sunday offering is from $250 to $350 and class receipts from $125 to $180 weekly. In a recent rally, $6700.00 cash was laid on the table, an all time record. The membership has pledged itself to pay the balance of the indebtedness before December 31, 1944 and when this is done, the program calls for the installation of a number of rooms and offices so as to make the building the finest institutional church in the East. The Missionary Society has a wonderful set-up and has done phenominal work under the leadership of Mrs. Ethelyn Henderson, esteemed pastor's wife. The Local Society, with its various groups, is one of the best Missionary societies in the New York Conference. Mrs. Henderson is a member of the executive committee and chairman of the finance committee of the New York Conference Branch.

By Henry S. Robinson, Sr.

BUDGET. A budget is a statement of estimated receipts and expenditures of any institution for a given period. It is the common sense proceedure for a household, a church, a city, college, a buisness, a state and a nation. All our churches should operate on the "budget system". At the beginning of the year the pastor, after approval of his official board, should present to the church conference a budget. It should include the estimate of the cost of conducting the business of the church for the year. Such items as the following be presented. 1. LOCAL: For Stewards; for pastor's salary; presiding elders' assessment; travel expense, episcopal visitation. For Trustees, janitor, choir, parsonage upkeep, light and heat. For Sunday school; for social service; for YPD; for Missions, etc. 2. CONNECTIONAL PURPOSES: Dollar Money, for Education, for Missions; for Social Service; for Pensions, Special District Projects; other items called for by the discipline, pages 202, 203.

Having estimated the expense the method of raising the same must be arranged. The amount can be divided by the number of active members; certain amounts may be assigned for the stewards, trustees, and auxiliaries to raise. Persons may be urged to tithe. The method of raising the budget is always determined by the local conditions.

BUDGETS OF THE AME CHURCH. Rev. B. W. Arnett, was elected financial secretary in 1880, and at the end of six months found that there was a need to inform the church of the condition of the treasury, sending out a statement of the receipts, and expenditures. The plan met with general favor, and the financial board in April, 1881, ordered him to print an annual report and such other matter as he thought best for the information of the ministry and membership. This was the beginning of the "Budgets". Later the budgets contained much information on the AME Church and other matters of interest to the Race and Church. "Budgets" appeared in 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1891, 1894. Bishop Arnett died in 1906 and no "Budgets" have since appeared. Bishop Ransom as historiographer published "The Year Book" in 1938 and 1940. As yet there is no adequate budget for the entire church, although most of the colleges, and departments and episcopal districts, and many of the local churches, work on the budget plan.

BUFFALO, NEW YORK. Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized on April 28, 1831, one year before the City of Buffalo was incorporated, and three years after the first railroad ran out of Baltimore, and six years after the opening of the Erie Canal which made accessible to the Atlantic Coast, the vast resources of the West. The church was first known as the Vine Street Colored Methodist Church. In 1879 it became known as the First African Methodist Episcopal Church. Later it assumed the name of Bethel AME Church. The church has had three locations. The first church was a frame building on Washington and Carroll Streets, then Vine Street in 1839. In 1845, the frame building on Vine Street was replaced with a new brick structure where the people worshipped until 1928 when it moved to its present location, 551 Eagle Street, near Jefferson, under the leadership of Dr. M. E. Jackson. The two early church buildings on Washington and Carroll and on Vine Street were used as underground railroad stations for slaves seeking freedom in Canada. The minister responsible for the organization of the church was a Rev. Williams who on April 28, 1831 gave official recognition to this body of believers. The trustees of the first organization were David E. Evans, Philander Bennett, George Weir, Sr., Charles Anderson, Moses Burton, Richard Jones, William Williams, Nathaniel Bennett, William Walker, Sikes Simpson, Henry Moxley, and William McNerman. Then there were less than 25 Negro families listed in the Buffalo directory; these early Negro Christians felt the need for Christian fellowship which was denied them in the few churches then in existence. (There were only 4 churches in the city).

In 1841 an Anti-Slavery Society was started and placed in Article III of its Constitution the following: "This society shall aim to elevate the character and condition of the people of color, by encouraging their intellectual, moral, and religious improvement, by correcting the prejudices of public opinion, and by endeavoring to obtain for our colored fellow citizens an equality with the whites of civil, religious and political privileges".

The following are the ministers who have served the church insofar as available historical material could be secured:

1831-1832	Rev. Williams
1833, 34, 36	Rev. Williams
1837-1838	
1839-1842	Rev. George Weir
1843-1847	
1848-1851	Rev. Charles Burch
1851-1854	Rev. J. P. Campbell
1854-1856	Rev. J. M. Williams
1856-1857	Rev. Leonard Patterson
1857-1859	Rev. D. Dorrell
1859-1861	Rev. M Moore
1861-1866	Rev. J. M. Williams
1866-1868	Rev. Francis J. Peck, Sr.
1868-1869	Rev. William Catto
1869-1870	Rev. Elisha Weaver
1870-1872	Rev. Abraham C. Crippen
1872-1874	Rev. J. R. Cooper
1874-1876	Rev. G. W. Moberry
1876-1878	Rev. Caleb Woodyard
1878-1880	Rev. Abraham C. Crippen
1880-1882	Rev George W Bailey
1882-1883	Rev. George Dardis
1883-1886	Rev. H. H. Lewis (First to die while pastoring the church)
1886-1888	Rev. R. H. Shirley
1888-1890	Rev. Wm. H. Thomas, Sr.
1890-1894	Rev. Rudolph H. Shirley
1894-1896	Rev. Charles Morsell
1896-1897	Rev. Watkins
1897-1899	Rev. W. H. Bryant
1899-1901	Rev. S. D. W. Smith
1901-1902	Rev. J. C. Ayler
1902-1903	Rev. E. A. Johnson (Church split) St. Luke's and Lloyd Memorial Churches came into existence
1903-1906	Rev. J. Harris Accoe
1906-1907	Rev. A. Q. Norton
1907-1908	Rev. M. W. Traverse
1908-1910	Rev. E. C. Gumbs
1910-1914	Rev. A. C. Saunders
1914-1915	Rev. H. H. Williams
1915-1920	Rev. A. L. Wilson
1920-1922	Rev. H. A. Garcia
1922-1926	Rev. W. Spencer Carpenter
1926-1935	Rev. M. E. Jackson
June, 1935	
August, 1935	Rev. Chas. W. Stewart
1935-1938	Rev. J. A. Portlock
1938-1939	Rev. H. P. Anderson
Oct. 1939-June 1940	Rev. J. A. Manning
1940-1941	Rev. W. M. Dawkins
1941-to date	Rev. D. O. Walker

Rev. H. P. Anderson completely renovated both the exterior and interior at a cost of nearly $4,000. On Sunday, October, 1939, Rev. Wm. McKinley Dawkins completely reorganized the church setting up the sound fiscal policy upon which it now operates, and installed a new heating system, and secured a parsonage on Madison Street at a cost of over $5,000. The spiritual life of Bethel was enriched and it again was launched on the highway of progress. October 14, 1941, Dr. D. Ormonde Walker, former president of Wilberforce University was appointed; under his ministry a debt of $20,765.71 was completely liquidated; including a mortgage of $10,500.00 which was burned in founding of Bethel. Dr. Walker has increased the membership, completely renovated the church, organized the Bethel Forum, and made Bethel Church one of the greatest spiritual and moral influences in Buffalo.

BUDGET COMMISSION. Since 1920 an attempt has been made to form a budget for the entire church, but to the present has only partially succeeded. A budget committee was appointed in 1940, without any directions or financial aid: Bishops R. R. Wright, Jr., E. J. Howard, W. A. Fountain, M. H. Davis, D. H. Sims, N. W. Williams and Dr. A. S. Jackson.

BUDGET COMMITTEE, THE, was appointed by the General Conference to recommend a budget system for the Church. They were: Bishops R. R. Wright, Jr., W. A. Fountain, Sr., M. H. Davis, D. H. Sims, N. W. Williams and Professor A. S. Jackson.

CALIFORNIA. The first session of the Southern California Conference was held at First AME Church, Eighth and Towne Avenue, Los Angeles, September 28, 1925, under authorization of the General Conference of 1924, Bishop H. B. Parks presided and Rev. George W. Prioleau was secretary. The Conference membership included 12 itinerate elders; 6 superannuate elders; 2 traveling deacons; 3 local elders; 7 local deacons; and 1 licentiate. Rev. J. H. Wilson was presiding elder. The charges were substantially the same as those which now compose the conference: Val Verde, Williams' Chapel, San Pedro; Indio; Santa Anna; St. John, Los Angeles, constitute the charges which have been established within the conference territory since its organization. In 1934 the work was divided into two Presiding Elder districts, the Los Angeles and the San Diego, with Dr. J. W. Price, and Dr. A. Francis McClure, presiding elders. There were 3484 members reported in that first conference. Dollar Money $2800.65, conversions 203, total conference receipts $7626.39. At its organization it was a part of the 15th Episcopal District. In 1936 it was returned with the other Pacific Coast Conferences to the 5th Episcopal District.

YEAR	PLACE	BISHOPS	CONVERSIONS	MEMBERS	DOLLAR MONEY	EDU.	TOTAL FINANCE
Sept. 30, 1925	1st Church, L. A.	H. B. Parks	206	3484	$2800.65	$ 758.10	$ 7626.38
Sept. 29, 1926	1st Church, Pasadena	H. B. Parks	290	3833	3217.50	1116.30	7720.13
1927	1st Church, L. A.	H. B. Parks	224*	3785*	3500.00*	1110.00*	8000.00*
Sept. 26, 1928	Bethel, San Diego	H. B. Parks	215	3593	4055.50	1106.05	9049.05
Sept. 25, 1929	Grant Chapel, L. A.	H. B. Parks	192	4100	4235.00	1531.12	9927.36
Sept. 24, 1930	Ward Chapel, L. A.	H. B. Parks	199	4308	4283.00	1634.30	10,999.15
Sept. 2, 1931	1st Church, L. A.	H. B. Parks	141	4330	4394.45	1422.85	9433.88
Sept. 14, 1932	1st Ch., Pasadena	W. D. Johnson	141	4414	4229.00	618.00	6457.63
Stpt. 27, 1933	1st Church, L. A.	W. D. Johnson	123	4500	4436.15	750.11	8700.03
Sept. 26, 1934	Bethel, San Diego	W. D. Johnson	115	4680	4590.50		. . . . . .
Sept. 25, 1935	Grant Chapel, L. A.	W. D. Johnson	142	4942	4700.00	1035.44	8134.50
Sept. 16, 1936	Ward Chapel, L. A.	N. W. Williams	120	5093	4776.60	1045.56	8438.05
Sept. 15, 1937	1st Church, L. A.	N. W. Williams	147*	5061	5017.00	1029.65	8272.57
Sept. 14, 1938	1st Church, L. A.	N. W. Williams	346*	5875	5195.00	1282.00	9188.15
Sept. 6, 1939	1st Ch., Pasadena	N. W. Williams	364*	6139	5506.50	1472.87	8496.79
Sept. 4, 1940	1st Church, L. A.	N. W. Williams	432*	6800	5687.50	1576.33	9041.62
Sept. 10, 1941	Grant Chapel, L. A.	N. W. Williams	221*	7157	5786.00	1524.78	10,014.11
Sept. 9, 1942	Bethel, San Diego	N. W. Williams	463*	8276	6004.50	1529.20	10,225.27

* Estimate

Note—L. A. means Los Angeles, California.

CALL TO PREACH. Methodists believe in the Call to Preach—that the Holy Spirit moves men and women to give their lives to the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus; that the prospective preacher has the conviction that God calls him to preach. Every person, coming into the ministry is examined as to his call, (a) as to Experience: (1) Do you know God as a pardoning God? (2) Have you the love of God abiding in you? (3) Do you desire and seek nothing but God? (4) Are you holy in manner and conversation; (b) as to Gifts; (c) as to Fruits. See the disciplines.

CALVINISM. The system of doctrines taught by John Calvin (born 1506, died 1564), stress fundamentally the absolute something of God; it attributes everything in the universe to the out working of the all comprehensive plan of God. It ascribes all good to the free grace of God, denies all natural free will to man, and all power antecedent to grace, and excludes all merit from man for what he has or does by the grace of God. The famous "Fine Points of Calvinism" are (1) Absolute predestination, or unconditional election; (2) particular redemption, or atonement limited to the elect only; (3) Total depravity, i. e. so far as man's ability or merit is concerned; (4) irresistable grace and (5) perseverance of the saints. The classic of Calvinism is "Institutes of the Christian Religion" by John Calvin.

CAMPBELL COLLEGE, Jackson, Mississippi, was inaugurated in 1887. It was headed by chartered trustees and located in the cities of Vicksburg and Friars Point, Mississippi. Until 1898 it remained at the two respective places as separate wings, but during the administration of Bishop Derrick, these two were united into one institution and located at Jackson, Mississippi. The founders were Revs. T. W. Stringer, W. R. Carson, L. W. W. Manaway, E. R. Carter, W. T. Anderson, W. H. Coleman, J. G. Johnson, J. W. Watson, I. T. Montgomery, W. H. Reynolds, H. T. Risher, Granville Carter and Thomas Richardson. The school at Vicksburg was started in 1890 in Bethel Church. A large hall next to the church was built, and 1,000 acres of the best land in the Mississippi Delta were given by Collis P. Huntington, a rail road magnate. Since 1898 the following have served as presidents: M. W. Thornton, D. H. Butler, M. M. Ponton, P. W. Howard, H. H. Buckingham, W. T. Vernon, J. L. Jackson, and A. Henry Attaway. Dr. S. L. Greene, Jr., is the present president. The departments are theological collegiate, scientific, academic, normal, musical, industrial, commercial and grammar school. There were last year 600 students and 22 teachers. There have been over 8,000 students in all since 1890 and over 500 graduates. The property consists of several large buildings and around 750 acres of land, the whole value at $350,000.

CANADA, AME CHURCH IN. There are traces of AME societies as early as 1826. In May, 1828, a petition was sent to the Philadelphia Conference from New York State and Canada praying for a preacher, which was referred to the New York Conference, as Canada was under its jurisdiction. The New York Conference of 1832 sent Jeremiah Miller as a missionary to Canada. African Methodism became very popular in Canada. June 10, 1837, a petition was sent from St. Catharines to the New York Conference, asking for pastoral care. Rev. Richard Williams, who had been sent out by the previous conference, made his report, stating that he had had an interview with the authorities of Canada and had receive their sanction to plan churches, and that he had planted a church at Niagara Falls with 22 members, one at St. David with 29 members, and one at St. Catharines with 40 members, and at this place he had licensed two local preachers. June 15, 1839, reports to New York Conference showed that churches had been planted during the past year at Toronto, Malden, Hamilton (Ont.), and Brandford, (Ont.) In 1840 Willis Nazrey was received on probation at the New York Conference. By order of the General Conference of the same year, Bishop Morris Brown was given authority to organize an AME Church Conference in Canada, which was done, July 21, 1840, in Toronto, Ont. There were 12 members of this first conference namely, Elder Edmund Grosby, Deacon George Weir of Rochester, N. Y., and the following preachers, all residents of Canada: William Edwards, Samuel Brown, James Harper, Alexander Hemsely, Jeremiah Taylor, Daniel D. Thompson, Peter O'Branyoun, Jacob Dorsey and Henry Bullard. Brother Weir was elected secretary. The appointments were as follows: St. Catharines, Brandford, London and Toronto, with a membership of 265. The second session of the Canadian AME Church was held at St. Catharines, October 2, 1831. Neither Bishop Brown nor Bishop Waters was present. Rev. Edmund Crosby was chosen president, and George Weir was elected secretary. The reports showed a membership of 448. The third session was held July 2, 1842, in Hamilton, Ont., with Bishop Brown presiding. At this conference Josiah Henson the original "Uncle Tom" was ordained a deacon. The territory was enlarged by the organization of a church in the Queen's Bush, Peel County, and Detroit, Michigan. The fourth session met in Toronto, July 1, 1843. Elder Cannon was elected president, as neither of the bishops was present; the attendance was very small, as there had been some local difference at St. Catharines and an attempt had been made to hold a conference there. July 18, 1844, the fifth session met again at Toronto; Bishop Brown presided. The bishop was stricken with paralysis and had to be taken home to Philadelphia by Rev. Noah C. W. Cannon. Josiah Henson was ordained elder at this conference. The sixth session met September 13, 1845, in St. Catharines; N. C. W. Cannon, chairman as no bishop was present, and Rev. Weir, secretary. The seventh session met at The Queen's Bush, Peel County, July 31, 1846, Bishop Quinn, presiding. The closing of the church at Toronto against Rev. N. Cannon was discussed at this conference and the actions of the trustees of said church were severely condemned. The minutes of 1847 to 1850 cannot be found, but during this time the people of Canada had thrown open their arms to the slaves of the South to come and seek shelter and find homes. The twelfth session met in Toronto, and found itself in great difficulty as every member was impeached for rebelling against the AME Church by electing Sam H. Brown to superintend the AME Church in Canada until the sitting of the next General Conference. But after being rebuked they were all forgiven. The minutes of 1852 cannot be found. The next session was held in Peel County, July 13, 1853, Bishop Quinn, presiding, assisted by Bishop Willis Nazrey. Rev. W. H. Jones was elected secretary. The next session met in Chatham, July 21, 1854; the three bishops: Quinn, Payne, and Nazrey presided alternately. At this conference the Rev. Benjamin Stewart was ordained elder and started the movement to have the AME Church of Canada set apart as the BME Church by presenting a short resolution to that effect, which was presented to the General Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio through a special committee. The General Conference after hearing the request of the Canadians allowed them to send fraternal delegates to the General Conferences in the United States. The General Conference also appointed a special committee to meet the Canadian Conference, which was to meet in Chatham, Ont., Monday, September 29, 1856. On Monday morning of said date, at 10 a. m., the conference met in Chatham at the home of Mrs. Taylor to terminate the existence of the AME Church in Canada. Bishop Quinn rose and gave out the hymn, "Come let us join our cheerful songs," and after singing he called on Rev. Samuel Brown to pronounce the benediction. Bishop Payne announced the fact that the AME Church was extinct in Canada and said that a convention would open at 12 o'clock to effect in the new organization, afterwards known as the British Methodist Episcopal Church. The convention opened at 12 o'clock, according to appointment, and after a long and tedious session with many debates as to what portions of the AME discipline they would adopt and what would be the relation of the new church to the "Mother" Church, the convention came to a close deciding to retain friendly relationship with the Mother Church in the United States. This relationship was kept up for some time, as, we see the names of Bishop Nazrey, Josephus O'Branyoun, Walter Hawkins, Bishop R. R. Disney, L. C. Chambert, T. W. Stringer and others among the fraternal delegates attending the different General Conferences. The AME Church, therefore withdrew from Canada and left the field to the British ME Church. In 1880, however, a petition was sent to the General Conference of the AME Church by the BME Church asking for organic union. A joint commission was created and came by the General Conference of 1884, and the Canadian churches again became a part of the AME Church at the Ontario Conference, their bishops, R. R. Disney, becoming a bishop of the AME Church.

The first session of the Ontario Annual Conference after the reunion met in St. Paul AME Church, Hamilton, Ont., Tuesday, June 30, 1885, Bishop Disney, presiding. Rev. J. O'Banyoun was elected secretary. Twelve traveling elders, 5 traveling deacons, 2 traveling licentiates, 2 superannuated elders, 1 local elder, 3 local preachers and 2 local deacons were enrolled. Bishops Campbell, J. M. Brown, and R. H. Cain, Dr. W. B. Derrick, pastor of Suulivan Street Church, New York City, Dr. B. T. Tanner, editor of the AME Quarterly Review, and Prof. S. T. Mitchell, president of Wilberforce University, visited the conference. The afternoon session was presided over by Bishop R. H. Cain. Reports being called, there were seven appointments that had neither reports nor pastors present, and the presiding elder informed the Conference that the ministers of those appointments had decided not to be governed by the AME Church, and were determined to maintain the BME Church against the union. He stated that, with but few exceptions, he found the doors of the churches closed against him and the AME Church. Bishop Disney explained about the law suit at Chatham, stating that he went to Victoria Chapel on the second Sunday after the rise of the General Conference in September, 1884, and found the doors locked and guarded by four men, who refused to let him in, in consequence of which he entered a law-suit against them for his right of way to the pulpit of said church. This conference organized a missionary society and elected the following trustees to Wilberforce: N. Murray (of Chatham), Amos Johnson (of Hamilton), Revs. Miller, J. H. Buckner, and J. B. Roberts. This conference raised $63.60 of which 70 per cent was sent to the financial department and 30 per cent was divided between the four widows of the conference. The second session met at Amhurstburg, Ont., Thursday, July 1, 1886, Bishop R. H. Disney, presiding, and Rev. J. Albert Johnson, secretary. A motion offered by Rev. J. O'Banyoun and seconded by Rev. J. Albert Johnson, "That whereas Benjamin Steward, L. B. Anderson, S. P. Hale, C. A. Washington, W. H. Le'Vant, J. Chauncey, Walter Hawkins, Charles Mayo, Peter Jackson, Nicholas James, Caswell Crosby, who were members of the BME Church before the union of the AME and BME Churches, have since the union, in September, 1884, failed to appear in person in this conference either by letter or by proxy, but evinced by the actions a determination to disregard the authority of the AME Church Conference, therefore be it resolved that their names be erased from this conference roll, and that this annual conference consider their actions, as stated in the above preamble, as equivalent to having withdrawn from this conference and connection", was carried. The sessions of the Ontario conference beginning with 1887 have been held in the following places: Hamilton, 8 times; Chatham, 6 times; Amherstburg, twice; Windsor, 7 times; and Toronto, 5 times.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PRESIDING BISHOPS OF THE CONFERENCE SINCE 1885 TO THE PRESENT, SECRETARIES AND PLACES

Bishop R. H. Disney—1885-1887
Bishop B. F. Tanner—1888-1891
Bishop H. M. Turner—1892-1895
Bishop B. F. Lee—1896-1899
Bishop C. S. Smith—1900
Bishop A. Grant—1901-1903
Bishop J. A. Handy—1904-1906
Bishop C. S. Smith—1907
Bishop C. T. Shaffer—1908-1911
Bishop W. D. Derrick—1912
Bishop H. M. Turner—1913-1914
Bishop C. S. Smith—1915-1919
Bishop J. M. Connor—1920-1923
Bishop W. T. Vernon—1924-1927
Bishop A. J. Carey—1928-1930
Bishop H. B. Parks—1931-1934-1935
Bishop J. A. Gregg—1936

PLACES WHERE CONFERENCES CONVENED

Hamilton, Amherstburg, Chatham, Windsor and Amherstburg.

SECRETARIES

Revs. J. A. O'Banyoun, E. H. North, 5 & 2 years respectively
Revs. A. Sol Walton, T. Taggart, 3 & 2 years respectively
Revs. A. W. Hackley, T. H. Henderson, D.D., 5 & 18 years respectively.
Revs. A. R. Tulsie, W. H. Jones, D.D., 1 & 4 years respectively.
Revs. W. E. Guy, D.D., V. D. Shelto, B.A., 2 & 2 years respectively.
Revs. C. A. Stewart, W. C. Perry, D.D., 2 & 4 years respectively.
Revs. C. P. Jones, C. E. Penny, B.A., 1 & 1 year respectively

The Amherstburg and Hamilton Churches having withdrawn from the conference, the following constitute the Annual Conference:

Grant Church, Toronto—Rev. W. C. Perry, D.D., Minister
Tanner Church, Oakville—Bro. L. W. Wayner.
Campbell Church, Chatham—Rev. C. P. Jones.
Tanner Chapel, Windsor—Rev. C. E. Penny.
Central Grove and New Canaan—Rev. Joseph Brockington.
Rev. T. H. Henderson, D.D., Presiding Elder.

FINANCIAL

Dollar money at conference of 1942	$ 347.50
For education	64.00
Value of church property	60,000.00
Paid to pastors	2,000.00
Mortgage	2,000.00
Paid to presiding elder	184.65
Raised by WMM Society	515.12
Total for local, conference and connectional	$ 7,000.00
Total for conference and connectional claims	$ 879.43
Present membership of conference	350
Ministers	7 (Seven)

CANONICAL SCRIPTURES. Canon means standard or value. Thirty-nine Books in the Old Testament and 27 in the New Testament are called canonical, i.e., the standard for Christian faith, doctrine, and practice, containing all things necessary to salvation. These were chosen by gradual selection from a large number of religious books of the Hebrews and early Christians.—(See Apocrypha).

CAPE—(See South Africa).

CATECHISM, THE, is almost as old as the organized Church. It is a simple method of teaching the young and candidates for baptism, the doctrines of the Church by the use of questions and answers. The first Methodist catechism was published in 1768, entitled "Instruction to the Young". Bishop Turner compiled the catechism for the AME Church, which is now published by the Sunday School Union, Nashville, Tennesee. It is the duty of the pastor to gather the children, together for instruction in the catechism.

CATECHISM OF FAITH—Supplementing the Articles of Religion, is the Catechism of Faith which John Wesley prepared for the guidance of the young Methodist societies. It consists of about 100 questions on doctrine and answers to the same. They may be found in all issues of the discipline since 1917.

CENTRAL PARK NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL was the name of the school situated near Savannah, Ga., operated around 1916 as a part of the Morris Brown University system. The property consisted of one three-story brick building and several acres of land. Bishop Flipper was president of the board of trustees. This school has been discontinued.

CERTIFICATES are official papers, written or printed showing the official standing of a person in the church. Pastors give certificates of membership; presiding elders give certificates for local preachers; bishops give certificates of ordination, appointments, superannuation, location, and transfer, other certificates are given.

ERTIFICATE OF PASTOR'S APPOINTMENT. Every pastor is to receive a certificate from the bishops reading as follows:

"STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF A WORKMAN APPROVED UNTO GOD."

"This is to certify that the Rev........................ is appointed to the pastoral charge of.................. the said charge being under the jurisdiction of the Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Given under my hand and the Denominational Seal at the Episcopal Rooms this.................... 19......

Signed in behalf of said Annual Conference."

(Signed) ....
"Presiding Bishop."

CHAMPION AMERICAN WAR MOTHER. Mrs. Olivia Jones, R.F.D., Stanton, Tennessee, was crowned on Sunday, January 23, 1944, at Memphis' great Convention Hall, as the "Champion War Mother of America", at a meeting arranged by the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches in America. Mrs. Jones was chosen as a result of a nationwide search for War Mothers, conducted by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., executive secretary of the Fraternal Council, through the courtesy of leading newspapers. "I got responses from all over America, mothers of two, three, After sorting them I found Mrs. Jones, who is the mother of twenty children, and who has nine sons in the Army and one deferred to work on the farm. After watching the papers for four months, I have come to the conclusion that Mrs. Jones is not only the Champion Negro Mother, but the "Champion American War Mother".

Champion War Mother, Mrs. Jones and Bishop Wright.

CHANCEL refers to that part of the church set apart for the ministers, the choir and the altar. In Methodist churches it is usually marked by a railing separating the congregation from the pulpit, communion table and the choir stand.

"CHANCEL RAIL" is the bar which partly encloses the chancel from the rest of the church. Behind it are the communion table, and on an elevation the pulpit, and still more elevated the choir loft or stand. When Methodists are called to the altar to pray, or receive the communion they kneel at the chancel rail.

CHAPLAINS, AME CHURCH, in World War II were: Robert H. Alexander, John H. Armstrong, Walter D. S. Barrett, William LeRoy Bell, Lorenzo D. Bennett, Charles C. Blake, David C. Blue, George G. Bowser, James Russell Brown (Navy) Leonard L. Bruce, William A. L. Clay, T. S. Clements, Lee A. Cousins, Jno. A. DeVeaux, Frank S. Shaw, Henry E. Thornton, Julius C. Carter, Harold E. Charles, John W. Downs, Samuel F. Guilbeau, General L. Hayden, John J. Jenkins, Arthur R. Crowell, Nelson H. Dixon, Jackson B. Dove, Ford Gibson, Grover C. Gibson, Samuel H. Giles, James C. Grady, Curtis O. Greenfield, Robert H. Gross, Marlin J. Hendrieth, William H. Hightower, Sammie P. Holland, James F. Howard, Christopher C. Hughes, Charles H. Humber, Isaiah H. Hunt, Charles S. H. Hunter, James R. Hurley, Verseal A. Janerette, George W. Jefferson, John J. Jenkins, Warren J. Jenkins, Andrew L. Johnson, Harvey E. Johnson, Simeon T. Johnson, Paul E. Kidd, Ralph R. King, Joseph H. Lissimore, Elmer A. McLaughlin, Carlos M. May, David J. Moore, Allen Levi Murray, Wesley B. Nash, Robert G. Rayburn, John L. Reeves, Sandy D. Rhone, Douglas L. T. Robinson, Paul G. Ross, Alvia A. Shaw, Daniel L. Smith, Andrew J. Smoot, Fred E. Stephens, Forrest M. Stith, Lamar A. Stroud, Melvin C. Swann, Hubert C. Terrell, Henry B. Thornton, Walmon T. Tyrus, James A. Walker, Exley H. Warley, Sullus B. Washington, Charles T. Watkins, James S. Webb, Albert M. White, G. H. White, Kenneth White, Walter S. White, Clifton S. Williams, Peter C. Williams, General R. Woods, Daniel J. Ziegler.

CHAPLAINS, AMEZ CHURCH, were: James Alridge Arnold, Walter David S. Barrett, Frank Reginald Brown, James A. Clement, Rufus Augustus Cooper, Alfred Gilbert Dunston, Edward Wesley Gantt, Cajus Benjamin Howell, Robert Henry Collins Lee, Phillip Rudolph McCurdy, Booker Taliafero Medford, Edmund J. O'Neal, Isaiah B. Pierce, James Edward W. Stewart, James Wesley Wactor, John R. Wesley, Thomas Ovelton Diggs, Harlee Hoover Little.

CHAPLAINS, CME CHURCH, were: W. A. Miller, William J. Calvin, Rev. W. H. Dandridge, Henry C. Bunton, Rev. G. R. Wright, Rev. Robert C. Honeysucker, Howard P. Hawkins, J. R. Cole, M. C. Merriwether.

CHAPLAINS, METHODIST CHURCH, were: James Clarence Calvin, Edward G. Carroll, Theodore Roosevelt Frierson, Elmer P. Gibson, John William Handy, Robert Franklin Harrington, Ellsworth Greene Harris, Arthur R. Howard, Jr., Pliny Wheeler Jenkins, Argalious Elbert Martin, Cato Herbert Pierson, Robert Elmire Skelton, Arthur D. Williams, Charles H. Dubra, William Moultrie Conyers, Allen L. Johnson.

CHAPLAINS OF MISCELLANEOUS DENOMINATIONS, were: Joseph DeLeon Bryan, Joseph McKinley Carr, John Riley Dungee, John Hutchinson Eastwood, Allan Ethan Fortune, John Edward Percy, James R. C. Pinn, Edgar Lee Robinson, Robert J. Smith, Alonzo L. Thomas, Thaddeus Edward Williams.

CHAPLAINS OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, were: Lorenzo Augustus Alexander, George E. Allen, Robert Spencer Anderson, Finis H. Austin, Ralph E. Austin, Sylvester Ralph Bright, Theodore H. Brooks, Julius Tileston Brown, Richard Thelma S. Brown, John Clanton, James Everett Coby, James Alexander Cox, William Bristow Crocker, William Anthony Dickerson, Hyason

Von Clayton Diggs, Robert B. Dokes, Lewis Minyon Durden, John B. Falconer, Russell A. Ferry, Edward A. Freeman, Chalmers L. Gaithers, William Richard Gray, William Thomas Green, Jr., James C. Griffin, Clarence Walter Griggs, Douglass Fairbanks Hall, Robert Willis Harris, Charles Nathaniel Hawk, Luther F. Hill, Rufus Lee Hill, Charles Benjamin Hodge, Carranza Adair Holliday, Henry Horne, Nathaniel Samuel Jones, William C. Jones, Andrew Junius Kemp, Frank Carl LePrelle, Gil Burton Lloyd, Furney Norman Marshburn, Jesse Daniel Moses, Samuel A. Owens, Arthur Wesley Parker, Sanford Nathaniel Peak, William M. Perkins, Robert Bernard Powell, Charles Granderson Pritchett, Joseph Demosthenes Pruden, D. C. Rice, William Albert Scott, James Harry Smith, Levi Lenard Stanmore, Marion Patrick Swisher, Albert James Tibbs, Henry W. B. Walker, Alexander A. Watts, William Taft Watts, Frank Lamar White, Kenneth Raynor Williams, Otis J. Wynne, George Roosevelt Yancey, Obie M. Collins, Brannon Jonathon Hopson, Charles Walker Thomas, Joseph Henry Harrington, Robert Crawford, Jr., King David Reddick, Spencer Lendrus Scott, Jr., Ernest Edward Thompson, Clarence Jackson, Roosevelt Alexander Baker, Charles Everett Byrd, Herman Bennett Chapman, Lafayette Clinton Cox, William L. Jones, Van Joseph Malone, Sr., Granville Hamilton Martin, Robert James Saunders, Samuel James Williams, Darneal F. Johnson, Richard Edward Anderson, Ulysses Buckley Blakeley, Linson Lemuel Blakeney, Booker Thomas Davis, Leonard Allen Ellis, Mark Mendelssohn Gibson, Everett Augustus Hewlett, Elder B. Hicks, Thomas A. Jenkins, Edward W. Jones, Charles Lincoln McGee, King D. S. Pogue, Alphonso S. Powe, Albert L. Smith, James Henry Stokes.

CHAPLAINS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE U.S.A., were: Chales L. Tarter, Paul L. Taylor, L. Barnwell Washington, Beverly McKane Ward, Charles R. Winthrop.

CHAPLAINS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, were: James A. G. Grant, Sr., Roland Tilman Heacock, Hughes A. Robinson.

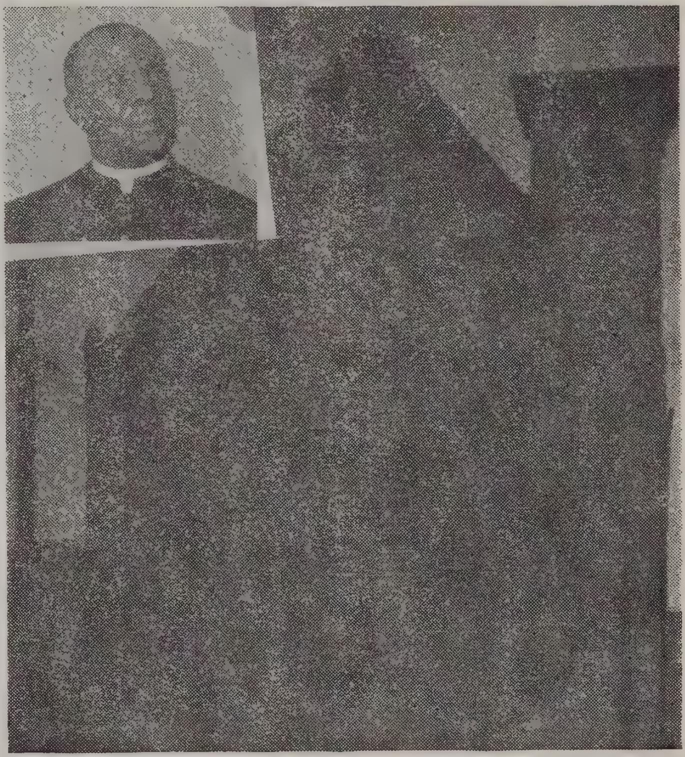
CHAPLAINS OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, were: Lloyd Matthew Alexander, John Henry Edwards, Oscar Elliott Holder, Maxwell S. Whittington, William Alfred Wilkins, Gustave Hamilton Caution, James A. Mayo.

CHARACTER. Every member of the Church is presumed to have good character, and proper authorities inquire into their character from time to time. At every General Conference each bishop appears before the episcopal committee. At every Annual Conference, each minister must stand up while the bishop asks in public if any one knows anything against their "moral, religious or official character" to indicate the same. At the Quarterly Conference a similar question is asked by the presiding elder of its members, and at the official board the class leader reports the names of any of their members who "walk disorderly and will not be reproved".

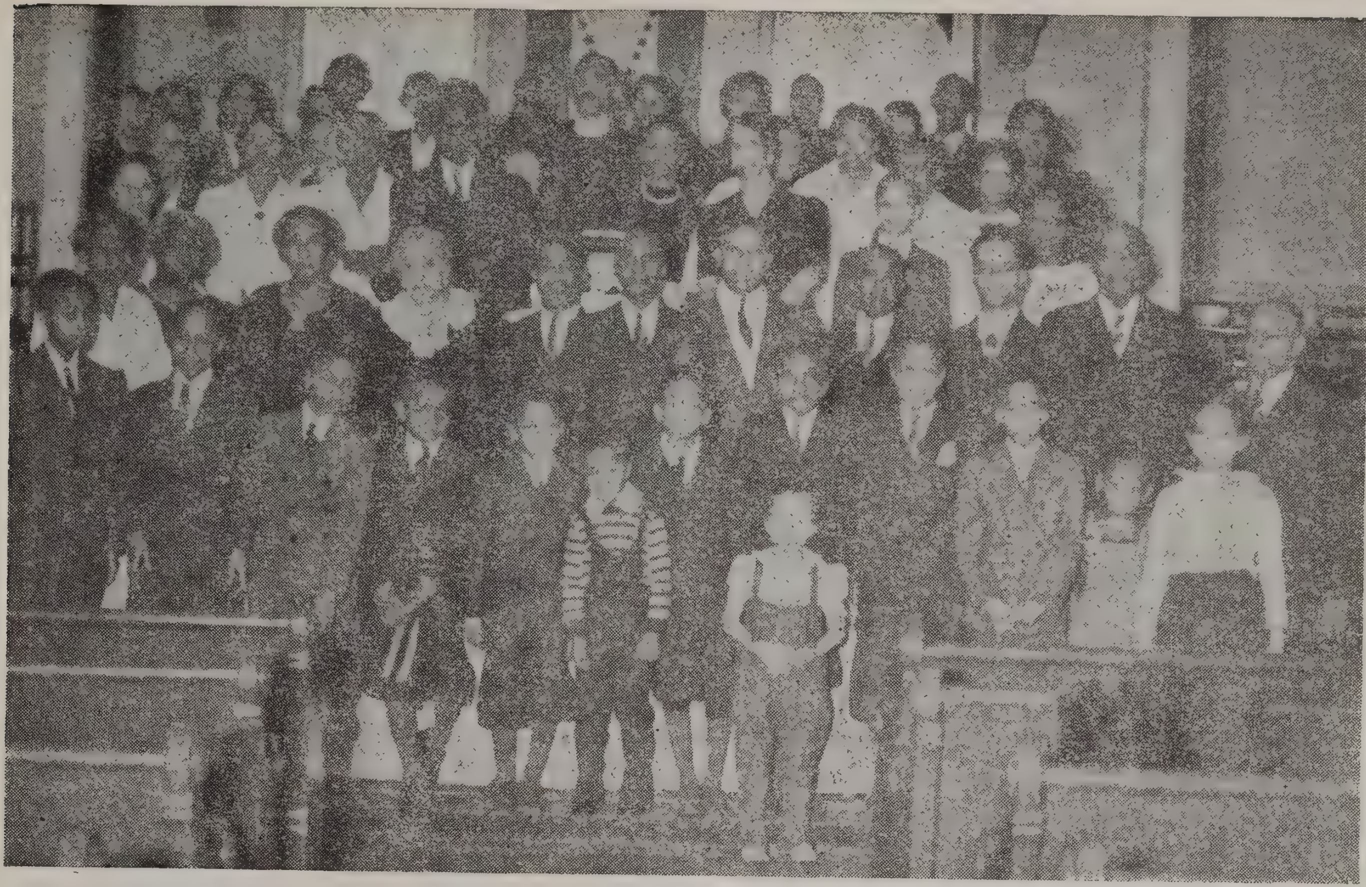
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA. Emanuel AME Church, the mother of South Carolina African Methodism, is one of the largest and most influential colored churches in Charleston. It was organized in 1865 by Rev. R. H. Cain (afterwards bishop). It is situated on Calhoun Street, east of Meeting Street. The corner-stone was laid September 25, 1865. Rev. Cain served as pastor three years and was succeeded by the Rev. William H. Brown, who served 3 years; succeeding pastors were: Revs. A. Thomas Carr; for 3 years; M. B. Salter, (afterward bishop), 4 years; N. B. Sterret, 4 years; L. R. Nichols, 4 years; B. H. Williams, 4 years; L. R. Nichols, 4 years again and in 1891 laid the corner-stone and completed the new brick church; W. W. Beckett, 1 year; N. B. Sterrett, 5 years (second time); A. E. Peets. In 1882, when Rev. Sterret divided the congregation of 3,878 members and organized Mt. Zion.

CHARTERS OF DEPARTMENTS. Each general department of the AME Church which holds real property operates under its own separate charter. These charters provide control by the General Conference, which elects the administrative officer, and appoints the general board. Neither the general church, nor any other department or conference is locally responsible for the debts of the departments, although all have come to the rescue of a department in time of need. The Book Concern is chartered by the State of Pennsylvania in 1855; and amended in 1939; the Financial Department and Sunday School Union by Tennessee; the Missionary Department by New York; the Church Extension Department by Pennsylvania; the Pension Department by Tennesee; the Department of Education. Each seminary.

CHESTER, PENNA., MURPHY AME CHURCH. In 1870 seventeen persons who had been worshipping in the public school house on Third and Jeffrey Streets, through the intercession of Rev. William Murphy, secured as a donation from Judge M. Broomall, a lot on which a chapel was built in 1871. The first services were held in May, 1871, Bishop Wayman, presiding, the first pastor was Rev. Gilbert Waters, who served for three years; Murphy, Asbury and Mt. Hebron churches constituting a circuit. The following pastors have since served Murphy: Revs. Jacob Watson, 2 years; W. H. Davis, 3 years; Henderson Davis, 1 year; John Davis, 1 year; John W. Morris, 4 years; Thomas Moore, 2 years; Thomas Cuff, a few months; S. C. Goosely, a few months; J. T. Hammond, a short while; J. H. Buckner, 3 years; Amos Wilson, 1 year; Redmond Faucett, I. H. W. West, 3 years; Santee Birch, who built the present edifice, 5 years; Elijah Byrd, 2 years; I. B. Jones, J. G. Yeiser, 2 years; S. D. W. Smith, 2 years; C. F. Warfield, 5 years. During Rev. Warfield's pastorate the church was burdened with a debt of $12,800. On February 27, 1909, the church was sold by the sheriff for $2,750. Brother Perry Wright paid $250 the day of the sale, the money being raised by the church members with the promise to stand by Brother Wright if he would buy the church in for them; Rev. J. W. Williams served 5 years; Rev. W. S. Drummond, 3 years.



Murphy AME Church, Chester, Penna., Rev. E. L. Kinzer, pastor, 1943. Rev. Kinzer is now presiding elder in the Philadelphia Conference 1948.



Asbury AME Church, Chester, Pa. (interior). Pastors serving since 1916: Rev. J. A. Browne, Rev. C. G. Parks, Rev B. W. Arnett, Rev. W. R. Gullins, Rev. S. G. Dorce. Rev. J. R. Johnson, Rev. A. H. Hart.

CHESTER, PA., ASBURY AME CHURCH, located at Concord Avenue and Patterson Street, was organized by Rev. Stephen Smith, of Philadelphia, in 1845. On October 26th of the same year the church property, then located on Second Street above Market, was purchased at a cost of $700. The deed was made in trust to Stephen Smith, Thomas Lytle, Nicholas Murphy and James Campbell. The first class leader, Thomas Lancaster, had 4 members who met at the home of Nicholas Murphy. In 1846 William Murphy, the brother of Nicholas Murphy, and his wife from Bethel Church, Baltimore, joined and was licensed to exhort, and was given the charge in the absence of Rev. S. Smith; and after two years was licenced to preach; in 1858 he was ordained deacon. He was the prime mover in establishing Murphy AME Church in South Chester. Rev. Henry Davis was the first pastor appointed by the conference in 1849 and was followed by Revs. Holland, 1854-1855; Adam Driver in 1856, but died before the expiration of his term; Caleb Woodyard, 1856; J. G. Bulah, 1858; E. J. Hawkins, 1859; J. C. Cornish, 1860; G. W. Johnson, 1861; W. D. W. Schureman, 1862; J. C. Cornish, 1863-1864; Peter Gardner, 1865; Jeremiah Young, 1866-1868; during this time the church was rebuilt; G. Boyer, 1869-1870; G. T. Waters, 1871-1878; J. S. Thompson, 1879-1880; C. C. Felts, 1881-1882; M. F. Sulby, 1883; Leonard Patterson, 1884; C. E. Herbert, 1885-1886; William H. Bryant, 1887-1890; James Porter, 1891; J. G. Yeizer, 1893-1894; J. B. Stansberry, 1895-1896; C. H. Fareira, 1897-1899; J. L. H. Watkins, 1900-1902; C. C. Dunlap, 1903-1908; J. M. Palmer, 1909-1914; E. T. Bruce, 1914. Other strong ministers have followed since then. Revs. George Horsey, J. O. Mackall, William Daniels, and others entered the ministry from Asbury Church.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, second largest City in the United States, founded in 1833, with a population in 1940 of 3,396,808, of whom 277,731 were Negroes, has 39 AME Churches. The first person to settle in Chicago was John St. du Saiblo, a French Negro. The AME Church was first organized in Chicago in 1847.

The churches are as follows (in 1947):

Church	Pastor	Members-	Proba.	Founded
Grant Memorial	Harvey E. Walden	4198		
Coppin	Jos. Lawrence Roberts	1639	230	1919
Quinn Chapel	T. Dean Scott	1556	150	1847
Bethel	A. Waywan Ward	1471	. .	1862
St. Stephens	Eugene J. Thompson	1058	73	....
Arnett Chapel	Benj. H. Lucas	876	...	....
Woodlawn	A. J. Carey, Jr.	767	...	....
Carey Ter-Centenary	Patrick Crigler	722	...	...
Allen Temple	J. S. Drake	700	...	....
Wayman	W. N. Reid	692	14	...
St. Mary	J. D. Coston	554	15	....
Carey Temple	Hyman B. Mills	520	...	....
St. James	J. Langston Poole	450	. .	....
Mt. Olive	S. P. Johnson	394	30	....
Institutional	A. Leon Bailey	357	22	....
St. John	W. H. Thomasson	208	. .	.. .
Hyde Park	J. W. James	90	. .	....
Parks Mission	J. H. Chapell	60	...	....
Ward Chapel	Freddie G. Jackson	53		....
St. Paul	J. H. Payton	53	1	....
St. Paul, South Chicago	B. E. Evans	52	1	....
Turner Memorial	Ernest Beavers	51	...	....
St. Phillips	W. W. Hoard	47	...	....
Griffin Memorial	Wm. Penn Grossley	40	...	....
Celia Gregg Memorial	George W. Vann	39	...	....
Purington	J. W. Jefferson	35	...	....

Parks Mission—J. W. Robinson	30	...	....
Timothy Reeves Me.—F. C. Sanchez	26	. .	....
Trinity Mission—Wiley W. Smith	26	25	....
St. James Shrine of Prayer and Temple of Evangelism—Evang. L. A. McCain	25	12	.. .
Evangelist Temple—Evang. B. E. Harris	16	. .	.. .
St. Thomas Mission—Allen Norful	12	.	. .
Bethlehem—Pinknie Williams	12	...	....
St. Mark Mission—Lee Lewis	8	...	....
Your Community—H. L. Lytle	3	...	...
St. Ann—Mrs. Bertha Parker	..	. .	...
St. John Mission—Will Williams	.. .	. ..	.
Douglas Park—Lindsey Butler	.	..	. .
Norah Taylor Miss.—Mrs. M. F. Butler	. .	. .	..

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, BETHEL, HIGHLIGHTS. 1862, BETHEL organized as a mission under Quinn in April. Organizers were: Isaiah Parker, Chairman of the movement; William Johnson, secretary; John Collins, John Newburn, Robert Delaney, John Q. Grant, Melvina Collins, Harriet Moore, Martha Blanks, Sarah Parker, Francis Moore, with Rev. J. B. Dawson of Quinn as temporary pastor. First site at Jackson, Griswold and Van Buren Streets, where now stands the Traders Building. A rented building, redecorated, with organ and pine benches, and a conspicuous sign. "Bethel Mission". Rev. Aenos McIntosh assigned as first regular pastor in June by Bishop William Paul Quinn. Pastors have been: 1863, Rev. T. A. Woods; 1864, Rev. Aenos McIntosh; 1865, Rev. Frederick Myers; Worship held in Trinity Mission on Monroe and LaSalle, while bargaining for a more permanent site near Taylor and Plymouth Streets; 1866, another move to temporary quarters in a Hall on Clark Street between Monroe and Madison Streets; 1867, the first unit of the First Bethel building erected on Third Avenue between Taylor and Twelfth Streets by Rev. F. Myers; dedicated by Bishop Campbell; 1868-1870, Rev. Johnson Mitchem; 1870-1872, Rev. Henry Brown, completed the main Auditorium; 1871, the first Chicago fire occurred in October. Bethel was left standing and housed the congregation of Quinn Chapel; 1872, Rev. T. W. Roberts; 1873-1875, Rev. John W. Malone; 1874, the second Chicago fire in July completely destroyed Bethel this time. Services were held in old Railroad Chapel near 14th and State; 1875, the Second Bethel building was erected, and dedicated by Bishop J. P. Campbell; Rev. W. S. Davis, pastor; 1876, Rev. J. H. W. Jackson; 1880, the Rev. George H. Christburg; 1881-1885, Rev. William J. Laws, a well educated person; 1885-1889, Rev. Lewis H. Reynolds, a most brilliant man, continued to gather in the elite for Bethel services. Practically $45,000 was realized from the sale of the old site at Third and Taylor. 1889, Rev. George W. Gaines, consummate the new site deal at 30th and Dearborn. Bethel and St. Paul AME Mission, pastored by a Rev. Ward, were ocnsolidated with services being held in the St. Paul store front at 30th and State Streets; 1890, the site at 30th and Dearborn was purchased for $10,500.00. A contract for the Third Bethel building was held for $31,363.31. Ground was broken in

Parish House, Bethel AME Church, Chicago, Rev. A. Wayman Ward, pastor.

Dr. A. Wayman Ward, Pastor, Bethel AME Church, Chicago, Illinois

August and the cornerstone laid in September. Meanwhile the congregation worshipped in Lincoln Hall at 31st and Wabash; 1891, the first Annual Conference to be entertained in Bethel was held in the new lecture room. With this new edifice Bethel took on definite steps for an increased civic interest and influence; 1891, Provident Hospital was organized with Bethel playing a leading part in the movement, the official meetings were held in Quinn Chapel; 1891-1895, Rev. David A. Graham. A highly cultured and resourceful leader, he turned his attention to work in the Sunday School and young people, to a public forum which resulted in the beginning of the influential Sunday Evening Debating Club; 1895-1900, Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom, graced the rostrum filling the auditorium with every appearance. Bethel was now an institution citywide; 1900-1904, Rev. A. L. Murray; 1904-1909, Rev. A. J. Carey, known as the "Prince of Finance". A mortgage of $15,000 was reduced in these five years to $4,500. Pastor Carey brought to Bethel national characters including Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt. The Wabash Branch YMCA was born in Bethel at this time. The first deaconesses of the area were consecrated. Pastor Carey made the Church effective in political, as well as civic and religious services; 1909-1913, the Rev. D. P. Roberts. Spiritual growth marked his earnest efforts and development of Social Service. Mrs. Cordelia West, a stewardess, engaged in organizing women. This movement became the foundation of the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs in the city and state. The Afro-American Forum Movement, under Mrs. Ida B. Wells, began in Bethel as an expression of the dreams of its founder, and spread throughout the city and nation; 1913, Rev. Theophilis A. Smythe, "the all-around minister"; 1914, the new pipe organ installed November 26th, at a cost of $2600.00 A parsonage at 3155 Calumet was contracted for at a cost of $5,500.00. Pastor Smythe died. James Allyn Mundy came to the fore as an outstanding choral director and musician; 1915-1920, the Rev. W. D. Cook. His dissatisfaction caused him to withdraw, taking a large part of the membership with him. Strange to say, the loyal part of the membership drew closer together, and developed a newer spirit of missionary endeavor, that later led to the building up of such present day Churches as Coppin Chapel, Carey Temple AME, St. Mary AME, Woodlawn, Allen Temple, and others; 1919, The United Ushers League was born in Bethel when Mr. John Williams was president. Mr. Wm. N. Mames was elected the first Unit Secretary. Mrs. Carrie B. Jones of Bethel labored with Mrs. J. T. Jenifer and birth to the YWSA; 1920-1922, Rev. S. L. Birt. He not only rebuilt a magnificent congregation, but began plans for an enlarged site and plant for the growing congregation. His annual conference report was $1853 in Dollar Money, acclaiming him "Dollar Money King" of the year; 1922, Rev. Carl M. Tanner contracted for the magnificent building at 42nd and South Parkway for $85,000 and took Bethel into her most palatial home. But fire again destroyed this edifice in October, 1924 with a complete loss to Bethel. Meanwhile the Big Sisters was organized by Mrs. Ella Shoecraft, and the Big Brothers was begun by Rev. Dr. T. Stevens, leading to the organization of The South Side Boys Club; 1926-1928, The Rev. H. Y. Tookes, a spiritual dynamo and financial genius. He quickly built Bethel into her largest aggregation, housing it in Wendell Phillips High School. He bettered $2,200.00 in Dollar Money and became the "Dollar Money King"; 1928 to date, July 1, 1928, brought Rev. A. Wayman Ward of Denver to the pulpit of Bethel. The running gears of this now leading Church in the Connection. Progress was slow, but promising. Bank failures throughout the city and nation took a goodly toll of her recently gathered fund of Bethel. Final adjustments put Bethel right back to her beginning state. After the several years Bethel is still together, and moving upward. Debts reduced, property to the value of some $65,000 now bought and paid for. A magnificent Parish House, with a complete social service program of activities and many active organizations, promise a newer and greater Bethel as soon as war conditions will permit actual building construction. Pastor Ward has busied himself in the civic and community as well as religious life of the city and Church in general. He still dreams of a new Bethel, and labors continually for its consumation.

CHICAGO, GREATER ST. JOHN AME CHURCH situated S. E. corner of 62nd and Throop Street, Englewood, Chicago, was organized in 1888 by the Reverend E. I. Posey, assigned to the appointment by Bishop J. M. Brown. The facts surrounding St. John's origin are vague, as little was recorded of its early history. A Anderson man was second pastor followed by Rev. Horace Graves, Rev. Jess Woods. The location at this time was 62nd and Elizabeth Streets, a frame building of about 400 seating capacity.

Rev. S. E. Maloney, appointed in 1922, erected the present building. Revs. I. H. Daniels, Timothy Reeves, G. N. Tillman, Jas. H. Higgins, R. E. Wilson, George W. Williams, David Johnson, B. U. Taylor, A. T. Redding, J. A. Lindsay, Frank Lowery, G. W. Gorden, D. E. Butler, W. W. Harris, followed in line as pastors. Following Rev. W. W. Harris in 1937 came the present pastor J. Langston Poole, who with the faithful congregation has repurchased the building for $12,000.00 and is carrying on in a fine way.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS—QUINN CHAPEL AME CHURCH had its beginning in 1844 in the small hut of John Day in the alley near State Street, between Lake and Randolph Streets. Soon the hut became too small and they moved to the house of Mrs. Marie Parker; the congregation continuing to increase until in 1945, found it necessary to move to the school house in Madison, near State Street. In 1846, Madison Patterson, an eloquent exhorter, took the leadership of the religious society, and transferred it over to his house on State Street, near Van Buren Street. Abram T. Hall, then a journeyman barber was his assistant and class leader. The society next bought one-half of the White Baptist Church at Washington and LaSalle Streets which they hauled on to a leased lot on the east side of Wells Street, now Fifth Avenue, between Jackson and Van Buren Streets. In 1847, Bishop William Paul Quinn sent Rev. George Johnson, a missionary, to Chicago, and on July 22 of the same year the society was organized under the discipline of the AME Church and was named "Quinn Chapel"; the second Methodist Church in Chicago; A. T. Hall was the colored man licensed to preach in Chicago. He died May 27th of that year. During the administration of Rev. John A. Warren, 1852-1854, the Society purchased Monadnock Building. They moved from the Wells Street lot to this location in 1854. They erected a new house which was destroyed by the great Chicago fire of 1871. Under Elder William C. Trevan they purchased the old Mission building on Fourth Avenue, between Taylor and Twelfth Streets. On July 15, 1874, the building was burned. They went to Union Hall, corner of Clark and Monroe Streets, and then moved into an old store on Third Avenue, South of Van Buren Street. Later they purchased a lot on Fourth Avenue near Van Buren Street. The members were undaunted by the castrophies of 1871 and 1874. They worked assiduously for a new chapel, and in 1876 the corner-stone of the brick building on Fourth Avenue was laid under Rev. E. C. Joiner, pastor. Rev. J. C. Jenifer was appointed pastor of Quinn Chapel in 1889. Under him they sold the property for $50,000 and paid off the debt of $11,000 and purchased for $29,375 a corner lot at Wabash Avenue and 24th Street where the church is now located. The following pastors have served Quinn Chapel: 1847-1848, Rev. Thomas Farnsworth; 1848-1850, Rev. Aaron Parker; 1850-1851, Rev. Elisha Weaver; 1852-1854, Rev. John A. Warren; 1857-1858, Rev. M. M. Clarke; 1858-1861, Rev. Dr. Willis R. Revels; 1861-1862, Rev. William A. Dove; 1862-1864, Rev. Charles Burch; 1864-1866, Rev. A. T. Hall; 1866-1868, Rev. William C. Trevan; 1868-1869, Rev. Amos MacIntosh; 1869-1870, Rev. William S. Langford; 1870-1871, Rev. William C. Trevan; 1871-1874, Rev. George C. Booth; 1875-1876, Rev. E. C. Joiner, 1877-1879, Rev. George C. Booth (second term); 1880-1884, Rev. George H. Shaffer; 1884-1889, Rev. T. W. Henderson; J. T. Jenifer, 1889 to June 1893; George C. Booth, June 1893 to October, 1893; J. M. Townsend, October, 1893-1896; George C. Booth, 1896-1898; A. J. Carey, 1898-1904; D. P. Roberts, 1904-1909; William D. Cook, 1909-1913; J. C. Anderson, 1913-1918; Stewart, 1918-1923; Rev. Taylor, 1923-1927; B. G. Dawson, 1927-1930; Collins, 1930-1935; T. D. Scott, 1935 till the present. For early history see Centennial Encyclopaedia, page 301.

CHILDREN'S DAY is the second Sunday in June, and should be devoted to the interests of the children of the church. It was first proposed by Rev. C. S. Smith, secretary of the Sunday School Union, as a measure of aiding his department, and first celebrated in September, 1883. Special programs are arranged and exercises are required to be held in all the churches. From 1892 to 1896 the entire Children's Day collection went to the Sunday School Union. From 1896 to 1908 half of it went to the Sunday School Union and half to the Church Extension Department; from 1908-1916 half went to the Church Extension Department; and half to the annual conference. May, 1916, half went to the annual conference, one-fourth to the Church Extension and one fourth to the Sunday School Union. The Sunday School Union, for whom it was originally set apart has received probably about $200,000 from this source which is the largest amount given to any department, except the Missionary, on any general day. Since 1940 the distribution was 50 per cent to Church Extension; 50 per cent to annual conference.

CHOIRS grew up with the growth of ritualism. The Methodist Churches in the beginning had no choirs. John Wesley believed in the power of congregational singing, and he and his brother, Charles, composed and published hundreds of hymns. Choirs were first started in the general congregation, those with good voices and desire to cultivate music sitting together. Later they were given by consent of the pastor and congregation a separate place. Richard Allen had no choir. The first choir in the AME Church was in New York in 1830. By our discipline the pastor is the official head of the choir, the members of which should be persons of good reputation. While the chorister may be elected by the choir, he is subject to the approval of the pastor. The trustees pay the chorister and the organist, when they are paid.

CHRIST, is the English for the Greek word "Christos" which means "anointed", and was taken from the Hebrew word "Mashiach", the Messiah. This word expressed the hope of the Jews that one who was anointed and sent of God would come to deliver them from foreign oppression, and restore the kingdom again to Israel. This hope was put upon Jesus by his followers who early began to call him Christ, the Christ, Jesus Christ, the Messiah.

CHRISTIANITY is the religion of Jesus as projected in our modern world. Christians believe in a "Living Christ", that is the Spirit of Jesus, the Holy Spirit which He said would come as our guide, into lives of faith, hope and love. It is this Spirit which lives and moves in the lives of people today, leading them to realize the ideals of Jesus as portrayed in the Bible and interpreted by the Spirit. Christianity teaches one God, the Father of all mankind; Jesus the Redeemer; and mankind as a brotherhood, all children of God; and seeks to make the rule of God the law of earth. From faith in the revelation of God, Christianity gets its driving power. Through the organized church it takes material form, through preaching, prayer, worship, training, service and suffering it seeks to perpetuate itself and win the world.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT was organized 1940; taking over the Sunday School Union and the Allen C. E. League.

CHRISTIAN RECORDER, THE, is the oldest existing Negro periodical in America, and the only one in the United States whose existence dates before the Civil War. So far as we know, the first Negro newspaper was published in 1826, by the Rev. J. B. Russworm and the first AME magazine in 1841. In 1836 a resolution was passed by the New York annual conference to establish a quarterly magazine. The first copy was printed September, 1841, and was intended to be a monthly, but it did not last long. The next literary venture was in 1848, when the newspaper edited by Dr. Martin R. Delany, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was purchased by the AME Church and conducted as the "Christian Herald". In 1852 the Christian Herald having had a more or less precarious existence, was moved from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, and started again under the name of the Christian Recorder. Rev. M. M. Clark, perhaps the only college graduate at that time in the ministry of the Church, who had been editor of the Christian Herald, was elected editor of the Christian Recorder; Rev. W. T. Catto, general book steward, and Rev. W. H. Jones, traveling agent. But the Christian Recorder did not come out regularly for any length of time. Rev. Catto resigned after three months' trial, and later Rev. Clark gave the job up after publishing 15 issues in two years. In 1854 Rev. J. P. Campbell was elected to fill the dual office of editor and general steward and he managed to bring out 24 issues of the Recorder during two years, from July 13, 1854, to March 4, 1856. At the General Conference in May, 1856, Rev. Campbell was continued as editor and manager. In May 1860 Rev. Elisha Weaver was made general book steward. But he did not publish his first issue until June 19, 1861. Until July 13, 1861, he appears to have been both editor and publisher. At this date A. L. Stanford appears as editor and continues until December 18, 1861, having received his appointment from Bishop Nazrey as pastor of Little Wesley, and editor. February 24, 1866, James Lynch became editor, with Elisha Weaver publisher. He continued as editor till June 15, 1867, when he resigned to go South on missionary and political business. Again Elisha Weaver was both editor and publisher until the General Conference of May, 1868, when he was succeeded as editor by Rev. Benjamin Tucker Tanner, and as manager by Rev. Joshua Woodlin, who got out their first issue June 26, 1868. Editor Tanner continued until May, 1884; Rev. Woodlin was publisher until May 22, 1869, when he was succeeded by Rev. A. L. Stanford. Rev. W. C. Banton was assistant editor from October 3, 1868, to May 22, 1869, being so employed on account of the frequent absences of Editor Tanner. From November 25, 1871, to January 27, 1872, the paper was not issued. At the latter date Rev. B. T. Tanner became editor and publisher and carried the paper to the General Conference of 1872, when Rev. W. H. Hunter was made business manager. Brother Hunter was the first general officer called "general business manager"; all before him were "general book stewards". During Rev. Hunter's time the paper became a fixture. "Notes by the Way" were started by Bishop Wayman. At the General Conference of 1876 Rev. H. M. Turner succeeded Rev. W. H. Hunter. In April, 1877, Rev. C. L. Bradwell was traveling agent. In 1880 Rev. Theodore Gould, who had been deputy manager since July 18, 1878, was chosen business manager. In 1884 Rev. Tanner became editor of the Quarterly (AME) Review, and Rev. B. F. Lee was called from the presidency of Wilberforce to the editorship, and served until he was elected bishop in 1892. He was succeeded by Rev. H. T. Johnson, who served until 1909, when he was incapacitated by ill health, dying in 1910. Dr. Johnson was succeeded in 1909 by Rev. R. R. Wright, Jr., who also acted as business manager from 1909 to the General Conference of 1912. Dr. Wright served as editor until 1936 when he was elected bishop. He was succeeded by Dr. George A. Singleton from 1936 to 1944, and in 1944 Rev. David Norris was elected. Since 1884 the business managers have been: Rev. J. C. Embry, 1884-1896; Rev. T. W. Henderson, 1896-1900; Rev. R. H. W. Leake, 1900-1902; Rev. J. H. Collett, 1902-1909; Rev. R. R. Wright, Jr., 1909-1912; Rev. J. I. Lowe, 1912 to August, 1916; R. R. Wright, Jr. August, 1916 to 1920; D. M. Baxter, 1920-1936; R. R. Wright, III, 1936-1937; G. E. Curry, February, 1937-May, 1940; W. K. Hopes since June, 1940. The paper has not always been published regularly since 1852. Many have been the breaks; for quite a while it was published semi-monthly. Not till Elisha Weaver took it in 1861 did it appear weekly. Then there was suspension on account of fire from February to April, 1868. Then there was a four weeks suspension from May 16 to June 20, 1868; also November 25, 1871 to January 27, 1872. The last suspension was from December, 1908, to February, 1909 at which latter date young Dr. R. R. Wright, age 30 took charge.

The size of the paper has varied from time to time. Under J. P. Campbell and M. M. Clarke it was 5 columns, 4 pages, 12x16½, 7 inches. From 1861 to 1879 it was 4 pages, 20x26½, 7 columns each. After June 12, 1879, the size was reduced to 4 columns, 4 pages, 12x21 which in 1872; was increased to 8 pages, but in 1877 was changed to 4 pages, 8 columns each, which was in 1880 reduced to 7 columns, 4 pages, and in 1888 changed to 8 pages, 6 columns each. In June, 1908 to November, 1908, it was again reduced but from February, 1909 to 1926 the size was 8 pages, approximately 15x22, 6 columns each. Since then it has been sixteen pages of 4 columns, size of page 11x15 and smaller. The price was $1.50 per year in 1852-1860; $2 per year and 4 cents per copy from 1861 to 1863; $2.25 per year in advance and $2.50 otherwise and 5 cents per copy from 1863 to 1872 when it was made $2 per year to all except clergymen, who got it for $1.75. In 1868 it was again $2.50 and in 1869 $2, where it remained until 1896, when it was reduced to $1 per year. For over 30 years it was $1.50 per year until 1946 when the price was raised to $2.00 per year where it now is. In 1854 it was published at 203 Lombard Street, from 1861 to 1866 at at 619 Pine Street, and from March, 1866 to 1928 at 631 Pine Street; after 1928, at 716 S. 19th Street. There were many changes in the physical make-up. The headline at first was undecorated. The figure of a globe with the words, "Ethiopia shall soon stretch forth hands unto God", was first put in the heading in 1869. This was removed in 1876. when the hand bearing the torch with the words, "God our Father and Man our Brother", was put in. During Editor Johnson's time the present heading was made. The circulation has varied. Up to Editor Tanner's time it was always very small. With the advent of Manager Turner it leaped to 5,000 but in 1888 had gone down below 4,100. When the price was lowered in 1896, it was about 3.500 but gradually increased to 7,000 by 1900. Then it decreased till it reached 4,000 in 1902-1903, and increased to 5.600 in 1908, only to fall to 3,000 in 1909, when Dr. H. T. Johnson was both editor and manager, to rise again to 6.500 in 1912. Special issues in 1910 to 1912 ranged from 10.000 to 25.000 papers. At the General Conference of 1916 it was about 4,500. at the General Conference of 1920 it reached its highest circulation of 12,500. Its circulation dropped to its lowest between 1940 and 1944. At the General Conference of 1944 it was reported that 3000 copies were being printed. All present about 4,000 copies are being printed in 1947.

CHRISTMAS CONFERENCE, so-called because it met during the Christmas season. This was the first Methodist General Conference in America, held December 24. 1784, to January 2, 1785, at Baltimore, Md. This was when American Methodism officially separated from Wesleyan Methodism of England. Rev. Francis Asbury was elected bishop at this time. Richard Allen, then a local preacher in Philadelphia, was present.

CHURCH, is the congregation of true believers in Christ. a divine society. in which all people who love the Lord their God with all their heart, soul and mind. and their neighbor as themselves are members, regardless of age. sex, race, language or anything else. It is through the church that the Spirit of God influences the world. Whenever these true believers are organized we have the Visible Church, known by differing names, or denominations, such as the Roman Church, The Greek Church, The AME Church.

CHURCH, DEDICATION OF. All Churches should be dedicated. The bishop with other ministers shall be met at the door of the church by the trustees, stewards and leaders, who shall receive the bishop and ministers, bid them welcome and present the bishop the keys of the church in token of the fact that they will ever after submit to the discipline, doctrine and government of the AME Church, and will always hereafter permit such ministers belonging to said church to preach therein. After procession, music, rituals, the church is dedicated. A sermon and offering follow.

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF THE AME CHURCH, THE. The General Conference of 1888, at Indianapolis, Ind., adopted measures connecting the work of Church Extension with the Parent Home and Foreign Missionary Society. Rev. W. B. Derrick, the corresponding secretary of the missionary society, after two years' trial, found it difficult to operate the two societies together, and therefore appointed Rev. B. F. Watson, of the Kansas Conference, as his assistant. to take charge of the extension work. until the General Conference in 1892. Dr. Watson traveled at large, meeting the conferences urging the necessity of the organization of a Church Extension Society. He prepared the constitution for the society and submitted it to the General Conference committee on Church Extension in 1892, the same was adopted, but the General Conference failed to elect a secretary and the law establishing this society was thought to be a "dead letter". Bishop A. Grant, however, at the Bishops' Council, was at his request, made president of the board, and Rev. C. T. Shaffer, a presiding elder of the Philadelphia Conference, was appointed secretary, and the following board was appointed for 1892 to 1896: Revs. J. H. Morgan, A. J. Chambers, W. H. Coleman, D. P. Roberts, M. S. Bryant. E. W. Lee, B. H. Williams, B. W. Wiley, P. W. Wade, J. N. Abbey and B. W. Roberts. The total receipts for the first quadrennium. 1892-1896, were $40,401.30; total disbursements, $34,049.43; balance, $6,351.87. The board from 1896 to 1900 was: Bishop A. Grant, president; Rev. C. T. Shaffer, corresponding secretary and treasurer. Members: Revs. D. P. Roberts, A. L. Gaines, D. S. Bentley, B. F. Watson, George H. Shaffer, E. W. Lee, J. H. Welch, E. W. Lampton, J. M. Tanner, T. C. Denham and J. E. Edwards. Total receipts including balance. $70,825.87; total disbursements, $58.800.06; balance $12,025.81. The general board, 1900 to 1904, was Bishop Grant, president; Rev. B. F. Watson, corresponding secretary and treasurer; members: Revs. D. P. Roberts. A. L. Gaines. J. W. Gazaway. A. J. Burton, A. M. Ward. Allen Cooper, F. Y. Dendy, J. I. Lowe. G. H. Burk, T. C. Denham. A. M. Green and F. M. Gow. Total receipts. $94.528.57; disbursements, $84,713.07; balance March 31. 1904 (in keeping with the bishops' suggestion of each year), $9.815.50. The general board, 1904-1908, was: Bishop W. J. Gaines. president; Rev. B. F. Watson. corresponding secretary and treasurer; members: Revs. W. D. Cook, R. H. W. Leak. I. N. Ross, A. J. Burton (deceased) P. C. Cooper. W. W. S. Dyett, W. W. Beckett, S. P. Felder, J. I. Lowe, T. C. Denham (deceased), J. W. Duke and W. M. Simpson. Total receipts including balance, $109.999.39; total disbursements. $92,363.03; balance, March 31. 1908 $17.636.36. The general board, 1908-1912, was: Bishop W. B. Derrick. president; Rev. B. F. Watson, corresponding secretary and treasurer; members: Revs. R. C. Ransom, R. H. W. Leak, D. S. Bentley, D. P. Roberts, J. C. C. Owens, T. N. M. Smith, B. H. Williams, S. P. Felder. J. I. Lowe, F. F. Washington, D. W. Gillislee (deceased), R. B. Brooks and E. W. Williams. Total receipts including balance, $139.443.48; disbursements, $117,477.46: balance, March 31. 1912, $20.966.03

The general board, 1912 to 1916 was: Bishop L. J. Coppin. president; Rev. B. F. Watson, corresponding secretary and treasurer; members: Revs. A. R. Cooper, R. H. W. Leak. J. T. Gibbons, H. S. Graves, F. J. Peck. W. P. Tolbert. D. A. Christie, W. B. Lewis, J. F. Griffin, W. D. Miller. E. W. Byrd, W. H. Jones, (deceased), and A. W. Hackley. Total receipts including balance. $130,179.25; disbursements. $117,431.72; balance March 31, 1916. $12.747.53. The general board, 1916 to 1920 was: Bishop W. H. Heard, president; Rev. B. F. Watson, corresponding secretary-treasurer; members: Revs. G. W. Jones, J. B. Carter, F. R. C. Durden, G. B. Young, J. M. Wise, Lee A. Logan, J. T. Hall, A. J. Wilson, W. H. Peck, Charles Bundy, C. P.

Cole, W. H. Jones. Total receipts including balance, $144,449.59; disbursements, $115,211.46; balance March 31, 1920, $29,238.13. The general board from 1920 to 1924 was: Bishop John Hurst, president; Rev. B. F. Watson, corresponding secretary-treasurer; members: Revs. C. P. Cole, A. J. Wilson, Charles Bundy, H. W. Jamison, W. H. Peck, J. H. Hall, L. R. Nichols, J. W. Hair, R. C. Dickerson, M. L. Pendergraff, J. M. Wise, L. S. Overall, A. Thomas, W. A. Smith, M. C. Wright, A. M. Ward. Total receipts including balance, $201,768.52; disbursements, $166,815.03; balance March 31, 1924, $34,953.49. The general board from 1924 to 1928 was: Bishop W. D. Johnson, president; Rev. S. J. Johnson, corresponding secretary-treasurer; members: Revs. H. W. Jamerson, W. C. Williams, J. L. Butler, L. R. Nichols, W. H. Davis, L. V. Starkey, M. L. Pendergraff, S. H. Betts, E. C. Foreman, J. W. Washington, N. B. Moton, W. H. Jones, and E. A. Hubbard, A. J. Wilson, H. K. Spearman (deceased), Mrs. Elizabeth F. Spearman, (served unexpired term). Total receipts including balance, $278,456.02; disbursements, $236,634.15; balance March 31, 1928, $41,821.87. The general board from 1928 to 1932 was: Bishop W. D. Johnson, president; Rev. S. J. Johnson, corresponding secretary-treasurer (deceased June 5, 1928), Rev. A. J. Wilson was elected corresponding secretary-treasurer by the Church Extension Board April 17, 1929; members: Revs. E. E. Tyler, D. L. Grady, R. H. Bumry, D. A. Harshaw, (deceased), R. B. Monroe, W. B. L. Clarke, T. J. Miles, W. E. Barnes, L. V. Starkey, J. B. Butler J. M. Wise, E. C. Foreman, J. W. Washington, N. B. Morton and E. A. Hubbard. Total receipts including balance, $102,661.60; disbursements, $154,739.87; balance March 31, 1932, $16,652.64. The general board from 1932 to 1936 was: Bishop R. A. Grant, president; Rev. A. J. Wilson, corresponding secretary-treasurer; members: Revs. E. E. Tyler, D. L. Grady, R. H. Bumry, R. B. Monroe, B. B. L. Clarke, T. J. Miles, W. E. Barnes, L. V. Starkey, J. B. Butler, J. M. Wise, E. C. Foreman, J. W. Washington, and N. B. Morton, E. A. Hubbard. Total receipts including balance, $102,661.60; disbursements $92,152.02; balance March 31, 1936, $10,509.58. The general board from 1936 to 1940 was: Bishop S. L. Greene, president; Rev. A. J. Wilson, corresponding secretary-treasurer (died April 21, 1937), Rev. L. H. Hemmingway, Conway, S. C., was elected corresponding Secretary-Treasurer April 14, 1938 by the Church Extension Board. He was re-elected by the General Conference of 1940. Members: Revs. D. Ward Nichols, L. D. Grady, J. W. Jarvis, C. E. Brooks, Wm. H. Burnett, J. L. Butler, Doctor Seible Greene, Revs. P. W. Rogers, L. V. Starkey, J. H. Smith, J. M. Wise, Mrs. Octoria Douglas, Rev. D. W. Andrews. Total receipts including balance, $70,299.82; disbursements, $68,018.54; balance March 31, 1940, $2,281.28. The general board from 1940 to 1944, was: Bishop H. Y. Tookes, president, Revs. L. H. Hemmingway, corresponding secretary-treasurer; members: Revs. C. W. Walton, J. D. Carnes, A. J. Smoot (deceased), J. P. Q. Wallace, Wm. H. Burnette, J. L. Butler, Professor W. A. White, Revs. G. T. Stinson, L. V. Starkey, J. H. Smith, and J. M. Wise, W. D. Miller, J. W. Hall, G. A. John, Theopholus Mereka, Mrs. Phillip Van Putten. Total receipts including balance, $77,388.37. Total disbursements as follows:

The disbursements for 1940 to 1944 were as follows:

Donations	$17,144.30
Salaries	17,485.30
Departmental and Administrative	2,412.67
Office Expense	536.51
Heat and Light	1,881.06
Telephone and Telegraph	597.50
Stationery and Printing	516.59
Postage	152.42
Taxes and Insurance	1,372.61
Repairs	1,230.56
General Conference Expense	1,100.00
Accounting Service	1,189.00
Janitor Service	1,330.62
Advertising	6.00
Interest Paid	1,493.05
Travel	4,517.00
Water Rent	32.24
TOTAL	$52,997.23

Dr. Hemmingway has bought and saved to the connection during his administration more $850,000 worth of church property. He has invested $60,000 of his personal money in schools and churches, improved the office building $20,000. He has given $1,300.00 of his personal money in scholarships to young ministers.

The following letter was written by the president of The Industrial Bank of Washington, D. C., regarding the credit rating of the Church Extension Department and Rev. L. H. Hemmingway:

"To Whom This May Concern:

"This is to certify that I have known Dr. L. H. Hemmingway since he came to Washington several years ago. Soon after his arrival here he came to the Industrial Bank of Washington to do business with his own people. Since that time he has maintained a substantial bank account for himself and the Church Extension Department of the Church of which he is an officer. From time to time the bank has made him many loans to operate his Church extension Department, aggregating in amount approximately fifty-five thousand ($55,000) dollars, none of these loans were ever overdue. We are glad to have him with us, for this type of a customer is most desirable.

Dr. Hemmingway has impressed me as being honest, religious and at the same time a good business man, being always interested in the welfare of the Church Department of which he is an officer and the general welfare of the community of which he is a part.

I sincerely recommend him to any position of trust, believing that he will render good and efficient service and that the employer will be benefitted by his employment.

"Respectfully,
"(Signed) Jesse H. Mitchell, President."

The Church Extension Board members appointed at the General Conference 1944: Bishop Frank Madison Reid, President. 1st District, Rev. C. W. Walton; 2nd District, Rev. G. D. Carnes; 3rd District, Rev. C. S. Spivey; 4th District, Rev. J. E. Bradford; 5th District, Rev. Fred D. Jordan; 6th District, Rev. D. T. Babcock; 7th District, Rev. L. D. King; 8th District, Rev. William E. Barnes; 9th District, Rev. I. H. Bonner; 10th District, Rev. J. H. Smith; 11th District, Rev. J. M. Wise; 12th, District, Rev. J. S. Johnson; 13th District, Rev. B. M. Hughes; 14th District, Rev. J. P. Steady; 15th District, Rev. Theopholus Mereka; 16th District; 17th District, Rev. T. E. Mereka.

CHURCH PROPERTY. In the United States was valued at $679,426,489, in 1900; $1,257,575,786. in 1906 and probably $2,000,000,000 in 1916. In 1936, 178,744 of the 199,302 churches reported a valuation of $3,411,875,467, with $509,627,453 debts. Of the value reported in 1906 the Roman Catholics owned $292,638,787, and in 1936 they had $787,001,357; Methodists $229,638,787, and in 1906, and $495,504,013 (i.e. M.E. South and Methodist Protestant). Others had less property. Property or colored churches reported in 1906 was valued at $56,636,159, with encumbrances of $5,005,905; $86,809,970, in 1916; $205,782,628 in 1926; and $164,531,531 in 1936. However, only 34,250 Churches reported in 1936. In 1944 it is estimated that Negroes own $360,000,000 of church property with less than $50,000,000 debts. In 1906 AME's owned $11,303,489, with about $1,191,921 debts; in 1916, $14,631,792; in 1926, $32,092,549; in 1936, it was reported at $20,710,623. However only 4078 AME Churches reported to the U. S. Census in 1936. Our valuation today including schools and departments, is approximately $47,000,000 with probably only $6,500,000 debts.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, ALLEN TEMPLE AME CHURCH, Sixth and Broadway Street, is the mother of all Negro churches in the city of Cincinnati. This church has served the religious, civic and economic life of our city as an organization situated in downtown Cincinnati for 119 years. The church was used as a station for the Underground Railroad for the escape of slaves from the Southland. The present Allen Temple was organized February 4, 1824. The pastor is Rev. Wallace M. Wright.

Allen Temple AME Church, Sixth and Broadway, Cincinnati, Ohio, Rev. Wallace M. Wright, pastor.

CIRCUIT. A circuit is an appointment in which there are two or more preaching places. The term is used in contradistinction to station, which is a single self-supporting preaching point, where the pastor is stationary, while on a circuit he circulates from church to church. Methodism was made famous by the circuit and the time-limit, which give point to the idea of the itinerant or "traveling ministry". With the growth of population, circuits tend to diminish, just as the time-limit tends to extend indefinitely.

CLARKSBURG, W. VA., ALLEN AME CHURCH, the former Pride's Chapel, was organized at the home of Mrs. Mary Outlaw, in Clarksburg, W. Va., after the less of the latter church in 1939. For three successive years, Bishop R. C. Ransom, sent fine, well prepared ministers to try to re-establish the church. From worshipping with Mrs. Mary Outlaw, to holding our services over the Elks home no real progres was made until October 4, 1941 when Bishop Ransom appointed Rev. Beville J. Highsmith. Having lost our church home and two weeks later the parsonage after the pastor came, a good many of the members left. However, Rev. Highsmith, full of faith in God began his work. He found a piece of property on the street where our colored high school and nearby churches were situated and raised over $300 which purchased the property. He renovated an old shack that was on the front lot into a lovely four-room bungalow with a bath, electricity. We worshipped in an old garage which had been neatly arranged for worship. The next year by March 15th, we closed out a building fund rally, raising a total of $1,293.68, for a new church. As Moses led the children out of the wilderness, so has Rev. Highsmith led us by his dynamic preaching, intellect and magnetic personality.

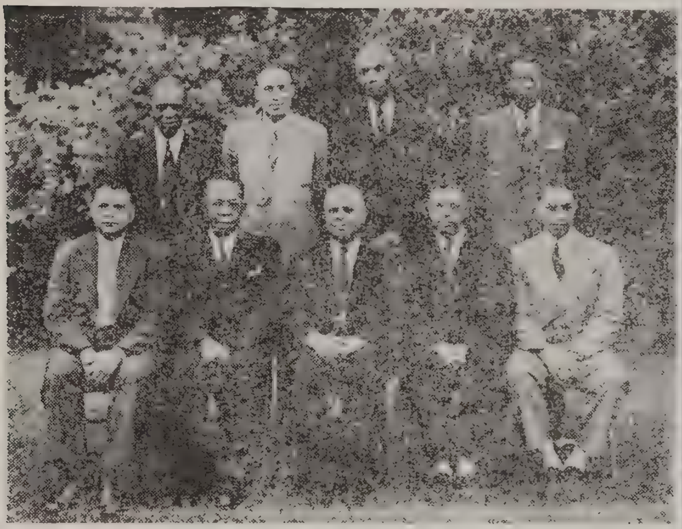
By Mrs. Grayce D. Bigelow.

CLASS LEADERS are appointed by their pastor to have charge of 12 or more members; he is a direct spiritual advisor. He should have good judgment, and genuine religion; he should have a fair knowledge of the for the Church. His duty is to inquire into the condition of his members both physically and spiritually, to instruct them in Christian doctrine and practice, to comfort and console, and to keep the pastor and official board informed as to each member, and to collect from each member something for the support of the Gospel and turn the same over to the stewards at the official board meeting.

CLASS MEETINGS were started by John Wesley in Bristol, England, in 1742, to meet a financial necessity. By dividing the membership into classes and making a class leader responsible for seeing each person in his class once per week and collecting at least one penny from him or her the financial responsibilities were considerably lightened. The class meeting soon became a great spiritual blessing as well as a financial agency, and is one of the most effective departments of the Methodist organization. The collections from class meetings in many churches pay all the expense of preaching.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, ST. JAMES AME CHURCH. January 24, 1887, Rev. (now Bishop) R. C. Ransom, then pastor of St. John AME Church, Cleveland, Ohio, working together with Mrs. Rosebud Johnson and her husband, James Johnson, James Linthecombe, James Anderson, Arthur Jackson, Jerry Warrick, Mrs. Gussie Berry and Mrs. Wilson, began the prayer meeting services prior to organizing and founding in the home of the Johnson's, a mission destined to become one of the cultural and religious centers of the Connection. These eight persons

St. James AME Church, Pastor's Aid Board, Cleveland, formerly belonged to St. John AME Church. Because of the distance and mode of travel, they found it difficult and inconvenient to attend as regularly as they desired so prayer meetings were held in homes until a suitable place could be secured to begin a mission. Finally, a place designated as the "Wigwam" on Cedar Avenue was secured. From there they moved to Hudson Avenue. The growth there was phenomenal. In 1926 under the pastorate of Dr. Joseph Evans, St. James negotiated with Trinity Congregational Church, 8401 Cedar Avenue, considered one of the finest and most beautiful structures of that day and secured it as its present location. Dr. D. Ormonde Walker succeeded Dr. Evans and took over the burden of meeting the future obligations of the $100,000 structure and was pastor until 1936 when he was elected president of Wilberforce University. After Dr. Joseph Gomez, the present minister came, fire destroyed this beautiful church home on January 1, 1938. Within a year the congregation had moved back to the present structure, where it worshipped in the lecture room for about 12 months. One year after the occupancy of the auditorium, all building indebtedness had been paid. Today very few, if any church organizations wield so great an influence as does St. James in Cleve-



Trustee Board, St. James AME Church, Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. Joseph Gomez, pastor.

Stewards Board, St. James AME Church, Cleveland, Ohio,

Sunday School Officials, St. James AME Church, Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. Joseph Gomez, pastor.

land. The value of the new edifice is estimated at over $100,000. The church operates under the following departments: Evangelism, Youth, Membership, Relief, Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Social Action. The age of miracles has not passed and the new, beautiful and commodious St. James stands as a living attestation to great leadership and great loyalty.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, ST. JOHN, Central Avenue and 40th Street. In 1830 St. John AME Church, the first religious home of the colored people of Cleveland was founded by William Paul Quinn, (later Bishop). He was one of the picturesque spiritual pioneers of the new Ohio country, who made his way through the woods with a Bible in his saddle bag and the indomitable spirit of the Pilgrims in his heart. Today St. John Church, after 114 years, is one of the city's most vigorous ad effective religious organizations and the mother church to nine organizations of its denomination in Cleveland. The present structure, built from the "ground up" in 1908 by Rev. Ira A. Collins, with its beautiful lawns and parsonage has been one of the show places in the city. Twenty-nine pastors have served this communion, some of whom have returned for a second and third term. The membership has grown from a small mission in 1830 to more than 3000 in 1947. At present St. John Church is under one of the most capable leaders in its history, in the person of Rev. Chas. S. Spivey. His cabinet includes a secretary, 9 stewards, 9 junior stewards, 5 boards of stewardesses. 9 trustees, 4 local preachers, 6 evangelists, 7 deaconesses, a minister of music and an assistant, 2 choristers, an organist, 2 Sunday schools, both closely graded with all the departments completely organized, a senior missionary society and 4 junior missionary groups, senior Christian Endeavor, youth council and a civic league. In addition to the above the following auxiliaries serve the church: The Altar Guild, Happy Family Club, Sunshine Club, Ladies Aid, Blue Bird Society, Willing Workers, Helping Hand Society, Senior Choir, Gospel Choir, Young People's Choir, Junior Choir, Senior Usher Board, Usher Board No. 2, Junior Ushers and twelve organized adult Sunday school classes. St. John's Sunday school is known nationally as the largest and best organized not only in the AME Connection but among Negro churches in America. The church is divided into sections with 75 class leaders convering the entire membership.

The following pastors have served St. John AME Church:

Rev. S. T. Jones, August, 1858-1860; Rev. Samuel Williams, April, 1860-1861; Rev. John Tibbs, April, 1862-1863; Rev. J. A. Warren, April, 1863-1866; Rev. R. A. Johnson, April, 1866-1868; Rev. J. A. Warren, April, 1868-1870; Rev. Lewis Woodson, April 1870-1872; Rev. Joseph A. Nelson, April, 1872-1873; Rev. J. P. Underwood, May, 1873-1876; Rev. R. A. Johnson, May, 1876-1878; Rev. Thos. A Jackson, May, 1878-1881; Rev. J. A. Ross, May, 1881-1883; Rev. J. W. Gazaway, May, 1883-1886; Rev. R. A. Johnson, May, 1886-1889; Rev. Ira A. Collins, May, 1889-1893; Rev. R. C. Ransom, May, 1893-1896; Rev. W. T. Anderson, May, 1896-1897; Rev. Chas. Bundy, May, 1897-1902; Rev. W. J. Roberson, May, 1902-1903; Rev. J. M. Gilmere, Sept. 1903-1905; Rev. Ira A. Collins, Sept. 1905-1910, (2nd Term); Rev. Chas. Bundy, Sept. 1910-1915 (2nd Term); Rev. J. S. Jackson, Sept. 1920-1921 (3rd Term); Rev. E. A. Clarke, Sept. 1921-1926; Rev. H. P. Jones, Sept. 1926-1930; Rev. J. A. Sterrett, June, 1930-1931; Rev. C. J. Powell, June, 1931-Oct. 1931; Rev. J. O. Haithcox, Oct. 1931-Oct. 1943; Rev. Chas. S. Spivey, Oct. 1943 to date.

The following Presiding Elders over District from 1889-1944.

1889—Rev. John F. Hamilton .... 2 Years
1891—Rev. W. H. Coleman..... 4 Years
1896—Rev. G. W. Maxwell........ 4 Years
1900—Rev. W. J. Johnson .... 2 Years
1900—Rev. Chas. Bundy......... 8 Years
1910—Rev. J. H. Jones.......... 2 Years
1912—Rev. G. W. Maxwell....... 4 Years
1916—Rev. Chas. Bundy.......... 4 Years
1920—Rev. T. W. Woodson....... 6 Years
1926—Rev. S. P. West .... 4 Years
1930—Rev. J. C. Powell.......... 6 Years
1936—Rev. R. C. Ransom, Jr..... 8 Years
1944—Rev. Geo. T. Sims.......... 2 Years

COLORADO ANNUAL CONFERENCE, THE, was organized September 24, 1887 in Shorter Chapel, Denver, Colo., Bishop J. M. Brown, presiding. It embraced the states of Colorida, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, Arizona and New Mexico. It had a ministerial membership of 27, with 23 appointments, and a lay membership 812. The Dollar Money reported at this first conference was $876.75. The value of church property was $7255.31. Bishop Brown served only one year as bishop of the Colorado Conference. At present the Colorado Conference comprises all of the criginal states except Montana.

The bishops presiding by quadrenniums, the secretaries and their time of service are as follows:

From May, 1888 to May, 1892, Bishop Ward; secretaries, Rev. J. H. Hubbard (1888-1890), Rev. A. W. Tolbert (1891). From 1892 to 1896, Bishop Handy; secretaries, Rev. A. W. Tolbert (1892), Rev. J. W. Sanders (1893-1896). From 1896-1900, Bishop Tanner; secretaries, Rev. J. W. Sanders (1896-1897), Rev. T. J. Smith (1898-1899). From 1900 to 1904, Bishop Shaffer; secretaries, Rev. T. J. Smith (1900-1902), Rev. N. J. Hubbard (1903). From 1904 to 1910, Bishop Abraham Grant; secretaries, Rev. J. M. Hubbard (1904-1907), Rev. W. H. Prince (1908-1910). From 1910 to 1924, Bishop Parks; secretaries, Rev. B. J. Holmes (1911-1912), Rev. J. W. Rogers (1913-1915), Rev. D. R. Jones (1916-1917), Rev. A. Wayman Ward (1918-1923). From 1924-1928, Bishop Carey; secretary, Rev. A. Wayman Ward (1924-1928). From 1928 to 1936, Bishop Gregg; secretaries, Rev. R. H. Harbert (1928), Rev. Browning C. Allen (1929), Rev. R. H. Harbert (1930-1931), Rev. R. W. Wisner (1932-1933), Rev. B. H. Moore (1934-1935). From 1936 to 1944. Bishop Noah W. Williams; secretary, Rev. B. H. Moore (1936-1942).

The following facts are taken from the reports of the annual conference of 1942:

Number of ministers 51, members 3857, conversions 162, accessions 381, dollar money $2861.25, educational money $932.35, mission (Easter) $314.10, mission (Women's Mite Missionary) $1008.04, Douglas Hospital $415.00, value of church property $402,473.00, amount paid pastors' salaries $14,303.55, and for support $5653.61.

The Colorado Conference is divided into two presiding elder districts, the Rocky Mountain and the Phoenix Albuquerque, with thirty-two appointments.

The leading churches are: Shorter Chapel, Denver, Colo., Campbell Chapel, Denver; Payne Chapel, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Tanner Chapel, Phoenix, Ariz.; Prince Chapel, Tucson, Ariz.; St. Paul, Pueblo, Colo.; Trinity, Salt Lake City, Utah and Allen Chapel, Cheyenne, Wyo. Perhaps, the most prominent member of the Colorado Conference was Rev. Dr. P. A. Hubbard who was the financial secretary of the AME Church from 1900 to the time of his death, January 14, 1902.

COMMENTARIES are books of comments, or notes, on a subject, prepared by persons who have given many years to the study of the subject and have become authorities on the same so that their notes are helpful to others who would like to understand the subject. Commentaries on the Scriptures are very common and very useful. No person who desires to understand the Scriptures should be without a commentary or several. Perhaps the most popular Scripture commentaries among Methodists are Adam Clark's published between 1819 and 1826, and Joseph Benson's published 1811 to 1818, and the Pulpit Commentary, J. M. Drummelow's and others published later.

COMMISSIONS. The General Conference has appointed commissions on Rural Church, Reapportionment of Districts, Social Welfare, Study of School Problems.

COMMISSION ON RURAL CHURCHES, was appointed by the Bishops' Council and approved by the General Conference to study the situation of the rural churches, and recommend plans for improvements to the General Conference. The members are: Bishop S. L. Greene, chairman; Bishop W. A. Fountain, Sr., Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., Rev. W. D. Shannon and Prof. I. H. Lee, Rev. H. V. Richardson, director.

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL WELFARE, THE, was ordered at the General Conference of 1944, headed by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., with two elders and two laymen, to be appointed by the Bishops' Council, to study and work out a plan for Social Welfare Work within our church organization. Such study shall be without expense to the connection and such plan shall be submitted to the Bishops' Council for approval and adoption and reported to the General Conference of 1948.

COMMISSION ON STUDY OF SCHOOL PROBLEMS. The following was approved by the General Conference of 1944: "There shall be appointed a Commission to study and define the duties and powers of bishops over church schools and that this commission report its findings to the general conference in its next session".

COMMITTEE ON LEGAL REDRESS, THE, was set up by the Bishops' Council to arrange to secure the Sunday School Union property in Nashville, for the church. It was later approved by the General Conference. Bishops M. H. Davis, W. A. Fountain, Sr., D. H. Sims, Rev. V. M. Townsend, Attorney Herbert L. Dudley, Prof. A. S. Jackson constituted the committee.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF HYMNAL, was appointed by the General Conference in 1940 to arrange for a joint hymn book to be issued by the AME and AMEZ Churches. The committee worked for four years and presented the completed hymn book in 1944. Our members were Bishops Gregg, chairman, Fountain and Sims, Rev. C. E. Stewart, W. K. Hopes and W. H. Peck, and Professors E. C. Deas, F. A. Clark and Frederick Hall.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE DISCIPLINE, composed of one (1) member from each episcopal district, nominated by the Bishops' Council and elected by the General Conference, carefully reviews the discipline, page by page and recommends the changes to be made. Recommendation for changes usually come from the delegates to the General Conference in the form of bills, these are promptly referred to this committee which studies them, discards them, or changes them to suit its desire and reports their findings to the General Conference, which must consider them twice before finally passing upon them, except that on the last day of the General Conference a bill may be passed after one reading. The Committee on Revision has two hours each day, except Sunday, to make its reports, and should present on the final day their recommendations as to the whole discipline.

COMMUNION, HOLY, is the term used for the Lord's Supper commemorating the death and suffering of Jesus. AME's use the term "communion" more than "Lord's Supper", and seldom use the term "Holy Eucharist". Our discipline uses the full term "The Lord's Supper of Holy Communion". In times past most emphasis was put upon the spiritual and social side as indicated in the invitation. "Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, are in love and charity with your neighbors, intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God and walking from henceforth in His holy way, draw nigh, take this Holy Communion to your comfort, make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees".

COMPILATION COMMITTEE, THE, is elected by the General Conference to compile and publish the discipline form the minutes of the sessions, after the General Conference adjourns. On this committee are bishops, elders and laymen, with the secretary of the General Conference and chairman of the committee on the revision of the discipline, ex-officio. 1944-1948, it was composed of Bishops D. H. Sims, M. H. Davis, H. Y. Tookes, D. Ward Nichols, G. E. Curry, and Elders W. D. Wilkins, J. H. Maxwell, W. H. Griffin, R. A. Scott, W. F. Ball, C.F. Stewart, J. L. Link, and laymembers: Dr. R. W. Mance, Judge Perry B. Jackson, A. G. Gaston, Mrs. M. P. Church, with Bishop J. A. Gregg, Dr. G. T. Sims, Dr. A. S. Jackson, of the discipline, ex-officio. This committee usually meets after the General Conference. It has no authority to change any act of the General Conference.

CONDUCT OF PREACHERS is prescribed in discipline in the section on "Rules for a Preacher".

CONFERENCES are gatherings of persons for the purpose of exchanging opinions upon subjects. In the Methodist Churches they are also business meetings, hearing reports, and planning for the future. There are in the AME Church six conferences: (1) general conference, (2) annual conference, (3) district conference, (4) quarterly conference, (5) church conference, and (6) official board, all of which are defined in this volume.

CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES, are set by the general conference on recommendation of the "committee on boundaries" composed of one delegate from each annual conference. The boundaries act at the 1944 general conference were: 1. THE ALABAMA CONFERENCE—The Alabama Conference shall consist of the following territory: Lowndes and Baldwin Counties, beginning at Union Springs running west; all of Bullock and Montgomery Counties south of Montgomery and Eufaula Railroad; beginning at Union Springs running south all of Bullock and Pike Counties, west of the Mobile and Girard Railroad; the Inverness and Troy Circuits; also Bethel and St. James Churches, east of said railroad; all of Covington County (except Florida, Opp Poley, Liberty Hill, Lockhart and Green Bay charges all of Dallas; Wilcox and Monroe Counties east of the Alabama River; all of Autaugua County (except Marbury and Pentecost); and that part of the State east of the Alabama River, to the state line of Florida and the Gulf of Mexico, except in the South in Baldwin County. The boundary shall be placed at Hurricane Byne and run east to the lines of Florida. 2. NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE—The North Alabama Conference shall consist of all the territory of the State north of the Southern Railroad which extends from Rome, Georgia, to Gadsden, Alabama; and shall include each of the following counties: all of Jefferson except that part which lies in the bounds of the West Alabama Conference, and all of St. Clair, Culman, Morgan and Colbert, that part of the State lying North and West of these counties named, and the other conferences remain the same. 3. CENTRAL ALABAMA CONFERENCE—All of Dallas County that is not included in the Alamaba Conference and all that part of the State lying West of the Alabama River and Mobile Bay to the State Line of Mississippi, Perry County; Northern boundary in Baldwin County which shall be extended from Mobile Bay to Hurricane Byne. 4. EAST ALABAMA CONFERENCE—The East Alabama Conference shall consist of the territory lying north of a line beginning northwest of Barbour County, including Glenn Circuit and running east to the Chattahoochee River. All of the territory of Bullock and Montgomery and Eufaula Railroad to the Alabama River; shall embrace all the counties of Macon, Elmore, Clinton, Coosa, Talladega, Shelby, Calhoun and Clayborne; all the territory lying east of these counties and south of the Decatur and Southern Railroad to the state line of Georgia; also Marbury and Pentecost in Augusta Counties, except Oxmore. 5. SOUTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE—The South Alabama Conference shall include the counties of Barbour, Coffee, Dale; Geneva, Henry and Houston, and all that part of Bullock, Pike and Covington Counties, not included in the Alabama Conference.

6. WEST ALABAMA CONFERENCE—All road extending from Marion Junction to Akron and St. Paul and St. Luke Churches on the south side of the Southern Railroad and running west to the Mississippi line from Akron on the A.G.S. Railroad. All of Bibb County to the L. and N. Trunk Line and including Shannon on the east side of the L. and N. Railroad. Also the Bessemer and Ensley District as they now stand as parts of the Jefferson and Walker Counties, and that the Southern Railroad from Birmingham Terminal Station, runing west to the Mississippi line shall constitute the northwest boundary of the West Alabama Conference and that Sayre on the north side of the Southern Railroad shall be included in West Alabama Conference territory. 7. ARKANSAS CONFERENCE—That part of the state north of the baseline and west of the Fifth Principal Meridian and that of Pulaski County, south of the baseline except no part of Monroe, Lee nor St. Francis counties, but include Craighead, Pointsett and Mississippi Woodruff Counties. 8. SOUTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE—All Bradley, Drew, Lincoln, Chicot and Ashley Counties; that part of Desha County, west of the Arkansas River; Harrell and Mt. Pleasant Circuits in Calhoun Counties. Also Calhon in Calhoun County. Also Jefferson County, east to the Arkansas River and north to Dexter and west to the Grant County Line, parallel to direct line forming the eastern boundary of the West Arkansas Conference. 9. WEST ARKANSAS CONFERENCE—The northeast corner of said conference shall begin at the Saline County line on the Rock Island Railroad, running south of Little Rock, Ark., to Louisiana as far south as Bunn, Arkansas, in Dallas County; thence due west to Manning, Arkansas, on the Rock Island Branch running from Malvern, Arkansas, to Buttig, Arkansas; and covering all the territory not otherwise mentioned to Texas and Oklahoma, boundary lines. 10. EAST ARKANSAS CONFERENCE—The following territory,—that part of Jefferson, and Saline Counties, west of the Arkansas River to Pulaski County Line, Lonoke County, east of the Arkansas River and south of the Rock Island Railroad, to a line south that will exclude Woodruff County to the line across Monroe and Arkansas Counties, also Philips, Lee; St. Francis Counties and that part of Cross County, south of Poinsett County, and that part of Desha County lying east of the Arkansas River and all other territories to the Mississippi River. 11. CENTRAL ARKANSAS CONFERENCE. 12. NORTHEAST ARKANSAS CONFERENCE. 13. BALTIMORE CONFERENCE—The Baltimore Conference shall include all the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia. 14. BERMUDA CONFERENCE—The Bermuda Conference corresponds with the Islands of Bermuda. 15. CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE—The State of Nevada and all that part of the State of California, north of the line of Mekacapi Mountains and Santa Barbara. 16. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE—All that part of the State of California not embraced in the California Conference. 17. COLORADO CONFERENCE—The Colorado Conference comprises colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona. 18. FLA. CONFERENCE—The Florida Conference embraces all that part of the state, west of the eastern boundary of Jefferson County and the western boundary of Madison County. The Madison Presiding Elder District shall be included in the Florida Conference. Bellville and Jennings shall remain in the Florida Conference. 19. EAST FLORIDA CONFERENCE—The northern boundary of the South Florida Conference and part of the eastern boundary of the Middle Florida Conference shall be the southern and western boundaries of the East Florida Conference. 20. SOUTH FLORIDA CONFERENCE—The original line of the ACL Railroad separating the southern boundary of the Middle Florida Conference, following said line to the Winston Junction, then southward to Mulberry, then to Lake Wales; then southeast to Sebring; then south to within five miles of Fort Myers, then following an imaginary line to Key West, including Winston Junction and Mulberry, shall be known as the South Florida Conference. 21. CENTRAL FLORIDA CONFERENCE—Homosassa, on the Gulf of Mexico, shall be the starting point of the northern boundary of the Central Florida Conference and southern boundary of the Middle Florida Conference, thence by an imaginary line northeast of the town of Hernando, thence southeast to the town of Bushnell, thence north following the ACL Railroad through Fruitland Park to the southern boundary of Marion County and the northern boundary of Lake County, east along said county line thence northeast by an imaginary line to Lake George thence southeast along the John River to Sanford. 22. WEST FLORIDA CONFERENCE—The Georgia State Line shall be the northern boundary line of the West Florida Conference, the Gulf of Mexico its southern boundary. The eastern boundary shall start at Junction seven and one-half miles east of the Apalachicola Northern Railroad on the Georgia and Florida State lines, thence to an imaginary line due south to a point where Liberty and Franklin Counties join, thence directly east, letting the southern boundary line of Liberty County be the dividing line to the Ochlochonee River, thence let said river to the Gulf of Mexico by the boundary line of the West Florida and Florida Conferences. 23. ORLANDO FLORIDA CONFERENCE— The eastern boundary of the Florida Conference shall be the western boundary of the Middle Florida Conference and the southern boundary of the Florida Conference shall be the northwestern boundary of the Middle Florida Conference. 24. GEORGIA CONFERENCE—The Georgia Conference shall consist of the following counties: Chatham, Camden, Clinch, Charlton; Appling, Bacon; Bullock, Schreven, McIntosh, Glynn, Wayne, Pierce; Coffee, Ware, Jenkins, Jeff Davis, Evans, Bryan and all of the eastern portion of Berrien County including Milltown. 25. NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE—The North Georgia Conference consists of all that part of Georgia not included in the other conferences of the State. 26. MACON GEORGIA CONFERENCE—The Macon Conference shall consist of the following counties, viz: Putnam Baldwin, Bibb, Dooly, Macon, Crawford, Hancock, Jones, Houston, Crisp, Schley, Monroe and Taylor, including Barnesville in Pike County (except the Americus Presiding Elders' District). 27. SOUTHWEST GEORGIA CONFERENCE—The Southwest Georgia Conference shall consist of the following counties, viz: Harris, Talbot, Muskogee, Chattahoochee, Marion, Stewart, Terrell, Randolph, Lee, Quitman, Clay, Calhoun, Early; Baker, all of Dougherty west of the Flint River, Miller and all of Decatur west of the Flint River (except the Albany Presiding Elder District). 28. ATLANTA CONFERENCE—The Atlanta Conference includes the counties of Fulton, Dekalb Rockdale, Walton, Morgan, Jasper, Butts, Newton, Henry, Campbell Upson and Pike, except Barnesville Station. 29. SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE—The South Georgia Conference shall consist of the following counties, viz: Worth, Turner, Ben Hill, Irwin, Taft, Mitchell, Thomas, Colquitt, Gradym Brooks, Lowndes Echols, all of Dougherty and Decatur Counties, east of the Flint River and all of the western portion of Berrien. 30. AUGUSTA CONFERENCE—The Augusta Georgia Conference shall consist of the following counties, viz: Richmond, Columbia, McDuffie, Burke Emanuel, Tombs, Laurens, Wilkinson, Twiggs, Warren, Washington, Jefferson, Johnson, Montgomery, Tatnall and the southwest corner of Bibb County on the M.D. and S. Railroad to the northern extremity of said railroad to the M. A. junction (except the Dublin District). 31. AMERICUS GEORGIA CONFERENCE—The Americus Georgia Conference shall consist of the four presiding elder districts, viz: Americus, Albany, Hawkinsville and the Dublin District. 32. INDIANA CONFERENCE—The Indiana Conference comprises the State of Indiana, except Fort Wayne, South Bend and Wabash Circuit. 33. ILLINOIS CONFERENCE—The Illinois Conference includes that part of the state south of an imaginary line, beginning at the junction of the state line of Indiana and Illinois on Lake Michigan, and thence diagonally through Streator, Yates City, Chillicothe and Bushnell to Warsaw on the Mississippi River. 34. CHICAGO CONFERENCE—The Chicago Conference consists of all that part of the State of Illinois not embraced in the Illinois Conference, together with the State of Iowa, Wiscon-

sin, Minnesota, together with the North Dakota and South Dakota and the town of Gary, Indiana, except as shown in the new Northwestern Conference. 35. NORTHWEST CONFERENCE—The Northwest Conference shall be the following states in the United States: Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Iowa and the Northeastern part of Wisconsin, and the following provinces in Western Canada, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Albert. 36. KANSAS CONFERENCE—The Kansas Conference shall comprise the states of Kansas and Nebraska. 27. KENTUCKY CONFERENCE—The Kentucky Conference comprises all that part of Kentucky east of an imaginary line from Carrollton, on the Ohio River, to Bagdad, on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, then to Wadda, on the Louisville Southern Railroad, then to Campbellsville, then to Greensberk, thence due south to Tennessee, including Jellico in Tennessee. 38. WEST KENTUCKY CONFERENCE—The West Kentucky Conference includes that part of the state not described in the Kentucky Conference. 39. LOUISIANA CONFERENCE—The Louisiana Conference shall include all the territory east of the Mississippi River and as far north as the 31st parallel line. 40. NORTH LOUISIANA CONFERENCE—The North Louisiana Conference shall include the territory north of the 31st parallel line including Deridder, going across the Babine River and west to the Red River to the line of Arkansas. 41. CENTRAL LOUISIANA CONFERENCE—The Central and Southwest Louisiana Conference form the Central Louisiana Conference and that the boundaries of these two conferences constitute the boundaries of this conference. 42. MISSOURI CONFERENCE—The Missouri Conference shall comprise that part of the state lying south of the Missouri River, including the county of Cooper. 43. NORTH MISSOURI CONFERENCE—The North Missouri Conference comprises all that part of the state not described in the Missouri and the Southwest Missouri Conferences. 44. SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE—The Southwest Missouri Conference comprises the Presiding Elder District of Pettis and Kansas City and Sedalia with Johnson Counties. 45. MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE—The Mississippi Conference shall comprise all that part of the Mississippi south of an imaginary line straight from Warrenton to Alabama, excluding Jackson and Meridian to the Alabama State line. 46. NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE—The North Mississippi Conence embraces that part of the state north of the Southern Railroad, Greenville, that a line between the North Mississippi and Northeast Mississippi Conferences, beginning at the Southern Railroad east to Greenwood, which is excluded, and that said line go north to Tennessee leaving the Northeast Mississippi Conference all the territory not occupied by the North Mississippi Conference. 47. CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE—The Central Mississippi Conference includes Jackson and the East Mississippi Conference, beginning at Jackson all parts of the State not icluded in the description of other conferences except the White Cemetery in the town of Greenville between the North Mississippi Conference and Central Mississippi Conference. The Central Mississippi Conference shall include all of the territory south of the Southern Railroad Co. 48. NORTHEAST MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE—Let the Southern Railroad from Greenwood, then north to Whaley on the Y.M.V. Railroad, thence up between Carrol and Le Flore counties north through Tallahatchie County; thence between Quitman and Panlea Counties; thence between Tunica, Tate and DeSoto Counties north to the line of Tennessee. 49. MICHIGAN CONFERENCE—The Michigan Conference comprises all the State of Michigan and also Fort Wayne, South Bend and the Wabash Circuit in Indiana. 50. NEW YORK CONFERENCE—The New York Conference coincides with the State of New York. 51. NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE—The New England Conference embraces all the New England States. 52. NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE—The New Jersey Conference shall embrace all the State of New Jersey. 53. PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE — Philadelphia Conference comprises the counties of Pike, Northampton, Schuykill, Dauphin, Cumberland, Franklin, Fulton, the city of Shamokin, all the State of Pennsylvania east of said Counties except Easton and Stroudsburg, Penna., shall be added and that part of Delaware Conference. 54. DELAWARE CONFERENCE—The Delaware Conference shall consist of the state of Delaware, also the following appointments in Delaware County, Pa., Asbury Church, Chester, Pa.; Murphy Church, Chester, Pa. Linwood, Pa. 55. NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE—The North Carolina Conference includes that part of the state east of the eastern boundary line of the counties of Vance, Franklin, Wake and the southeastern line of Chatham, Moore and Scotland Counties. 56. WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE—Western North Carolina Conference includes that part of the state not included in the description of the North Carolina Conference. 57. OHIO CONFERENCE—The boundaries of the Ohio Conference shall be as follows, beginning at a point on the Ohio line known as Mingo Junction. The line shall go westward across the State so as to include the municipalities of Scio, Uhrichsville Coshocton, Newark, Westernville, Plain City, Mechanicsburg west to Richmond and then southward along said line to the Ohio River. Thence along the line of said river to a point of beginning. 58. NORTH OHIO CONFERENCE—The North Ohio Conference shall embrace all the portion of the State of Ohio not included in the Ohio Conference. 59. PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE—Shall include all that part of the State of Pennsylvania not included in the Philadelphia Conference, and the Delaware Conference. 60. TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE—The Texas Annual Conference shall comprise all territory lying east of the west boundary line of Falls County to west boundary line of Limestone and Falls to the Brazos River, thence south along the Brazos River and east boundary of Burleson, Washington and Austin Counties and the northern boundary line of Brazoria County, south and east by the Gulf of Mexico and Louisiana. Embracing the following counties: Falls Robert on Brazos, Leon, Houston, Trinity, Polk, Walker, Grimes, Montgomery, Liberty, Harris, Galveston, Chambers, Jefferson, Orange, Hardin, Tyler, Jasper and Newtona. 61. CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE—The Central Texas Conference shall embrace that territory beginning with the southern boundary of Johnson County, east to the western boundary to Ellie County; southward with east boundaries of Hill, McClellan, Falls and Milan Counties to the I. G. and N. Railroad; North and west of the I. G. and N. Railroad as the boundaries to the north boundary of Comal County, thence east of the boundary of Blanco, Burnet and Lampasas, thence south of the boundary of Hamilton and Bosque and east of Bosque to Johnson County. 62. WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE—The West Texas Conference shall embrace the territory south of the I. and G. N. Railroad westward to the boundary line of Travis and Bastrop Counties, thence eastward as a boundary line to the Brazos River on the east. Northward on the west of the east boundary counties to the I. G. and N. Railroad on the line of Austin, Washington and Burleson Counties north. 63. NORTHEAST TEXAS CONFERENCE—The Northeast Texas Conference not included in the North Texas Conference with the State of Arkansas for its eastern boundary including that portion of Louisiana which lies north of Texas Conference boundary. 64. SOUTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE—The Southwest Texas Conferense comprises that territory south of the West Texas boundary line, including the following counties: Bexar, Comal, Medina, Uvalde, Kenney, Goliad, Victoria, DeWitt, Gonzales, Lavaca, Wharton, Colorado, Caldwell, Guadalupe, Matagorda and Wallace. 65. THE NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE—The North Texas Conference consists of all that portion of the old original Northeast Texas Conference north of the Central Texas Conference, beginning at the western boundaries of the following counties, viz: Johnson, Mavarro, Kayfman, Delta, and Lamar to Red River; this is to constitute the boundary line between the North Texas and the Northeast Texas Conferences. The Blooming Grove and Pellham Circuits shall be included in the

North Texas Conference. 66. EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE—The East Texas Conference shall consist of all the territory east of the Cotton Belt Railroad from McClellan County line to Corsicana and up to Powell Station, except the following changes: Hubbard City, Dawson, East Corsicana and Powell—all of which being in the North and Northeast Texas Conference. Kernes, and Round Prairie shall be East Texas Conference. Wood County line up and including Mineola Station; thence the T. and P. Railroad from Mineola to the state of Louisiana, including Longview station shall be the dividing line of Northeast and the East Texas Conference. Boundary on the east shall be the state line of Louisiana and Texas down to the county line of Houston County. The South boundary from Houston County shall be the following counties: Limestone, Leon, Henderson and Freestone Counties. 67. NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE—The Northwest Texas Conference shall be comprised of all that territory beginning at the northeast corner of Wilbarger County and including all the territory west of the eastern boundaries of the following named counties, viz: Archer, Jack, Parker, Wichita Falls, Bosque Hamilton, Lampasas, Burnet, and north of the Southern boundaries of Llano, Mason, Kimble, Sutton, Crockett and Terrell Counties. 68. MEXICAN AND RIO GRANDE VALLEY CONFERENCE—The Mexican and Rio Grande Valley Conference shall be comprised of the Republic of Mexico and all that territory in the State of Texas south of the northern boundaries of the following named counties, viz: Refugio, San Particlo, Live Oak, Atascosa, Frio. 69. CANADIAN MARITIME CONFERENCE—The Canadian Maritime Conference comprises Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Islands and New Brunswick. 70. ONTARIO CONFERENCE—The Ontario Conference comprises Ontario and Quebec. 71. OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE—The Central Oklahoma Conference shall embrace all that part of the state originally known as Oklahoma territory, Oklahoma. 72. THE NORTHEAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE—Shall consist of the Creek, Cherokee and Osage Nations. 73. PUGET SOUND CONFERENCE—The Puget Sound Conference comprises all the state of Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, the territory of Alaska, and the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Assimiboia and Saskatchewan. 74. CENTRAL SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE—The Central South Carolina Conference comprises Presiding Elder Districts, Manning, Wateree and Orangeburg. 75. COLUMBIA CONFERENCE—The Columbia Conference includes Presiding Elder Districts, Columbia, Winnsboro, Lancaster and Newberry. 76. NORTHEAST SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE—The Northeast South Carolina Conference comprises Dillon. 77. PALMETTO SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE—The Palmetto (South Carolina) Conference shall be composed of the counties of Georgetown, Williamsburg and Berkley; and Morris Brown, Ebenezer, St. Luke and Francis Brown Churches in the City of Charleston. The towns of Lake City and Scranton in the County of Florence shall be included in the Palmetto Conference. 78. PIEDMONT SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE—The Piedmont Conference comprises Presiding Elder Districts, Grenville, Greenwood, Abbeville and Laurens. 79. SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE—The South Carolina Conference includes the counties of Hampton, Dorchester, Beaufort, Colleton and Charleston; except Morris Brown, St. Luke, Ebenezer and Francis Brown churches in the city of Charleston, which are in the Palmetto Conference. It shall also include Holly Hill and Eutawville in Orangeburg County. 80. TENNESSEE CONFERENCE—The Tennesee Conference is bounded on the east by and includes the counties of Giles, Marshall, Bedford, Cannon, DeKalb, Smith, Jackson and Macon; on the west by and includes Robertson, Davidson, Williamson and Lewis; on the south by Alabama and on the north by Kentucky. 81. WEST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE—West Tennesee Conference and also the towns of Hickman and Fulton in Kentucky and Wayne and Harden Counties. 82. EAST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE—East Tennesee Conference includes Lincoln, Moore, Coffee and Warren Counties, and all the territory east of the North Carolina and Virginia line. That Jellico be added to the Kentucky Conference. 83. VIRGINIA CONFERENCE—The Virginia Conference comprises the State of Virginia. 84. WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE includes the state of West Virginia. 85. SIERRA LEONE CONFERENCE—includes all the territory in the Colony of Sierra Leone from Freetown to the Southern Province. 86. LIBERIA CONFERENCE—includes all the territory in the Republic of Liberia from Cape Mount to Cape Palmas. 87. GOLD COAST CONFERENCE—includes all the territory in the colony of the Gold Coast from Takoradi to Keta.

Cape Conference. Orangia Conference—The Orangia Conference comprises Orange River Colony and Basuto Land. Natal Conference—The Natal Conference comprises Natal, Matogoland, Grequoland, East and Zululand.

N. B.—Fourteen streams and Warrenton are included in the Cape Colony Conference; and Tanug and Bactsap are included in the Transvaal Conference. Swaziland Conference—Swaziland Conference consists of Swaziland and Portuguese, East Africa.

Southwest African Conference to include Bechanaland and South West Africa. West Indies and South American Conferences—This Conference consists of the Republic of Haiti, Santo Domingo, Virgin Islands, The Windward Islands Conference, Trinidad and Barbadoes, Jamaica Conference, the islands of Jamaica, Bahama Island Conference of the Bahamas, The Cuban Conference, the Republic of Cuba.

Transvaal Conference to consist of the Transvaal Province. Zambesi Conference to consist of Northern and Southern Rhodesia. Central Africa Conference—Belgian Congo, Keyna, Angola, Tanganyika, Nyusaland, etc.

Central Oklahoma Conference—This conference shall be bound as follows: The O.C.R.R. running by Blanchis coming to Purcell, 2 miles to the Canadian River, and base line running northeast, to Rock Island, and 5 miles north thence direct north to the Seminole Nation.

CONFESSION is the freely telling someone else of one's sins. The Roman Catholics have priests to whom confession is made, priests are supposed to stand between man and God, and to intercede with God for sinful man. Methodists believe in a general public confesson of a sinful state on the part of individuals; but that people are to "make their humble confession to Almighty God", directly. We do not believe it is necessary for a priest to stand between man and God. Confession must be made freely and fully if it is to be confession. No man has a right to make a full confession to any mortal man, for mortal man may betray him and that brings a state of fear rather than of full forgiveness; no priest or other man knows when a "confession" is "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth", a priest may be deceived. Only God knows the heart, only God can be trusted. Only God can forgive. So we put our trust in God, not in priests. No man who acknowledges all his sins to God, and implores His grace and His help to live a better life is ever disappointed.

CONNECTIONAL COUNCIL is a voluntary meeting of leaders of the church which meet at the same time and place of the Bishops' Council, twice a year. It is not a delegated meeting, has no authority and no obligations. It is an open forum for the discussion of the problems of the church; has its officers and membership dues. It was started about 1915 in New Orleans by men who had been accustomed to attend the Bishops' Council, and had nothing to do but wait till the bishops were through with their private sessions. It was at first called "The Lower House". The present president is Rev. J. S. Bryan of Georgia, Rev. A. J. Carey, Jr., is vice-president and Mrs. Bertie L. DeLyles is secretary.

CONNECTIONAL FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE was authorised in 1940, selected by the Bishops' Council and confirmed by the General Conference, to audit the accounts of the connectional departments and branches of the church receiving percentages of dollar money and other connection funds, and report its findings to the Bishops' Council once a year and to each general conference, and to take the place of the old Budget Committee. The following were appointed members: Bishops Davis, Sims, Fountain, Sr., Wright, Jr., and Greene; Elders M. E. Davis, L. G. Duncan, I. N. Patterson; and laymen: Perry B. Jackson, George Davis, C. L. Longmire.

CONNECTIONAL HISTORICAL AND LITERARY ASSOCIATION was set up by the Bishops' Council at Newport, Rhode Island, August, 1880, and ordered by the General Conference of 1884. "The object of this association", said the constitution, "will be the cultivation of literature, the study of history, science, philosophy, and the promotion of Christian education".

CONNECTIONAL SCHOOLS. The following is a list of schools which have connectional recognition to receive funds from the financial or educational departments:

Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio; Allen University, Columbia, S. C.; Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.; Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas; Kittrell College, Kittrell, N. C.; Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla.; Western University, Quindaro, Kansas; Shorter College, N. Little Rock, Ark.; Campbell College, Jackson, Miss.; Daniel Payne College, Birmingham, Ala.

CONNECTIONAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES are as follows:

Payne Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio; Dickerson Seminary, Columbia, S. C.; Turner Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.; B. F. Lee Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla.; Seminary at Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas; Seminary at Kittrell Colege, Kittrell, N. C.; Bishop Noah Williams School of Religion, Quindaro, Kansas; Jackson Seminary at Shorter-Flipper-Curry College, Little Rock, Ark.; L. R. Nichols Seminary at Daniel Payne College, Birmingham, Ala.; Seminary at Campbell College, Jackson, Miss.; R. R. Wright School of Religion, headquarters, Memphis, Tenn.

"CONSECRATION" and not "ordination" is the term used in inducting a bishop into office. This is done by one or two bishops and five elders, after a sermon by a bishop. In 1944 the consecration service was as follows: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Sunday, May 14, 1944.

ORDER OF THE SERVICE

Bishop R. C. Ransom .... Presiding
First Hymn No. 12 .... Bishop R. C. Ransom
Prayer .... Bishop A. J. Allen
Second Hymn No. 612 .... Bishop G. B. Young
First Lesson, Isaiah 6th Chapter .. Bishop F. M. Reid
Introductory Prayer .... Bishop G. E. Curry
Decalogue .... Bishop D. H. Sims
Second Lesson, Romans 8:1-17 .. Bishop H. Y. Tookes
Anthem .... By the Choir
Sermon—Subject—"Spiritual Leadership"—
Bishop W. A. Fountain, Acting Senior Bishop
Presentation and Consecration of Individual Bishops
Rev. George Wilbur Baber
Presented by Revs. J. D. Howell, Michigan Conference; W. W. Peck, Michigan Conference; George A. Singleton, Philadelphia Conference; C. A. Gibbs, Florida Conference; I. H. Bonner, Alabama Conference.
Consecrated by Bishop John A. Gregg and Bishop D. Ward Nichols.

Rev. John Henry Clayborn
Presented by Revs. V. M. Townsend, Arkansas Conference; J. G. Robinson, retired, T. J. Miles, South Carolina; J. H. Smith, Texas Conference; S. J. Johnson, Orlando, Florida Conference.

Consecrated by Bishop H. Y. Tookes and Bishop G. E. Curry.

Reading .... Bishop N. W. Williams
Prayer for Special Qualifications .... Bishop R. R. Wright
Direct Examination .... Bishop S. L. Greene
(Veni, Creator, Spiritus) ...... Bishop D. Ward Nichols

"Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire", etc.

Consecration Prayer .... Bishop M. H. Davis
Consecration .... One Bishop
Bible Delivered .... Other Bishop
Sacrament and Closing Prayer ..... Bishop G. E. Curry
Offering . Bishop D. H. Sims, Chairman Local Commission
Reading and Presenting Credentials
Apostles' Creed and Benediction .. Bishop W. A. Fountain

CONSECRATION RITUAL, THE, of the AME Church consists of ordination services for deacons and elders, consecration of deaconesses, bishops, also laying of cornerstones, dedication of churches, organs, parsonages, parish houses, hospitals, educational buildings, homes and a general dedicatory service.

CONSTITUTION OF AFRICAN METHODISM, consists of the Articles of Incorporation, Articles of Religion, General Rules, Special Declaration, Catechism of Faith, Band Societies and Rules for Giving, all of which are fully described in the discipline.

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES is the fundamental law by which the nation is governed. It provides the fundamental structure of three branches of government: legislative, executive and judicial, also the separation of church and state, and the Bill of Rights, and freedom and equality of all persons. It was adopted in 1787 the year Richard Allen and his colleagues withdrew from St. George's Church, and it became effective in 1789.

CONTINGENT means conditional. Our "contingent" funds in the annual or district conferences are funds sent to meet expenses not otherwise provided for, to make up deficits, to take care of emergencies. In other words to meet expenses for any condition that may arise and for which there was no definite budgetary arrangement.

COVENANT OF GRACE. All mankind are under the covenant of grace from the very hour that the original promise was made: "The seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head".

CONVENTIONS. As a rule the word "convention" is seldom used in our African Methodism. We use the word "conference". Baptists and others use "convention" frequently. However, many call our Sunday School meeting a "Sunday School Convention".

CONVERSION, is the turning around of a sinner from the ways of sin to the ways of God. There are two active forces in the conversion of a soul—the human choice of the individual to depart from the way of sin and to lead a new life; and the divine part, the work of the Holy Spirit which leads the individual to the choice.

CORPORATION, A, is an organization or legal body, set apart as an individual, by a legal charter of act of incorporation from the state. Many of our local churches are corporations. The advantage of a corporation is that it releases the individual members, as such, from responsibility for the debts of the church, and gives the church, as such, a right to hold property, make contracts, "to sue and be sued". Our discipline urges all churches to incorporate. Before doing so the Church Extension Society secretary should be consulted, as this will avoid complications into which some of our churches have unfortunately fallen. Where possible women should have voting power in all church corporations, as they support them largely, and "taxation without representation is tyranny" both in Church and State.

COSTLY APPAREL is clothing, jewelry, etc., which cost more than the wearer can afford, or which makes undue display of wealth. This is not approved by the AME Church. Our surplus money should rather be used to help our less fortunate brethren, to help clothe, educate and encourage them. This is not to keep people from being comfortable and neat; but not to overdo it.

COURSE OF STUDY. Since most of our ministers find it impossible to attend theological seminaries, the general conference authorized the bishops to prepare a course for home study, covering 5 years. Each person admitted to the annual conference must pass the examination for admission and then pursue a course for four years. The "Course of Study" was first introduced at the instance of Bishop Payne in 1844. The committee making the course were: Rev. D. A. Payne, H. C. Turner, David Ware, R. Robinson, A. D. Lewis, W. R. Revels, and George Weir. A licentiate is one who has passed the course for admission. One who passes the 1st and 2nd year's study may be elected deacon; and one who passes the 3rd and 4th year's study may be ordained elder. (See Discipline, "Course of Study".)

CRESTMONT, PENNA., NEW BETHEL AME CHURCH, REV. M. H. NUTTER, PASTOR. Prior to the year 1918, the only church in Crestmont, the section given to colored of Willow Grove, Penna., was the First Baptist Church of Crestmont. A few Methodists longing to worship God under their own vine and fig tree began to worship in a building on Rubicam Avenue which they rented and later purchased. September 20, 1918, they were organized as New Bethel by Rev. J. W. Whalen, a local preacher from LaMott AME Church. The church was admitted to the Philadelphia Annual Conference in May 1919. Outgrowing the building during the pastorate of the Rev. H. DeWitt Jones a piece of ground was purchased on Prospect Avenue and a beautiful edifice erected at a cost of approximately $10,000, and occupied in 1928. The financial crash of October, 1929 and the wave of unemployment that followed, resulted in the loss of title to the property. In May, 1938, the Rev. Matthew H. Nutter was appointed pastor. During the administration of this well trained, consecrated leader and indefatigable worker, splendidly assisted by his wife and daughter, Mrs. Sadie E. Nutter and Miss Dolores G. Nutter, New Bethel Church has reached a new high level spiritually and financially. The church building has been repurchased and title restored to New Bethel AME Church. Among the founders of New Bethel Church who are still active members are Sisters Hattie Grasty, Elmira Clark, Annie Harvey, Minnie Norris; Brothers Nathaniel Williams and William Norris. The officers are Bros. Chas. Johnson, secretary; John Thompson, treasurer of stewards; trustee board, Odele Ward, secretary; Sunday school, Vaughn Ward, superintendent; Elizabeth Gale, assistant superintendent; stewardess board (A), Elmira Clark, president; stewardess board (B), Shellie Johnson, president; Social Club, Margaret McNeal, president; Missionaries: Sadie Nutter, president; Pastor's Aid, Minnie Norris, president; Conference Claims Committee, Margaret Harrison, president; Trustee Aid, Richard Jones, vice-president; Crusaders Club, Helen Wormley, president; Coal Club, Madora Sammons, president; Choir, Mabel Cotton, organist; Juvenile Choir, Hattie Grasty, directress; Usher Board, Vivian Woolfolk, supervisor.

New Bethel AME Church, Crestmont, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania.

CROGMAN COMMUNITY CLASSIC was established in 1939 in South Africa at the Evaton Community in which there were about 12,000 Bantu who had no local medical center or physicians or dentist. Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., collected funds in America in 1938 when he returned very sick. He described his severe illness as God's way of calling his attention to the sick in Africa who die by the millions without adequate medical attention. Said he, "I came to America to impress upon you that you must do something and I shall return to Africa with a clinic as the contribution of the American Negro to his African brother". Bishop Wright returned taking Nurse Grace Wares as the head nurse. The new building was erected. Dr. Hastings Banda accepted the headship of the clinic, but was prevented from coming by the war. The Crogman Clinic is headed by Dr. A. Xuma, a highly trained African physician and a competent staff. The South African government aids in its support. It was named for Dr. William Henry Crogman, former president of Clark College, Atlanta, Ga., father of Mrs. R. R. Wright, Jr.

DALLAS, TEXAS, ST. JAMES AME CHURCH, Rev. J. R. McGee, pastor, was organized May 1, 1876. First pastor, Rev. W. R. Carson; first member, Mrs. Hattie Novels-Green, Mrs. Green was the mother of Mrs. Martha Record, present secretary of St. James and district treasurer of missionaries of the Dallas District; first building at Corner Young and Abbott Sereets; Prominent among the former pastors of Saint James are: Rev. R. S. Jenkins, former Secretary of the General Conference: Rev. J. F. Williams, who bought the present parsonage and a small church building for $10,000. Bishop George B. Young, now presiding Bishop of Texas; Bishop Edward J. Howard (deceased); Rev. C. W. Abington, present editor-in-chief of the Religious Literature of the AME Church. Dr. Abington erected the present building; Rev. J. H. Smith, Editor of "Vital Facts of the AME Church", Rev. Prince F. Jackson, who entertained the Bishops' Council in 1939; Rev. E. W. Morgan, (deceased). The present pastor, Rev. J. R. McGee, was transferred to Texas from Florida in 1934, bringing with him his talented and efficient wife, Mrs. I. C. McGee. He is a product of Edward Waters College and the B. F. Lee Theological Seminary, and Bethune-Cookman College. He has done special work under Prof. McLeod of Boston University, and Prof. H. W. C. Ainley of the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, Philadelphia. Rev. McGee is president of the AME Alliance of Dallas and is prominent in civic and fraternal circles.

Both Rev. and Mrs. McGee are credited instructors in Religious Education of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

St. James AME Church, Dallas, Texas

DANIEL PAYNE COLLEGE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. Under the leadership of Revs. M. E. Bryant, W. H. Mixon and J. S. Shaw, Payne University was founded. The members of Brown Chapel AME Church, Selma, Alabama, desiring to have their children educated in a school of their own denomination, rallied with enthusiasm and a $1,000 school building was erected. On November 4, 1889, Prof. W. B. Johnson, B.S., graduate of the school. From its very beginning the school was a success and each year the number of students increased until 1923. In 1891 another small building costing $300 was erected. In 1903 the school was incorporated and in 1904, under Bishop W. J. Gaines, a brick structure "Gaines Hall" was erected at a cost of $4,000. In order to accommodate a large number of boarding students, the Trustee Board ordered the secretary, Dr. R. D. Brooks to make plans for enlargement of the plant. This resulted in twenty-one lots and six cottages being purchased in 1905. In 1907 under Bishop Coppin a three story frame building, "Coppin Hall" was erected at a cost of $8,000. Under Bishop Parks, who came to the State in 1908, over $10,000 was raised in one rally; the largest amount raised for Payne University up to that time. It was during this period that Dr. H. E. Archer, was president succeeding Dr. J. M. Henderson. He was successful in building up a large boarding department, and in sending out the first degree graduates. A brass band and school orchestra were organized and the music of the college became known throughout the State. Two lots valued at $1,000 were also purchased. During the superintendency of Bishop J. H. Jones, 1912-1916, ministerial training became the watchword and much was done to strengthen the Theological Department. Bishop Lee, 1916-1920 developed much interest. Unfortunately, some misunderstanding relative to moving the school took place among the ministers of the State. However, devotion and loyalty to the great church overcame all obstacles and preserved the best interests of all concerned.

Daniel Payne College. Episcopal Residence, 9th Episcopal District

Daniel Payne College, Fountain Administration Building

Bishop R. A. Grant, took charge of the affairs in 1928. He made Founder's Day, February 14, one of the biggest days for collecting funds to carry on the school. In 1935 more than $3,000 was raised at the dullest season of the year. In 1936 a like amount was raised. In May of that year, however, the General Conference assigned Bishop Grant to the Eleventh Episcopal District and sent the highly trained Bishop David H. Sims to Alabama. Having spent four years in South Africa, he was definitely interested in foreign mission work. He reorganized the State with special emphasis on Religious Education.

In 1940 Bishop D. Ward Nichols was assigned to Alabama, and Rev. R. H. Hughes, pastor of St. John was elected acting president. In an effort to bring the name of the school into close coordination with its actual work, the name of the school was changed from Greater Payne University to Daniel Payne College. During the first quadrennium of Bishop Nichols' supervision, the debt of the school was reduced from practically $100,000 to $24,000, buildings renovated, Faculty strengthened and student body greatly increased. Grant Hall, the girls' dormitory, teachers' cottage, and a spacious library built at cost of $10,000. Thousands of volumes of books have been added to the library. A full time president was needed, and Rev. E. Simpson James, was elected June 1, 1945 and resigned to re-enter the pastorate September 28, 1945. The Board elected Rev. T. E. Harper, A.B., D.D., a distinguished alumnus of Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina. During the administration of Bishop D. Ward Nichols, great improvements have been made in all phases of the work of the institution. Laymen Auditorium was completed at a cost of more than $5,000, a new heating plant installed in Fountain Hall costing approximately $5,000, eight new class rooms completed on the second floor of Fountain Hall, President's Home and Cafeteria erected at a cost of about $30,000. Under the queenly leadership of Mrs. K. Bailey Nichols, the campus has been made a place of beauty. Daniel Payne College also received full State accreditation. Founder's Day rallies are held the last of February and have averaged more than $40,000 per year under Bishop Nichols, who has revolutionized Daniel Payne College.

DAYS, CONNECTIONAL, are days set apart by the General Conference for special celebrations and collections. They are as follows: "Allen Day", the second Sunday in February; "Easter Day", which is indefinite; "Children's Day", the second Sunday in June, and "Educational Day", the third Sunday in September.

DEACON is an officer first set apart to do the secular work of the ministry, to look after the poor. The term has various modern significations in different churches. In the Methodist Churches a deacon is the first order of the ministry. He is a minister who has authority to bury the dead, marry, baptize and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, but he is not allowed to consecrate the same. To become a deacon, one must be elected by an annual conference and ordained by a bishop. To become a local deacon one must have served at least four years as a local preacher and must be recommended to the annual conference by the district conference on request from his quarterly conference. To become a traveling deacon one must have served a probation of two years traveling, after being admitted to the annual conference on trial. Both must pass the required examinations.

DEACONESSES are female lay helpers who attend to the general benevolent interests of the church, such as visiting sick, needy, etc. They are set apart by the bishop of the district after election by the pastor and official board.

DEBTS. Ministers are urged to stay out of debt. It is better to deny oneself than to go into debt where the prospect of paying is small.

DEDICATION OF CHURCH is a ceremony giving over a new or remodeled church to God, with a pledge to conduct it in accordance with the discipline of the AME Church. The Bishop or elder meets the church officials at the door of the church. Trustees hand over the keys to the bishop in token of the fact that they will ever submit to the discipline, doctrine and government of the AME Church, and at all times permit such ministers to preach in the church. A sermon, and appropriate program is had, according to a form laid down in the book of discipline.

DEEDS are legal documents, signed, sealed and delivered, by which certain rights and privileges are passed from one person to another. A deed to property shows the person who has a right or title to it. The discipline gives a form of deed which it would be well for every church to follow as closely as possible in purchasing real estate for the use of the AME Church. All deeds must be examined by a competent attorney, passed upon by the annual conference and recorded in the court records. Where possible, the title should be insured with a reliable title insurance or guaranty company. For further information about deeds apply Church Extension department, 1535 Fourteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

DEGREES, are gradual, successive steps by which anything may be attained. Academic degrees are the titles by which certain progress in scholarship is noted. They are of very ancient origin. In the United States the use of degrees has been very must abused, so much so as to bring them much into disrepute. The leading universities have steadily fought these abuses with some success. The wearing of an unearned degree is regarded more and more as the worst sort of academic hypocrisy. The most common academic degrees are:

A.B. or B.A. (Baccalaureus Artium) Bachelor of Arts—the first college degree, which means that the person wearing it has had an approved four years' classical college course, having studied Latin, Greek and higher Mathematics along with other classical studies. In modern times, however, one may receive an A.B. degree without having studied Greek. It is the degree of a "liberal" college education.

A.M. or M.A. (Artium Magister), Master of Arts, means that the wearer has spent at least a year in graduate study after having completed his college course, and has written a thesis in the field of his concentrated study.

B.S. (Bachelor of Science) same as A.B., except that wearer has substituted scientific study for classical or liberal arts study.

Ph.D. (Philosophiae Doctor), Doctor of Philosophy means that the holder has specialized in some form of philsophical study and has laid the basis of a scholarly career in the same, with from three to five years of special study after the A.B. or B.S. is received, and the production of scholarly dissertation entailing original research.

D.D. (Doctor Divinitatis), Doctor of Divinity, usually given as an honorary degree to one who has shown special ability in theological research, or distinguished service in the ministry.

LL.D. (Legum Doctor), Doctor of Laws, also honorary to one who has shown special ability in scholastic endeavor. Besides these older degrees there are many specialized and professional degrees such as B.D., Bachelor of Divinity; LL.B. Bachelor of Laws; B. Mus., Bachelor of Music; B.E. Bachelor of Education; M.D., Doctor of medicine; D.D.S., Doctor of Dental Surgery, and bachelor's degree in nearly every general department of learning. A bachelor is a novitiate; a master is experienced; a doctor able to impart.

DELAWARE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, THE, originally a part of the Philadelphia Conference, was organized in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1923, by Bishop W. H. Heard, on resolution offered by Rev. C. V. Monk. The Conference includes the whole state of Delaware and that part of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, consisting of Marcus Hook and Chester. It was set apart because the Philadelphia Conference grew too large and unwieldy to be entertained conveniently by any church. It was organized with about 47 churches and two presiding elder districts. The Rev. H. Y. Arnett was appointed over the Wilmington District and the Rev. H. P. Jackson, over the Georgetown District. The Georgetown District was changed to the Dover District in 1927. The following presiding elders presided over it: Rev. H. P. Jackson, Rev. C. H. Harden, Rev. O. S. Neal, Rev. H. F. Tyree, Rev. George W. Coverdale, and Rev. W. N. Brown. The Wilmington District has had only three presiding elders, namely:—Revs. H. Y. Arnett, O. S. Neal, and J. L. Link. The latter was appointed by Bishop Heard in 1933, and has served to the present time. In 1938, the conference merged the two districts into one, to be known as the Penn-Del District; Rev. J. W. Link was appointed over the whole Delaware Conference; the conference is now yielding twice as much finance as it did when it consisted of two districts. The first delegates from the Delaware Conference to the General Conference in 1924, were: Revs. H. Y. Arnett, J. A. Browne, C. W. Stewart, and J. L. Link. The laymen were: Mr. William Gardner and Mr. Howard Naudain.

The Delaware Conference is the smallest in the First Episcopal District, the state of Delaware being the second smallest in the Union and the 47th in population. The conference must depend on the resources of Delaware for support, which are chiefly fruits and garden vegetables. The state is often called an immense garden and orchard. For many years, it has set the pace for all of the conferences in the First Episcopal District for paying local, conference, and general claims of the Church. Her slogan is, "The Men of The Delaware Conference Never Fail".

Historical events and sacred memories that create, stimulate and intensify a more willing and ready response to the interest of the church—here we find soil made sacred by the footsteps, the strivings, and the accomplishments of our sainted Father, Richard Allen. Within the bounds of this conference stands the church, near Dover, where Allen was convicted, converted, and finally became a member. Here also through his efforts, Freeborn Garrison, was invited and preached at his Master's house. His text was, "Thou are weighed in the balances, and are found wanting". This preaching so disturbed his master that he believed that slavery was wrong and proposed to Allen that he purchase his freedom for $2000, continental money. With this proposal, Allen finally complied and left his master's home a free man. Here in Delaware, Allen was employed in driving a wagon in time of the Continental War, hauling salt from Rehoboth, Sussex County, Delaware. Listen to his statement, "I had my regular stops and preaching places on the road". These events are sacred and inspiring to both ministers and laymen, who are privileged to labor in the Delaware Conference today, helping to perpetuate the cause for which the founder lived and died.

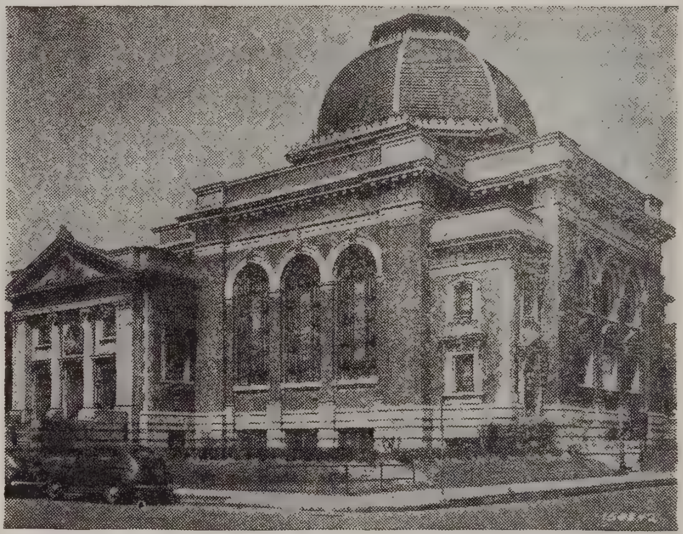
DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE are elected every four years to comprise the General Conference, the highest body in the AME Church. The qualifications are: (1) A ministerial delegate must be an elder who has traveled four full years next preceding the General Conference, must be in good and regular standing in an annual conference of the AME Church, and receive a majority of the votes cast. (2) Lay delegates are elected by the electoral college and confirmed by the annual conference; they must be four years members of the AME Church and at least six month members of the churches which elects them to the electoral college, and members of the electoral college which elects them, be over 21 years of age ad receive a majority of the votes cast in the electoral college. Annual conferences pay board of delegates and their traveling expenses to and from the General Conference. The number of delegates which compose a General Conference is fixed by the preceding General Conference. At present each annual conference is entitled to three ministeral delegates, and one ministeral delegate for each 30 ministeral members of the annual conference, or final fraction above 15. There is an equal number of lay delegates and ministeral delegates.

DENVER, COLORADO, SHORTER CHAPEL AME CHURCH, was organized in 1868 by Rev. J. M. Wilkerson; has a membership of 700 and owns property to the amount of $40,000, which is absolutely free of debt. Has the following auxiliaries: stewards, trustees, class leaders, stewardesses, deaconesses, ladies' aid. Woman's Mite Missionary, graded Sunday school, Allen Christian Endeavor League, ushers' club, junior missionary society, sewing circle and flower circle. It has the envelope system in making collections for more than four years, and raised upward of $6,000 annually for all purposes. Its new parsonage is considered one among, if not the most durable modern and commodious to be found in the entire church.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN, fourth largest city in America; population in 1940 was 1,623,452, of whom 149,119 were Negroes. There are 13 AME Churches in Detroit as follows (in 1947):

Church	Pastor	Members-	Proba.	Founded
Ebenezer	Carlyle F. Stewart	3000	3215	....
St. Stephen	J. D. Howell	3000	1617	....
Bethel	Jonathan A. Dames	2855	864	....
St. Paul	J. A. Charleston	1150	2	....
Allen Temple	M. R. Rhonenee	643	....	....
Quinn Chapel	S. C. Davis	284	66	....
St. Luke, Highland Pk.	D. D. Houston	225	5	....
Mt. Calvary	Joseph Brockington	170	3	....
Trinity	W. E. Smith	44	2	....
Ruth Chapel	Willis Wright	18	4	....
Mt. Sinai Mission	David Johnson	16	9	....
Vernon Chapel	James Aiken	....	....	....
Metropolitan Chapel	Dennis Huggins	....	....	....

DETROIT, EBENEZER AME CHURCH had its beginning on November 2, 1871, at Prospect and Watson Street, Detroit, with Rev. G. C. Booth, pastor and members. The church was formerly known as the Ebenezer African Methodist Church, and subsequently it was incorporated as the Second African Methodist Episcopal Church, and it was under this name that it took title to the old property on Calhoun Street, between Beaubien and St. Antoine Streets. The incident of this incorporation under the name of the Second African Methodist Episcopal Church proved to be a vexatious and complicated problem in later years when the government sought to buy the property in connection with its low-cost housing project.



Ebenezer AME Church, Detroit, Michigan, Rev. Carlyle Stewart, pastor.

Ebenezer AME Church, from its very inception down to the present time, has always been identified with the dynamic forces at work in building this great industrial center. As far back as 1901, under the pastorate of C. Emery Allen, it is authentically reported that young Henry Ford came to the parsonage of Ebenezer and requested contributions from Rev. Allen and his congregation in order to further his invention. Rev. Allen gave the young man such financial aid as he was able, and in addition to this, he greatly encouraged and inspired him. The first public demonstration of the Ford motor car in Cadillac Square was witnessed by Rev. Allen. Many years later Henry Ford remembered his early benefactors in personal letters and by financial contributions to the church. In 1934 Bishop Parks sent Rev. Geo. Wilbur Baber to Ebenezer. He was not unknown, for he had successfully served in Laporte and Michigan City, Indiana, Benton Harbor and Flint, Michigan. Ebenezer had never received any connectional recognition prior to 1934; since that time, Ebenezer has gained constantly. Her membership numbers more than 3,000 and the church edifice houses approximately 3,500 persons; there is a mammoth gymnasium, (where Joe Louis used to train), Sunday school rooms, facilities for first aid and nursery classes. On Monday nights more than 110 classes report regularly to their leaders; the weekly payroll amounts to approximately $200.00.

In 1938, Rev. Baber, pastor presented Detroit to the General Conference Commission and they voted unanimously in favor of the Motor City. On May 8, 1940, Ebenezer welcomed the 31st Session of the General Conference of the AME Church, and one thousand delegates received one of the finest and most hospitable receptions and entertainments ever accorded any General Conference in the entire history of African Methodism.

An important feature of the entertainment of the General Conference which was a dream of Rev. George W. Baber, for the exposition of 75 years of progress among Negroes, held concurrently with the sessions of the General Conference from May 10th to May 19, Inc. The exposition gave Negroes one of the few opportunities they have had to show the facts of their progress to the world.

After the General Conference Dr. Baber continued pastor until he was elected bishop in 1944. Since then Rev. Carlyle F. Stewart has been the very acceptable pastor.

DETROIT, MICH., ST. STEPHEN AME CHURCH was organized November 17, 1918, by Rev. Thomas J. White, who served as pastor for ten months. During Rev. White's tenure the site on which the church now stands was purchased and a temporary building erected. Rev. M. C. Wright followed as the next pastor. Rev. S. S. Harris completed the basement and Rev. W. E. Walker, the upper structure of the present church. Rev. J. D. Howell was assigned to the charge in September, 1927 and has remained for the past 16 years. Under the leadership of the present pastor the mortgage indebtedness of $19,000 and a floating indebtedness of $6,000 have been liquidated. Two personages have been purchased and paid for. In 1940 a $20,000 expansion program was begun; but priorities on building materials interfered. The present basement annex: with modern kitchen, ladies' rest rooms and offices, is a fair example of what the superstructure is to be. Our church with all of her property holdings is out of debt. We have a membership of 4,000 and 30 organizations. The Sunday school has an enrollment of 1,300 with a teaching staff of 60. We have a well organized Junior Church of 500 members with their own pastor, a regular trustee board, steward board, stewardess board, missionary society, choirs

St. Stephen AME Church, 6000 Stanford Ave., Detroit, Mich. Rev. J. D. Howell, pastor.

Trustees of St. Stephen AME Church, Detroit, Mich. Lower row, left to right: Mr. F. M. Waterfield, Mr. F. C. Betton, Mr. Charles E. Wood, Rev. J. D. Howell, chairman. Upper row, left to right: Mr. Daniel Dye, Mr. Wm. Venable, Mr. Hugh F. Barrington, Mr. E. J. Swain, secretary; Mr. John A. Rankin.

Stewards of St. Stephen AME Church, Detroit, Mich., Rev. J. D. Howell, pastor. Seated left to right: Mr. J. C. Jones, treasurer; Mr. A. J. Simmons, Rev. J. D. Howell, chairman; Evangelist Claudia Hill, secretary; Mr. Arthur Younger.

Standing left to right: Mr. O. A. Allen, Mr. Wm. Entzminger, Mr. R. H. Lovelace.

and ushers, amenable to the pastor, yet self-supporting financially. In every sense, St. Stephen is a community church. This perhaps, has been a large factor in her growth. St. Stephen is a church with a vision and a program and bids fair to become one of the connection's outstanding appointments.

DISCIPLINE, THE, The first edition of the Discipline of the AME Church was published in 1817 by Richard Allen and Jacob Tapsico. It contained the 25 Articles of Religion, after which followed a Socratic exposition of all subjects of vital importance to the organization, closing with the Rituals.

An appendix was added by order of the General Conference and published in 1829 by Joseph Cox and Joseph M. Corr with preface by Bishops Richard Allen and Morris Brown. These appendices continued the Socratic form and dealt with the rules to govern the general and annual conferences, the election of deacons, traveling elders and their duties, boundaries, allowances, printing and a form of deed for property and buildings.

Because of the growth of the church and its problems, the Discipline has increased in pages from 192 in the first edition to 526 in the last (1944). The first Discipline was published by one John H. Cunningham, Printer, Philadelphia. Subsequent Disciplines were printed under the auspices of the Book Concern founded in 1836. The first complete book printed and bound by Negroes was the Discipline of the AME Church. Amendments and new laws were discussed and adopted by the general conferences acting as a "Committee of the whole" until 1856 when the committee on Revision of the Discipline was formed to recommend to the general conference the changes found necessary. Recommendations coming from the floor take the form of "bills" and are referred to the committee for study, the same are reported back to the assembly favorably or unfavorably for passage or veto. No fundamental Methodist law may be changed by the general conference. The major item of consideration in the book of Discipline consists of directive to persons for growing ever towards spiritual and intellectual perfection.

Next in importance are its laws affecting the temporal economy of the general church. They have been changed but once as to collection, so far as the general church is

Laymen's Organization of St. Stephens AME Church, Detroit., Mich., 1st Row, left to right: Rev. Eston Gossett, Mrs. Ella Taylor, Mrs. Myrtle Caliman, Mrs. Hazel Williams, Mr. F. C. Betton, Mrs. Vivian Hamby, Mrs. Elizabeth White, Mrs. Lula Woods.

2nd row left to right: Mrs. Sallie Hillery, Mrs. Rosa Chambers, Mrs. Rose Franklin, Mrs. Bernice Barrington. Mrs. Pearl Collins, treasurer; Mrs. Jessie Mitchell, Mrs. Irene Goree, Mrs. Willie Brogdon, Mrs. Hattie Lovelace, Mr. Arthur Younger, Mrs. Mildred Gardner, Mrs. Idelle Henry.

3rd row left to right: Mrs. Laveta Browne, Miss Flora Hawkins, Mrs. Blackstone.

4th row left to right: Mr. M. Caliman, Mr. Leroy Jones, Mr. J. C. Jones, Mr. A. T. Simmons, Mr. Colder Smith, Mr. Eugene Nelson, Mr. R. H. Lovelace, Mr. Daniel Dye, Mr. E. J. Swain, Mr. Curtis Davis, Mr. O. A. Allen, Mr. Wm. Entzminger.

concerned. Prior to 1872 "Two cents per member per month" was collected to be divided; "one-half for Bishops' expenses, superannuates and widows and one-half to the Book Concern", this was commonly referred to as "Bishops money". The general conference of 1872 adopted the system now in use; "One dollar from or for each member". The proportions of this "Dollar" may be and have been changed by every general conference.

Closely following are the laws governing the "Official Family"; Bishops, General Officers, Presiding Elders, Pastors and the various heads of Auxiliaries local and general.

The Discipline of the African ME Church represents, not only, the Negroes first effort towards providing law for self-government but also his best.

By Rev. W. D. Johnson.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS. In each annual conference there are certain questions the bishop asks to sum up the main business of the conference. These questions are answered by the secretary at the close of the conference, and are called "the disciplinary questions". They are:

1. What preachers are admitted on trial?
2. Who remain on trial?
3. Who are admitted or re-admitted to full connection?
4. Who are the deacons?
5. Who have been elected and ordained deacons and elders?
6. Who have been located this year?
7. Who have been elected by the General Conference to exercise the Episcopal office in, and to superintend the African Methodist Episcopal Church?
8. Who are supernumerary preachers?
9. Who are the superannuated?
10. Who have been expelled from the connection by this conference?
11. Who have withdrawn this year from this conference and connection?
12. Are all the preachers blameless in life and conversation?
13. What members of the Conference have died this year?
14. Have all the preachers subscribed to one of our connectional weekly journals and also to the Quarterly Review or the Voice of Missions or the Journal of Religious Education?
15. What preachers are indebted to any of the departments or the church publications?
16. When shall we hold hold the next annual session of this conference?
17. Where shall our next Annual Conference be held?
18. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Executive Council, St. Stephen AME Church, 6000 Stanford Ave., Detroit, Michigan. Seated left to right:—Mrs. Rosa Chambers, Mrs. Hazel Williams, secretary; Rev. J. D. Howell, chairman; Mrs. Elizabeth White, Mrs. Willie Brogdon, Mrs. Irene Goree.

2nd row left to right: **Mrs. Rose Franklin, Miss Flora** Hawkins, Mrs. Bernice Barrington, Mrs. Mildred Gardner, Mrs. Hattie Lovelace, Mrs. Idelle Henry, Mrs. Vivian Hamby, Mrs. Eston Gossett.

3rd row left to right: Mr. Leroy Jones, Mr. F. C. Betton, Mrs. Sallie Hillery, Mr. Theodore Hudson, Mr. Eugene Nelson.

THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE is a meeting held once a year by the presiding elder with all the traveling ministers and local preachers, evangelists, presidents of missionary societies, and one steward from each quarterly conference in the presiding elder's district. The work of the presiding elder's district is reviewed, and plans are made to carry out the desires of the bishop and the annual conference with regard to the district. The conference may last one, two or three days. An inspiring program is held and there is usually preaching at night. Most of the work is done by committees whose reports are discussed publicly: committees on 'the financial condition of the people of the district"; "their moral condition"; "the spiritual condition of the churches"; "the work of missions"; "the public schools"; "the Sunday schools"; "means of making churches more prosperous financially"; "preachers for annual conference"; "preachers for ordination"; etc. The district conference is most important, and if the work is done well, there will be a complete religious, financial, and social survey of the work of the district each year. A presiding elder's district may have from ten to thirty churches. The district conference does not recommend any preacher for admission to the annual conference or for ordination as local deacon or elder, who has not had high school training and who is not in possession of the books required by the Course of Study. (See Discipline).

DIVORCEMENT is the legal separation of man and wife. The AME Church approves of divorce only "for the cause of adultery". Any minister, exhorter or lay member who is divorced other than upon Scriptural grounds shall be expelled from the church. If a minister marries a woman who has been divorced on other than Scriptural grounds, he shall be expelled.

DOLLAR MONEY is the name applied to the annual one dollar which each pastor is required to collect from or for each member of his church and report to the annual conference. This "dollar money" is the chief item in the general funds of the church. It was originated in 1872 when the Financial Department was started, and has been very successful, the collections having increased from an average of $22,000 per year during 1876-1880 to about $400,000 per year. "Dollar Money is distributed by the finance committee of the annual conference as follows: 38 per cent to the Financial Department for general purposes, support of bishops, general officers, needy churches, colleges, theological seminaries, widows and children of bishops, and general expense; 30 per cent to the Pension Department for superannuates, widows and orphans of deceased traveling preachers; 8 per cent is sent to the Educational Department for support of Colleges and Theological schools; 4 per cent to the Church Extension Department for needy churches; 5 per cent to the Missionary Department for home and foreign missions; and 15 per cent retained in the annual conference for contingent expenses of the conference. All these departments print annual reports of what they do with the funds received by them.

DOLLAR MONEY REPORTED BY THE HIGHEST TWELVE CONFERENCES

Conference	1944-1947
Philadelphia	$14,388.00
Chicago	13,905.50
Baltimore	11,095.00
New York	11,022.00
Michigan	10,516.60
New Jersey	9,885.00
East Florida	9,622.20
West Tennessee	8,254.60
Georgia	8,082.00
Atlanta	8,000.00
Ohio	7,872.00
Palmetto, S. C.	7,468.00

INCREASES

	Over Previous Year
West Tennessee	$1,125.00
East Florida	1,042.20
Philadelphia	921.22
Southern California	857.75
Michigan	852.60
Ohio	767.25
North Ohio	643.00
New Jersey	631.00
West Florida	595.50
East Mississippi	539.75
Florida	518.10
New York	503.00

DOXOLOGY (from Greek, "doxologia"—"doxa", meaning glory, and "logia", speech, or "legein", speak), is a speaking or a hymn of praise or glory to God. It is usually sung at the beginning or at the close of the service. The most popular doxology in our Church and Protestant Churches generally is—

> "Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
> Praise Him all creatures here below,
> Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host,
> Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost".

This was written by Bishop Thomas Ken's (1637-1711), of the Church of England. "Gloria in Excelsis" (Glory in the highest) is called the greater doxology, and "Gloria Patri" the lesser, and used in Episcopal and Catholic services more than in Protestant.

DRESS. Many Christian societies urge plainness of dress, and none more than the original Methodists. Our discipline still enjoins against putting on gold and costly apparel, and if this should be carried out it would be to our moral and financial benefit.

DREW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, (now Drew University), Madison, N. J., a Methodist theological seminary of first rank, which has been attended by many African Methodists, was founded by Daniel Drew, of New York, who gave a half million dollars for that purpose. Among its presidents have been some of the leading scholars of Methodism. Bishops Davis and Nichols graduated from Drew.

DRUNKENNESS. The discipline forbids "drunkenness or the drinking of spirituous liquors".

EASTER DAY, is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox, i. e. March 21st or 22nd. It represents the day on which Jesus rose from the dead. In the AME Church it is set apart for missions. Every church is asked to take a collection and to explain the church's missionary program. Half of the money is sent to Missionary Department, New York, for foreign missions; the other half to the annual conference secretary-treasurer for home missions. All churches are expected to have special Easter services, beginning with a prayer meeting "very early in the morning".

ECUMENICAL, means pertaining to the world; worldwide.

ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE OF METHODISM, THE, is a meeting of representatives of Methodist Churches of the world and is held every 10 years to consider the growth of world-wide Methodist cooperation and fraternity. The general conference of the ME Church started the movement in 1876 and the first conference was held in London, September 7-20, 1881; the second in Washington, D. C., in 1891; the third in London, 1901; and the fourth in Toronto, Canada, in 1911; the fifth was held in London in 1921; the sixth in Atlanta, Ga., in 1931; and the 7th at Springfield, Mass., (postponed on account of War), September, 1947. On the joint commission which called the first Ecumenical

Conference were: Revs. B. F. Lee, R. A. Johnson and John G. Mitchell of the AME Church; our delegates were: Bishops Payne, Brown, Shorter, Dickerson, and Revs. B. F. Lee, Wilberforce, Ohio; James M. Townsend, Richmond, Indiana; Augustus T. Carr, Charleston, S. C.; James C. Embry, Leavenworth, Kans.; and Alexander Clark, Iowa City; Prof. Joseph P. Shorter, Wilberforce, Ohio; Mr. Nelson T. Gant, Zanesville, Ohio; Joseph W. Morris, Cokesbury, S. C. Bishop Payne presided September 17, 1881, and read an essay on September 12th, entitled: "The Relation of Methodism to the Temperance Movement". Prof. J. P. Shorter read a paper on the subject: "The Catholicity of Methodism".

EDITOR is one who has charge of the literary side of a paper, or magazine; one who arranges, re-writes, or plans the literary production. An editor differs from a composer or another in that the editor deals with the materials of others, while the author or composer produces some original literary work.

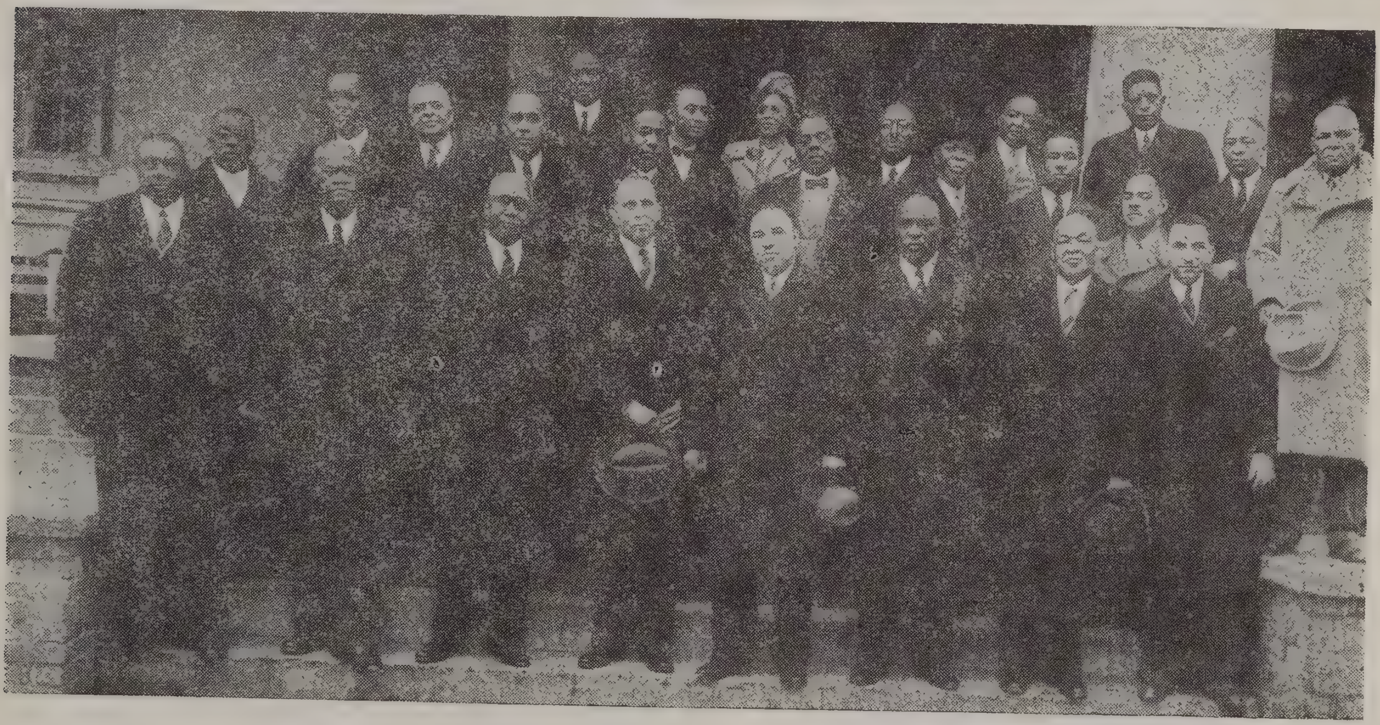
EDITORS OF CHURCH PERIODICALS are: Rev. David Norris, the Christian Recorder; Rev. E. C. Hatcher, Southern Christian Recorder; Rev. Fred A. Hughes, Western Christian Recorder; Rev. J. S. Brookens, AME Review; Rev. L. L. Berry, the Voice of Missions; Mrs. Bertie L. DeLyles, Women's Missionary Recorder; Rev. C. W. Abington, Journal of Religious Education, and editor of Sunday school literature. Besides these there are many unofficial papers published by ministers and laymen of the church.

EDUCATIONAL DAY is the third Sunday in September when all churches are requested to consider the state of our people with reference to education, and to raise money for our colleges. This is usually sent to the presiding elder who takes it to the college. Some districts have their educational rallies in May. In this collection each member should give not less than one dollar. Each church has a special sermon on education; also an afternoon meeting on community problems of education, the whole AME educational system.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF THE AME CHURCH, THE, was organized in 1884, although the Church had had educational work many years before. In 1844 it was proposed that a manual labor school be established in Ohio near Columbus; in 1856 the AME Church cooperated with the Methodist Episcopal Church in founding Wilberforce University in Greene County, Ohio, and in 1863 the AME Church became the sole owner of Wilberforce. In 1876 the General Conference passed resolutions establishing an educational department and appointed Rev. J. C. Embry as a commissioner of education. In 1880 Dr. B. F. Watson was elected commissioner of education. In 1884 the department was permanently organized, Rev. W. D. Johnson of Georgia (not related to Bishop W. D. Johnson) was elected secretary of education, and in 1896 Professor J. R. Hawkins, of North Carolina president of Kittrell College, was elected, serving until 1912 when Professor A. S. Jackson of Texas, was elected. He served till 1938 when he resigned to become financial secretary, and was succeeded by Rev. E. A. Adams of Columbia, S. C. the present secretary. The department is managed by a Board of Education consisting of one member from each Episcopal district appointed by the Bishops' Council and confirmed by the general conference and a secretary of education elected by the General Conference. The powers of the board are largely advisory, except that it appropriates according to law the funds which come into its hands, arising chiefly from 8 per cent of the dollar money. The amount collected 1940-1944 was $106,419.21 plus $1900 from other sources. The expenditures were as follows:

1940-1944

DISBURSEMENTS	
Schools	$ 71,825.00
Travel Expense	3,618.80
Salary	11,500.00
Postage and Stationery	118.67
Rents	2,990.00
Telephone and Telegraphs	187.60
Clerks	3,680.00
Board Meetings	6,485.00



Education Board of AME Church, 1940-1944, Bishop D. Ward Nichols, President; Rev. A. E. Adams, Secretary.

Bond and Audit Fees	250.00
Printing and Advertising	359.89
Miscellaneous	120.38
TOTAL	$101,135.34

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT, FINANCIAL STATUS 1944:

The value of AME School property	$5,638,082.19
The indebtedness	147,829.86
The annual income	1,321,074.00
The annual expenditures	1,223,173.00
The monthly pay roll	53,000.00

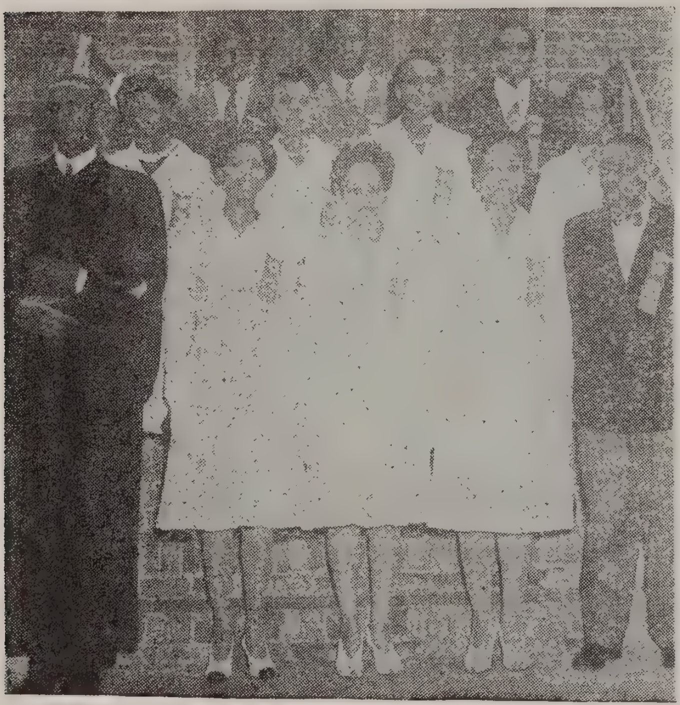
There were 310 men and women teaching in the schools of the AME Church, holding degrees from the leading institutions of the world, and 3503 young men and women in the college and academic courses and 233 in theological courses 1944.

EDWARD WATERS COLLEGE was started at Live Oak, Florida in 1866, soon after the AME Church was established in the state and Rev. Charles H. Pearce was appointed to raise funds; not only did the colored people contribute liberally, but several whites made donations of money and materials. One gift was $20,000 in cash; another was 640 acres of valuable land, etc. In 1872 the school was bartered as Brown Theological Institute. Within a year the cornerstone was laid and though the building was still incomplete it was put to use and in 1874 was renamed Brown University; the building was lost through lawsuits, and there was no school from 1875 to 1883. The next effort was the establishment of the "East Florida Conference High School", later called the "Florida Scientific and Divinity High School" under Bishop Wayman with Rev. William Preston Ross as president; this building was lost by fire in 1901. For a time the old Lavilla School building was rented and then use of the Odd Fellows building was secured. This building housed the school until Salter Hall was built on the present site on Kings Road in Jacksonville, when the name was again changed to "Edward Waters College" in honor of the third bishop of the AME Church; the first commencement on the present site was held in 1907 with Dr. Nathan B. Young, then president of the Florida A & M College as speaker. The first building erected was named "Salter Hall" in honor of Bishop Salter who was enthusiastic for the college. The Theological Department was organized in 1905 with Rev. J. Tapley Mark, first dean, with two students, Revs. T. D. Tyson and P. G. Goodman. The first graduating class in this department was in 1914. Revs. (now Bishop) H. Y. Tookes, C. C. Simmons, and A. I. G. Richardson. In 1912 Bishop Hurst succeeded Bishop Salter in Florida, and started an expansion program. Under his supervision from 1912 to 1928 "Centennial Hall" and "Lee Theological Seminary Buildings" were built. "Hurst Hall" was remodeled for boys and thirteen cottages were acquired for the president, teachers and other workers.

Under Bishop Tookes many thousands of dollars of debts have been paid, Hurst Hall rebuilt, many acres of land reclaimed, a large athletic field paid for, a new library built and funds provided for its equipment. Plans are now in the making to build a new women's dormitory, a new dining hall and a large auditorium.

Former presidents of Edward Waters College: Dr. William P. Ross, Prof. B. W. Arnett, Rev. J. R. Scott, Jr., Dr. J. P. Q. Wallace, Dr. J. L. H. Watkins, Prof. D. J. Jordan, Prof. A. St. George Richardson, Dr. A. Henry Attaway, Dr. John A. Gregg, Prof. John C. Wright, Dr. A. B. Cooper, Dr. Carey A. Gibbs, Dr. Leonard F. Morse, Prof C. S. Long, Dr. Howard D. Gregg, Prof. Elwyn Lamb, and Dr. Amos J. White, the present incumbent; former deans of the B. F. Lee Theological Seminary: Drs. J. T. Marks, R. J. Holloway, J. L. Marks, L. C. Fisher, T. W. Carter, W. G. Alexander, George Bartelle, J. B. Epperson, R. A. Jackson, and the present dean, Dr. D. B. Thorpe.

ELDER is the highest order of the ministry in the AME Church. One who has served two years as a deacon and passed successfully the prescribed course of study. After a public examination as to his faith and loyalty, the deacon is made an elder by the imposition of the hands of a bishop and five elders. On the request of a local church, and recommendation of the district conference, a local deacon may be ordained a (local) elder, for service only in his local church.



Usher Board, Mt. Teman AME Church.

Sunday School, Mt. Teman AME Church

Senior Choir, Mt. Teman AME Church, Elizabeth, N. J.,
Rev. S. P. Nelson, pastor.

Readers Club, Mt. Teman AME Church

MRS. SARAH JACKSON
Only surviving founder of Mt. Teman's

Trustee Aid Board, Mt. Teman, Elizabeth, N. J., Rev. Mitchell, pastor, 1948.

Official Board, Mt. Teman AME Church

ELECTORAL COLLEGE is a meeting of lay delegates elected from each mission, circuit and station, at a place appointed by the annual conference, for the purpose of electing lay delegates to the General Conference. It must assemble at least three months before the annual conference which elects ministerial delegates.

ELIZABETH, N. J., MT. TEMAN AME CHURCH was organized with four members: Henry Jackson, George Sims, Francis Cisco, and Sarah Cook Jackson; the last named being the only living member. The church was situated on Washington Street where the St. Mary Roman Catholic Church now stands. Through some misdeal they lost this property and moved to Elizabeth Avenue, and from there to the present site. This land was given to the congregation as a heritage on condition that the church was never to be moved from this spot. From this group others followed and among them, Mary Gibbs, who gave four generations: Henry Gibbs, a steward and trustee for many years, his daughter, Helen Gibbs, a great singer and organist, and other children of Henry Gibbs whose children are members of the Sunday school. A parsonage was erected during the pastorate of Rev. Gumbs. Many were the struggles for a more adequate church building during the administration of various pastors, but none were successful until Rev. S. B. Nelson was sent, who gave the people a modernly equipped building to worship God in. Rev. Nelson died in 1944 and Rev. Mitchell was pastor.

EL PASO, TEXAS, BETHEL AME CHURCH, Rev. Browning C. Allen, minister, located on the corner of N. McMillan and Larrabee. Rev. Allen is now (1943) serving his 4th year as pastor of this church. He has had 168 accessions and 54 converts. Nine adults have been baptized; 27 infants have been baptized; there have been 14 marriages within the church and 7 without the church; 12 funerals of church members and 21 non-church members. The church is free of debt. All current and incidentals are paid to date. Rev. Allen is chief secretary of the Puget Sound Conference. The church has been completely renovated at cost of $1400 which has been paid. There has ben installed for heating, oil furnaces in the church and parsonage, frigidaire, etc. Contracts have been kept up to date. There are 10 active departments, clubs, auxiliaries. A new pulpit Bible and AME Hymnals have been purchased for the congregation; new carpeting for the church auditorium has been paid for at the cost of $600.00. Plans have been made to paint the parsonage. There is a bank balance of $259.00. All general claims have been greatly increased. Rev. C. B. Clements, presiding elder; Rev. Browning C. Allen, pastor.

ENDOWMENT DAY is the 3rd Sunday in September, the day set apart for the raising of funds for education in the AME Church.

EPISCOPACY—(Latin: episcopatus, from episcopos; Greek: episkopos, overseer, bishop) means oversight, watch, careful inspections; government of church by bishops. The AME Church has been governed by bishops from the beginning. These bishops are elected for life, and assigned every four years to an episcopal district by an episcopal committee at General Conferences.

EPISCOPAL ADDRESS, THE, is the address delivered by one of the bishops at the beginning of the general conference, in behalf of the Bishops' Council. It sets forth the thinking of the bishops for the conduct of the church, and their recommendations to the general conference.

Bishops who have read the Episcopal Address the past forty years have been: 1944—Philadelphia, Bishop Davis; 1940—Detroit, Bishop Gregg; 1936—New York, Bishop Fountain; 1932—Cleveland, Bishop Brooks; 1928—Chicago, Bishop Jones; 1920—St. Louis, Bishop Flipper; 1916—Philadelphia, Bishop Coppin; 1912—Kansas City, Bishop Smith; Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., has been assigned by the Bishops' Council to prepare and read the address at the 1948 General Conference.

EPISCOPAL COMMITTEE, consist of four members from each episcopal district, elected by the General Conference. Its duty is to examine each bishop concerning his administration and decisions, and to make assignments of the bishops to their episcopal districts. Formerly the committee consisted of the first man elected on each annual conference delegation of ministers; but now it is composed of two ministers and two laymen, from each district, nominated by the episcopal district delegates meeting prior to the General Conference. This committee is said to be the most important in the General Conference.

EPISCOPAL DISTRICT is an area consisting of several contiguous annual conferences, set apart by the general conference, to which a bishop is assigned. There are now 17 episcopal districts—13 in America, 1 in the West Indies and South America, and 2 in South Africa and 1 in West Africa. The General Conference has power to re-district the church, i.e. to change the episcopal districts.

EPWORTH LEAGUE is the young people's society of the Methodist Church, modeled after the original Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, named in honor of Epworth from England, the place where John and Charles Wesley, founders of Methodism, were born.

EVANGELISM GENERAL COMMISSION. The Evangelistical Bureau was officially recognized by the General Conference in 1912, but not continued in 1916. The General Commission on Evangelism was created in 1940, its purpose was to systematize the work of evangelism, to give status to evangelists, organize evangelistic campaigns, and to promote spiritual awakening throughout the Church. Rev E. J. Odom is director and the headquarters are 716 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia, Penna. A Board of Evangelism was appointed by the 1944 General Conference, of which Bishop G. B. Young is chairman; other members are Revs. S. H. Barker, Mrs. Goldie Hargett, A. C. Brogden, Mrs. Anna Conyers, J. P. Richardson, H. C. Carswell, J. J. Morant, R. W. Logan, Mrs. E. V. Miller and G. M. Bonds.

EVANGELISM, THE GENERAL COMMISSION ON. For several years Revs. S. L. Howard, J. B. Butler, U. S. Robinson, N. H. Jeltz, Willard Leake and E. S. Odom and others advocated a Department of or a Commission on Evangelism for our church. In 1940 the bishops recommended a General Commission on Evangelism and the General Conference adopted their recommendation and elected the Rev. E. J. Odom of Thomasville, Georgia as Director-Secretary. The original Commissioners named were: Bishop George B. Young, President; E. J. Odom, Director-Secretary; Evangelists Martha J. Keys; Ida Mae Myller, E. R. Robinson, Wm. Eason, N. H. Jeltz, Willard Leake, D. P. Duhart, C. P. Jones, M. C. Lyles, J. G. Robinson, T. L. Scott, Pauline Sims-Puryear, C. T. Buchanan, and J. B. Richards. The Commission met, first, in Union Bethel AME Church, New Orleans, La., February, 1941. There Dr. Jeltz was elected Secretary of the Executive Committee; and Dr. Keys was made treasurer. At the meeting in Baltimore, which is at same time and place of the Bishops' Council, the Commission selected a supervisor of evangelism for each Episcopal District as follows: 1st District, Mrs. Pauline Sims-Puryear; 2nd District, Dr. H. L. Scott; 3rd District, Mrs. Ruth Bonds; 4th District, Mrs. Josie L. Brown; 5th District, Miss Ester Randall; 6th District, Dr. H. C. Carswell; 7th District, Miss G. B. Priester; 8th District, Dr. N. H. Jeltz; 9th District, Miss E. Alberta Pearson; 10th District, Dr. J. B. Butler; 11th District, Mrs. A. Thomas; 12th District, Dr. Willard Leake; 13th District, Rev. M. L. Young. At the General Conference, 1944, in Philadelphia, the Commission Director read the first quadrennial report on Evangelism which showed that the AME Church had over 1958 licensed evangelists, that the Director, putting in full time on the field and directing the work also, had gained by his personal services on the field over 4575 souls, traveled 37 states, the District of Columbia, and parts of Canada. The bishops, some of them, donated to Dr. Odom for the promotional work, $713.00 during the first quadrennium of the life of the Commission. The 1944 General Conference re-named Bishop Young, president; and Dr. E. J. Odom, Director-Secretary of the Commission. Also, most of the original members were re-named.

EVANGELISTS, the carriers of the good news. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, writers of the Gospels bearing their names, are called the four evangelists. The term is used in modern times of those who carry the Gospel for the special purpose of converting people to Christ. Evangelists are specifically recognized by the Scripture and taken for granted by the discipline of the AME Church; they are members of the quarterly conference which licenses them, and to which they report. A number of women who are unordained but who have success in revival meetings are termed evangelists for the want of a better designation.

EVANGELIST BUREAU OF THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE, was organizd by Evangelist Elizabeth Edwards in 1928, officers installed by Rev. T. H. Wiseman, presiding elder of Detroit District, at Ebenezer AME Church, Detroit, Rev. T. L. Scott, pastor. The object of this organization is to serve the community by ministering to those shut in, visiting hospitals and prisons, conducting cottage prayer meeting, welcoming strangers and newcomers and inviting them to church, and canvassing neighborhoods, seeking the lost ones. The first officers were: Evangelists Elizabeth Edwards, president; Julia Hall, vice--president; Nancy Marsh, secretary; Texanna Flanigan, treasurer; in 1931 Evangelist Julia Hall was chosen president; in 1932 Evangelist Elizabeth Crews was elected president and Evangelist Annie L. Hunter, secretary and Evangelist Frances F. Fitzpatrick, treasurer; in 1934 Evangelist Julia Hall was again elected president and served until she died in 1937; Evangelists Frances F. Fitzpatrick, vice-president was afterward elected president; Josie L. Brown, vice-president; Elizabeth Crews, chaplain; and Bessie S. Davis, treasurer. In 1943 Evangelists Elizabeth Crews was again elected president; Frances F. Fitzpatrick, recording secretary; Naomi Meadows, corresponding secretary; Bessie Steven Davis; Evangelist Naomi Holmes, chaplain. Other members are Evangelists Emma Walton, Lula Smith, Georgia Clark, Rhoda Harris, Alva Lee Ford, Lenora Arter, Josie L. Brown.

Evangelists Hall, Marsh, Flanagan and Young are deceased. Various meeting and revivals have been at different churches in and out of the city. A monthly business and consecration meeting is held. The first annual session was held July 17, 1931, with Rev. S. C. Davis, pastor at Oak Grove AME Church, Detroit, Michigan. The twelfth session was held at this same church, Rev. R. L. Schley, pastor, was a success spiritually and financially. Evangelist Cornelia Young was organizer and leader of the prison work in the Wayne County Jail, also of Old Folks Day at Bethel, Detroit, providing transportation and food to make them happy twice a year, first at the church and later in the summer at a picnic at Belle Isle. The Evangelistic Bureau assisted in these efforts.

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Evangelists Bureau of Detroit, Michigan Annual Conference

EXHORTER is a lay helper to the preacher. His office is regarded by some as the first step into the ministry, a license "to exhort" being given by the presiding elder upon vote of the quarterly conference which receives the candidate upon recommendation of his class leader and pastor. Exhorters are supposed to use their talents wherever they can in order to urge people to become Christians. The difference between the exhorter and preacher is that the exhorter is not supposed to take a Biblical text and treat it systematically, while the preacher is supposed to do so.

EXPENSES of pastors are paid by the trustees for moving of a new pastor, furnishing parsonage and church. Other expenses are paid by the stewards. Expenses of presiding elders are provided by quarterly and district conferences. Connectional expenses of bishops are paid by the financial department. Episcopal district expenses are paid by the annual conference to the discipline.

EXPERIENCE as used in Methodist parlance, concerns the events of one's religious life, such as repentance, conviction, conversion, and general religious progress including the temptations met and overcome, etc. Meetings at which Christians tell of their experience in public are called "experience meetings", and are helpful in stimulating Christian fidelity and fortitude.

FAIRVIEW, PENNA., AME CHURCH, the youngest congregation in the Delaware Conference was situated just north of Chester, Pennsylvania; was brought into the AME Connection in 1926, from the AMEZ Church, through the efforts of Rev. J. L. Link, then pastor of Murphy Church, Chester. Rev. A. H. Hart, who was given his first appointment in 1926 to North Chester, where there was no AME Church, found this group of people without a pastor and very discontented. He imparted this information to Rev. Link, who called a meeting of the congregation at the home of Sister Alice R. Green, at which meeting Rev. Link presided and acted as secretary. The minutes of the meeting are here recorded.

Ridley Township, Pennsylvania
May 25, 1926.

The members of Fairview AME Zion Church met on the above named date to consider the changing of their church affiliation from that of the AME Zion Connection to that of the AME Connection, and after due deliberation, the following resolution was adopted by the members of the congregation:

"We, the members of the AMEZ Church, after mature consideration, most firmly believe that we can render better service to the community and have better service rendered to us in the AME Connection than in the AMEZ Connection;

Therefore be it resolved, That the Trustees of this congregation be, and are hereby authorized to negotiate the transfer and execute a deed effecting the transfer of the property of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Ridley Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, to the Trustees of the Fairview African Methodist Episcopal Church".

Brother George E. Richards moved that the resolution be adopted; the motion was seconded by Brother George Cannon, and carried unanimously.

"In Testimony whereof, we affix our signatures this 25th day of May, 1926:—ALFRED GREEN, GEORGE E. RICHARDS, SARA GAINES, LAURA GAINES, PRISCILLA KELLUM, ANNIE NEWMAN, CLIFFORD KELLUM, LEROY CANNON, and MARTIN WILLIAMS".

This action was followed by a resolution presented to Bishop J. S. Caldwell of the AME Zion Church by Rev. J. L. Link, praying him to release the property as per Discipline, since it was stipulated in their deed that the property could not be mortgaged or sold without the written consent of the Bishop. After several unpleasant trips, Bishop Caldwell finally agreed and signed the deed conveying the property to the AME Church. This action was done before Addie W. Dickerson, notary public, December 21, 1926.

Fairview AME Church, Chester, Pennsylvania,

The church, therefore, should be, and is the daughter of Murphy AME Church, Chester, Pennsylvania, since her pastor, Rev. J. L. Link, was the chief instrument in motivating the change; and then, through unusual tact, was able to convince Bishop J. S. Caldwell of the advisability of releasing and conveying it to the AME Connection. The members of Murphy Church encouraged their pastor in his efforts to the extent of helping to raise the money to compensate Bishop Caldwell for what equity he had in the little unfinished church.

It was a very small basement structure in 1926, but today, we have a beautiful, new brick church biult from the foundation by the Rev. David Brown.

The following pastors have served this church since 1926: The Revs. A. H. Hart, D. M. Owens, H. C. Douglas, A. L. Williams, W. E. Witcher, C. D. Elliott, H. A. Allen, W. H. Owens, and David Brown.

Rev. Brown is serving his fifth year. The church has made much progress under his leadership. During his administration, all claims have been increased and promptly paid. Mrs. Reginia Brown, generally equals the larger churches with missionary claims.

FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA is an organization of Protestant Churches of America, organized in 1908 for the purpose of unified action among the Protestant denominations in America for work that could be best done by their cooperative effort, especially in civic, moral and social matters. It has 25 constituent denominations, representing over 28,000,000 members and around 150,000 local churches. It has no power or authority to act in any internal affairs of any denomination or local church. It meets biennially and is managed by an executive committee; headquarters are at 297 Fourth Avenue, New York; Charles P. Taft of Ohio is president. Bishop J. S. Stamm is vice-president, Rev. Samuel McCrea Cavert is general secretary and chief administrative officer, Drs. Roswell P. Barnes and J. I. Miller are associate secretaries and Harper Sibley is treasurer. Departments of activity include Evangelism, International Justice and Goodwill, Christian social Relations, Pastoral Services, Race Relations, Research and Education, National Religions Radio Church and Economic Life, together with several commissions. On the executive committee representatives of the AME are Bishops R. C. Ransom, Gregg, Reid and Dr. Joseph Gomez.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, THE 1541 14th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. The General Conference of 1832 made provision for the support and expense of the general superintendents, or bishops, and also provided for the traveling expenses of the assistant general superintendents, or presiding elders. The General Conference of 1840 increased this provision for the bishops so as to enable them to employ all their time in traveling throughout the connection. In 1844 a plan was adopted under which each preacher having a charge was required to raise "two cents a month from each member for the purpose of raising a general fund, half of which was to be applied to the relief of the distressed itinerant, superannuated and supernumerary preachers and bishops' salaries. The other half to be used to to create a fund for capital for carrying on the Book Concern". This two-cent assessment continued in vogue until 1868, with some slight modifications as to the manner and ratio of disbursements for the various interests of the Church. The General Conference of 1868, provided that each preacher should collect "One Dollar from or for each member annually, and that 25 cents of this one dollar be sent to the general book steward at Philadelphia, 25 cents to Wilberforce University, and that 50 cents be carried to the annual conference and turned over to the financial committee". This was the beginning of what was known as our "Dollar Money System". In 1872 the Financial Department was organized as such by the General Conference, and Rev. J. H. W. Burley was elected as financial secretary. The "Dollar Money" provided for under the law of 1868 was made "a general fund" under the control of a general financial board. The "Dollar Money Law" as approved then has been subject to some slight changes, principally as it relates to the manner and ration of distribution. The following table shows the total amount of Dollar Money reported under the different secretaries in charge of the department:

1872-1876, 4 years, Rev. J. H. W. Burley, $95,554.11; 1876-1880, 4 years, Rev. J. C. Embry, $99,925.68; 1896-1900, 4 years, Rev. M. M. Moore, $406,074.26; 1880-1888, 8 years. Rev. B. W. Arnett, $368,895.86; 1888-1892, 4 years, Rev. J. A. Handy, $313,341.44; 1892-1896, 4 years, Rev. J. H. Armstrong, $351,942.09; 1900-1902, 2 years, Rev. P. A. Hubbard, $229,417.38; 1902-1908, 6 years, Rev. E. W. Lampton, $1,199,488.48; 1908-1912, 4 years, Rev. John Hurst, $790,088.50; 1912-1916, 4 years Prof. J. R. Hawkins, $850,214.04.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT, DOLLAR MONEY COLLECTED

1872-1876, 4 years, Rev. J. H. Burley, $95,554.11, average per year, $23,888.53; 1876-1880, 4 years, Rev. J. C. Embry, $99,925.68, average per year $24,981.42; 1880-1888, 8 years, Rev. B. W. Arnett, $368,903.86, average per year, $46,112.98; 1888-1892, 4 years, Rev. J. A. Handy, $313,341.44, average per year, $78,335.36; 1892-1896, 4 years, Rev. J. H. Armstrong, $351,942.09, average per year, $87,985.52; 1896-1900, 4 years, Rev. M. M. Moore, $406,074.26, average per year, $101,518.56; 1900-1902, 2 years, Rev. P. A. Hubbard, $229,518.38, average per year, $114,708.69; 1902-1908, 6 years, Rev. E. W. Lampton, $970,071.10, average per year, $161,678.51; 1908-1912, 4 years, Rev. John Hurst, $790,088.50, average per year, $197,522.12; 1912-1939, 27 years, Prof. J. R. Hawkins, $8,100,086.96, average per year, $300,003.22; 1939-

1943, 4 years, Prof. A. S. Jackson, $1,279,850.42, average per year, $319,962.60. Total, 1872 to March, 1943, $13,005,255.80. 1943-1944, Prof. A. S. Jackson, $381,453.10; 1944-1945, Prof. A. S. Jackson, $410,699.58; 1945-1946, Prof. A. S. Jackson, $438,947.34; 1946-1947, Prof. A. S. Jackson, $461,021.71. Total, $1,692,148.73; Grand Total to March 31, 1947, $14,697,404.53.

DR. JOHN R. HAWKINS
Financial Secretary 1912-1939

The 12 conferences reporting the largest amount of Dollar Money in 1947-1948 were: Philadelphia $17,000.00; Chicago, $16,300.00; Baltimore, $12,688.00; East Florida, $12,659.62; Michigan, $12,277.75; New York, $11,500.00; South Florida, $10,826.18; New Jersey, $10,300.00; West Tennessee, $10,000.00; Southern California, $9,627.50; Ohio, $9,414.50; Georgia, $9,261.00.

ACT OF INCORPORATION FOR FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT

The records show that in 1872 the Financial Department was located in Washington, D. C. It continued in this city till 1880 when the General Conference by vote changed the location from Washington to Nashville, Tennessee. On the 20th day of April, 1882, the Department was granted papers of Incorporation under the laws of Tennessee. From 1884 to 1888 the business of the Department was by sufferance of the Council of Bishops and the Financial Board, transacted at Wilberforce, Ohio.

DR. A. S. JACKSON
Financial Secretary 1939 to date

In 1888 the Department was re-established in Washington, D. C. In 1889 Rev. J. A. Handy, then Financial Secretary, purchased the piece of property at 1525 Fourteenth Street, Northwest, as the headquarters. The General Conference of 1892 confirmed that purchase and thus confirmed the making of Washington the proper headquarters. In 1900 the General Conference authorized the purchase of the present site, 1541 14th St. N. W.. In 1920 the General Conference appointed a Special Commission to see that all the charters of various departments of the Church were made to conform to recent enactments. This Commission met here on June 26, 1922, and ordered that all necessary steps be taken to have the Financial Department incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia. In keeping with these enactments, the matter was

Financial Board of AME Church, 1940-1944, Bishop Noah W. Williams, President;
Dr. A. S. Jackson, Financial Secretary

submitted in due form to the Financial Board in regular session April 15, 1925. The same was approved and ordered made a part of the records of the Department.

Here follow copies of the enactments of surrender of the charter under the Laws of Tennesee, and the new charter under the Laws of the District of Columbia.

STATE OF TENNESSEE—SURRENDER OF CHARTER OF INCORPORATION

Financial Department of the AME Church, Washington, D. C.

We, A. J. Carey and C. M. Tanner, the President and Secretary, respectively, of The Financial Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of America, a corporation chartered and organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee, hereby certify that at a meeting of the stockholders of said corporation, properly called and held at the offices of said corporation in the county of District of Columbia a resolution in writing was adopted by an affirmative vote of the stockholders, representing three fourths or more of the shares of stock in said corporation, declaring the desire of the stockholders to surrender the charge and dissolve said corporation, and that said resolution was duly entered on the minutes of said corporation:

Now, therefore, we, the said A. J. Carey, President, and the said C. M. Tanner, Secretary, of said corporation, pursuant to the aforesaid resolutions, hereby certify the fact of the adoption of said resolution by the stockholders of said corporation, to the end that this certificate may be duly recorded in the office of the Secretary of State, and the charter of said Financial Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in America be surrendered and said corporation dissolved.

A. J. CAREY, President.
C. M. TANNER, Secretary.

June 8, 1925, State of Illinois, County of Cook.

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public of the county aforesaid, A. J. Carey and C. M. Tanner with whom I am personally acquaited, and who made oath before me in due form of law that A. J. Carey is the President and C. M. Tanner is Secretary of The Financial Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and that the statements made in the foregoing certificate are true.

(Seal)

MINNIE JAMES FOOTE.

And the said party of the first part covenants that it will warrant specially the property hereby conveyed, and that it will execute such further assurances of said land as may be requiste or necessary.

In testimony whereof, the said Financial Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in America hath on the 20th day of April, A.D. 1927, caused these presents to be signed by A. J. Carey, its President, attested by C. M. Tanner, its Secretary, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed; and doth hereby appoint the said President its true and lawful attorney in fact to acknowledge and deliver these presents as its act and deed.

State of Tennessee, Department of State.

I, Ernest N. Haston, Secretary of State of the State of Teneeessee, do hereby certify that the annexed Instrument with Certificates of Acknowledgment and Registration were filed in my office and recorded on the 19th day of June, 1925, in Corporation Record Book 8, page 49.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto inscribed my Official Signature and by order of the Governor affixed the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee at the Department in the city of Nashville, this 19th day of June, A.D. 1925.

(Tennessee State Seal) ERNEST N. HASTON,
Secretary of State.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF THE FINANCIAL BOARD OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN AMERICA

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, the undersigned, a majority of whom are residents of the District of Columbia, desiring to form a corporate body under sub-chapter three (3) of the incorporation laws of the District of Columbia, as provided in the Code of Law of the District of Columbia, enacted by Congress and approved by the President of the United States, do hereby certify:

FIRST: That the corporate name of this body shall be THE FINANCIAL BOARD OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN AMERICA; and the object for which it is formed is the support of public worship, the building of churches and chapels, and the maintainance of all missionary undertakings; the building and support of ducational institutions, as colleges, and universities; the establishment of libraries, etc., and in general to do and to perform every lawful act and thing necessary or expedient to be done or performed for the efficient conducting of the affairs of said body, as authorized by the laws of Congress, and to have and to exercise all the powers conferred by the laws of the District of Columbia upon corporations under said sub-chapter three (3) of the incorporation laws of the District of Columbia.

SECOND: The term of its existence shall be perpetual.

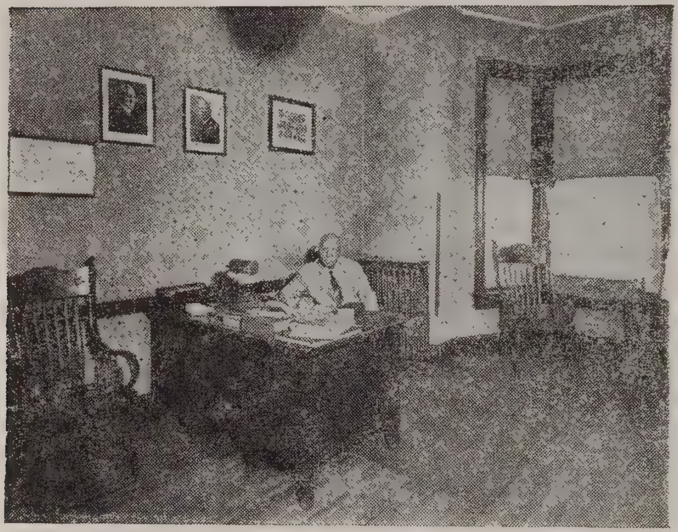
THIRD: The concerns of said corporate body for the first years shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of nineteen (19) persons elected by the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church as per Discipline of said church.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto affixed our signatures and seals this 15th day of April, A.D. 1925.

(Signed)
ARCHIBALD JAMES CAREY (Seal).
JOHN R. HAWKINS (Seal).
CHARLES E. STEWART (Seal).

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, to wit:

I, EDWARD BAKER, a Notary Public in and for the District aforesaid, do hereby certify that John R. Hawkins, Archibald James Carey and Charles E. Stewart, parties to the foregoing and annexed Certificate of Incorporation of The Financial Board of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in America, bearing date on the 15th day of April, A.D. 1925, personally appeared before me in the District aforesaid, the said John R. Hawkins, Archibald James Carey and Charles E. Stewart, being personally known



Office of Financial Secretary, Dr. A. S. Jackson

to me to be the persons who made and signed the said certificate and severally acknowledged the same to be their act and deed for the purposes therein set forth.

Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of April, A.D. 1925.

EDWARD BAKER,

Notary Public, D. C.

(Notary Seal)

Received for Record on the 29th day of April, A.D. 1925, at 1:54 P. M., and recorded in Liber No. 41, Folio 25, one of the incorporation Records of the District of Columbia.

ARTHUR G. FROE,
Recorder.

HOW THIS GENERAL FUND IS DISTRIBUTED AS APPROPRIATED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Thirty-eight per cent, to Financial Department for General Purposes. Thirty per cent. to Pension Department. Four per cent. to Church Extension Department. Eight per cent. to Educational Department. Five per cent. to Missionary Department. Fifteen per cent. to Annual Conference Committee. The thirty-eight per cent. to the Financial Department covers the expenses of salaries of Bishops, General Officers, the general expenses of all meetings of the bishops in council, expenses of all special Committees representing the Church organization, and for emergency claims of a general nature, not other-wise provided for. This is disbursed through the Financial Department.

The Eight per cent. of the Department of Education is used to supplement money raised on Educational Day for the support of our schools and colleges. Disbursed through the Department of Education.

The Four per cent. to the Church Extension is used to extend the work in building new churches. Disbursed through the Department of Church Extension.

The Eight per cent. of the Department of Education is used to supplement money raised on Eductaional Day for the support of our schools and colleges. Disbursed through the Department of Education.

The Five per cent. to the Missionary Department is used to supplement the funds for mission work. Disbursed through the Department of Missions.

The Fifteen per cent. to the Annual Conference Finance Committee is used to help Missionary Preachers and to cover the Contingent Expenses of each Annual Conference. Disbursed by the Annual Conference Finance Committee.

FINANCIAL BOARD OF THE AME CHURCH
1944-1948

Bishop John H. Clayborn, President

1st District, Mr. Henry S. Robinson; 2nd District, Dr. J. R. Coasey, 3rd District, Rev. Joseph Gomez; 4th District, Rev. A. Wayman Ward; 5th District, Rev. Russell S. Brown; 6th District, Rev. E. Reese; 7th District, Rev. D. J. Gadson; Eighth District, Mr. H. R. Baranco; 9th District, Rev. A. J. Polk; 10th District, Rev. H. F. Cooper; 11th District, Mr. A. L. Lewis; 12th District, Rev. T. P. Duhart; 13th District, Rev. A. F. Davis; 14th District, Rev. J. P. Richards; 15th District, Rev. J. M. Mokone; 16th District, 17th District, Rev. J. R. Coan.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE AME CHURCH—1947

Compiled by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., Chairman,
Committee on Budget, from best Available Data

The Negro's largest business organization operating in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, Haiti, Bermuda, the West Indies, South America, West Africa, South Africa is the AME Church. The business organization is as follows:

1 General organization under the Quadrennial General Conference; 17 District organizations under 17 bishops, or general superintendents; 108 Annual Conferences under 16 bishops; 250 Presiding Elder Districts, under 250 district superintendents or presiding elders; 7,900 Local organizations; 6758 pastors; 67,580 Class organizations under 67,580 class leaders; 743,357 Members of churches; 358,185 Sunday school scholars and young people's society members subsidiaries; 12 General departments under general officers; 11 Colleges; 7 Theological seminaries; 1 Hospital; Over 360,000 meetings a year; Aggregate annual attendance over 25,000,000 people.

ASSETS—No. of churches, 7900; Value of churches, $40,710,623; No. of parsonages, 2794; Value of parsonages, $4,506,672; School property, $3,087,000; Departmental property, $635,520; Other assets, $150,000; On hand in treasuries, $130,000; Total Assets, $49,219,865; Less Liabilities, $9,642,691; Net Worth, $39,477,174.

INCOME—Stewards, $5,350,000; Trustees, $3,081,000; For education, $940,000; General purposes, $350,000; Sunday School and League, $110,000; Other sources, $41,800; Total Income, $9,872,800.

LIABILITIES—Debts on churches, $5,586,300; Debts on schools, $484,488; Debts on departments, $71,900; Debts on parsonages, $1,000,000; Current debts, $2,500,000; Total, **$9,642,691.**

EXPENSE—Pastors' salaries, $4,284,565; Presiding Elders and other salaries, $638,287; Repairs and improvements, $637,299; Payment church debt including interest, $693,867; All other current debts, $750,112; Local charity, etc., $133,867; Education, $600,000; Home missions, $75,288; Foreign missions, $58,752; General headquarters, $337,886; Other purposes, $335,238; Total expense, $10,542,809.

Over 5000 students in college, 350 teachers, over 300 scholarships, more than 100,000 converts for year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE. This committee in an annual conference receives all conference funds and disburses them as directed by law, subject to the approval of the conference. The members of the finance committee are elected by the annual conference from its members.

FLEGLER HIGH SCHOOL, Marion, S. C., named in honor of Rev. S. F. Flegler, of South Carolina, was organized in 1899 by Rev. E. J. Gregg in the AME Church of Marion. Miss Mattie E. White was the first teacher. In 1891 Rev. Flegler erected the building in which the school was oper-

Office of Financial Department sending out checks to the Superannuates, Widows and Orphans (1943). Standing: Dr. A. S. Jackson, left; Presiding Elder Bailey, right. Seated, l. to r.: Miss Florence Eagles, clerk; Bishop Wright, Mrs. West, right

ated for many years. It derived its support chiefly from the Marion District of the Northeast South Carolina Conference, with an occasional contribution from the Educational Department.

Waiting Room, Financial Department

FLINT, MICHIGAN, QUINN CHAPEL AME CHURCH, the oldest and largest Negro edifice in Flint, was organized in 1876. Prior to this date a group of old settlers gathered at the home of Sister Nancy West to worship in song and prayer, thanking God for their vision and asking His guidance in their great endeavor to establish a church in order that they might worship as they pleased under their own vine and fig tree. The white friends of the city were willing to have the Negroes worship with them, but when they learned that this race group wanted a church of their own, they gladly gave their aid and assistance. Step by step Quinn Chapel has grown from a small frame structure to a beautiful brick building with a seating capacity of 500 with a $2500.00 pipe organ. Following are some of the charter members: the Rev. Cyrus Hill, first pastor; Mrs. Nancy West, Howard Jackson, Simon and Lucinda Lawrence, and Lucretia Wright, who gave the church the property where the present parsonage now stands, Thomas MacCleary, Osborne Hackett and Larkin Jones. This church is now pastored by the Rev. W. A. Crider. Under his leadership the mortgage on the parsonage has been paid, chimes installed in the pipe organ, pews placed in the annex, and the indebtedness paid off the baby grand piano. This work has been done and several hundred dollars of floating debts paid in the last 18 months. The officers are: Rev. W. A. Crider, pastor; Edward R. Simmons, Church secretary; Mrs. F. Leach, Church treasurer; Mrs. F. Talbert, Church clerk. Stewards: Rev. I. Woods, Treasurer;

Rev. Wm. Gibson, Mr. A. Lynch, Mr. A. L. Hunter, Mr. D. W. Chambers, Mr. C. Brown, Mr. W. S. Smith, Mr. O. W. Branch, secretary; Hon. W. R. Raymond. Trustees: Mr. Wm. Toles, Mr. R. C. Chandler, Mr. F. Conway, Mr. J. A. Morrison, Dr. J. D. Wilson, Mr. A. Lynch, Mrs. F. Leach, treasurer; Mrs. M. Griffin, Mr. Edw. Simmons.

Former Parsonage, Quinn Chapel AME Church, Flint, Mich.

Senior Choir, Quinn Chapel, Flint, Michigan.

Official Board of Quinn Chapel, Flint, Michigan.

Junior Chapel, Flint, Michigan, Rev. W. A. Crider, pastor

Quinn Chapel AME Church, Flint, Michigan, Rev. W. A. Crider, pastor.

Present Parsonage, Quinn Chapel AME Church
Flint, Michigan.

FLINT, MICHIGAN, VERNON CHAPEL AME CHURCH. It was apparent for many years that a great need existed upon the North End of Flint for a Church of the AME connection. In 1925 a group led by Brother Frank Cook got together and decided to do something. A meeting was held at the home of Rev. James Goldsby. Revs. Goldsby and Julius Wilson, Brothers W. F. Cook, J. E. Rawls, Robt. Edwards and Granville Franklin, Sisters Katie Wilson, Mamie Clayton, Lara Brady, Fredrika Brady, Florence Turner, Luvonia Edwards, Effie Parham, Rosa L. Murray and Ida Holman were present. Plans were made for the organization of the church.

The first meeting was held in a store front on Rhode Island avenue, where a singing and prayer service was held. The officers of the Sunday school were elected. Rev. Wilson, superintendent of the Sunday school; Rev. Goldsby, Bible teacher; Sister Ida Holman was the second teacher, and Sister Effie Parham was the secretary.

After the Annual Conference in August, Rev. Charleston placed Rev. Woods in charge of the work. It was then called the Quinn Chapel Branch. The success that was had up to this time warranted securing a permanent place to worship. We had a Thanksgiving dinner that netted us a hundred dollars. We began buying this place at a cost of $4,200.00. Rev. Furgerson was the first pastor assigned by the conference. With the help of our assistant pastor, Rev. Woods, our basement was made very comfortable and served as the first parsonage.

Our next pastor was Rev. Clark, a man full of life and the spirit of the dynamic city of Detroit. We were not in a position to put his ideas into effect, for Rev. Thomas, the great gospel preacher, came to finish out Rev. Clark's term. He did not try a second term. Rev. McDowell came to us, then Rev. Charles Penny, a fine Christian gentleman, Rev. Goldsby, Rev. Hendreth, Rev. Peterson and Rev. Aiken. They all made a contribution that went a long way toward advancing the work of Vernon Chapel. Vernon was named after the visit of our presiding Bishop, Bishop Vernon.

We have had ministers of many accomplishments, rare attainments, unusual talents, great Christian gentlemen; some have passed on. But, it was our next assignment that gave us the crowning succes. Rev. Lewis L. Lawrence has preached a soul stirring gospel. He has brought great prominence to the church. He exercises a great influence for good throughout the community, and he is making a great contribution in lifting and sustaining fallen humanity. He has succeeded in paying off the debt on Vernon Chapel. He is now turning his hands toward securing us another and better church. We pray God's eternal blessings upon him for the good that he and his courageous wife have done for Vernon Chapel and fallen humanity.

FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, THE, was organized June 8, 1867, and included the whole State of Florida. Since that time the State has been set apart as the Eleventh Episcopal District, and includes the Florida, East Florida, Northeast Florida, West Florida, Tampa Florida, Orlando, South Florida and Middle Florida Annual Conferences, and has a membership of over 50,000 members.

FLORIDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, CENTRAL, is the daughter of the South Florida Conference, and was set apart in 1900 at Tampa, Bishop W. J. Gaines, presiding, by a resolution offered by Rev. B. W. Miley, a presiding elder. February 25, 1901, Bishop Handy presiding at Ocala, Fla., this conference was organized, Rev. John L. Jackson, secretary. The Central Florida Conference has the distinction of having held a Christmas conference in the church where it was organized, Mt. Zion, Ocala. This was December 23 to 29, 1903, Bishop James A. Handy, presiding. The following named bishops have served this conference: James A. Handy, B. T. Tanner, M. B. Salter and John Hurst, J. S. Flipper, R. A. Grant and H. Y. Tookes, and under each great increases were made. The following named persons have served as secretaries since the organization of this conference: Rev. John L. Jackson, N. W. Bagley, R. D. McLin, S. D. Stewart. The following named ministers of the conference have died: Allen Jones, J. P. Newton, R. S. Quarterman, G. W. Jenkins, D. L. Williams, J. S. Archie, Solomon Dancel, H. H. Harden, C. L. Cloie, Walter Glymp, Jacob Williams, J. H. Thomas, N. H. C. Frazier, J. J. Player, S. D. Stewart, William Jones, P. G. Gowens, T. T. Goines, B. W. Miley, E. D. McDonald, A. B. Osgood, J. A. Quarterman, Cato H. Hill, Anthony Bellamy, J. H. Thomas, Moses S. Green, Reuben Anderson, J. J. Warner, G. W. Powell, James Dean, Zancy Stary, S. P. Livingston and others. When organized, this conference had three presiding elder districts—Gainesville, Ocala and Leesburg—presided over by Revs. S. H. Hadley, T. T. Gaines and B. W. Miley.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE (EAST), held its first session at Palatka, Fla., February 28, 1878. Bishop Campbell, presided; Rev. J. H. Armstrong, secretary. Presiding elders: Revs. M. J. Johnson, T. W. Long, J. H. Armstrong, John R. Scott, Sr., and B. W. Roberts. Traveling elders: W. W. Sampson, J. J. Sawyer, Francis Carolina, J. C. Waters, J. I. Lowe, J. Thomas, S. Jackson, T. C. Denham, T. T. Thompson, W. R. Wood, Peter Crooms, Allen Jones, Jr., Washington Jones, Richard Brigadier, W. C. Cales, A. Fort, David Hamilton, Alfred Brown, J. C. La Cruse and P. G. Wowens. Traveling deacons: Revs. R. J. Brookens, W. Glymp, R. Epton, J. S. Robinson, T. Higginbottom, J. Sutton, Simon Boggs, E. Smith, King Stockton, James Edwards, Alexander Chambers, and C. A. Hadley. Local elders: Revs. Cupidten and Dennis Fuller. Licentiates: W. S. Stewart and R. J. Brookens. Membership was upward of 8,000. Duval County, Florida, then as now, was the great AME stronghold.

Mt. Zion AME Church, Jacksonville, Florida, has kept the lead along all material and spiritual lines, many of the leaders of the church have been its pastors.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE, SOUTH, was organized by Bishop Ward in Tampa, Florida, March 2, 1893. It contained all that part of the peninsula of Florida, south of the line running due east and west, leaving Palatka on the north and Starke on the south. The bishops who have presided from its organization to the present are as follows: Ward, 1893-1894; Grant, 1895-1896; Embry, 1897; Gaines, 1898-1900; Handy, 1900-1904; Tanner, 1904-1908; Salter, 1908-1912; Hurst, 1912-1928; Flipper, 1928-1936; R. A. Grant, 1936-1939; Tookes, 1939-to date.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE, WEST, was set apart on motion of Rev. E. W. Johnson from the Florida Conference, December, 1906. The first session was held in the city of Pensacola, December 6, 1906, Bishop B. T. Tanner, presiding. Since the organization the following named bishops have presided: 1906-1907, B. T. Tanner, 1908-1911, M. B. Salter, 1912-1928, John Hurst; 1928-1936, J. S. Flipper; 1936-1939, R. A. Grant.

FOREIGN MISSION WORK OF THE AME CHURCH. In 1824, the first missionaries went to Haiti; in 1844 the Missionary Department was originated and in 1864 put into actual operation as a general department. In 1891, first episcopal visit to West Africa was made by Bishop Turner, and in 1898 the same bishop made the first visit to South Africa. Foreign work is now in Canada, Africa, South America, West Indies, where there are more than 1000 missionaries and native workers, with more than 100 schools and over 100,000 members. Many of the native sons and daughters of Africa have been brought to America and educated in the Church schools for work among their kinsmen in the foreign field.

The following is a list of the AME Church Missionaries and the stipends paid each quarter by the WMS in 1947:

SIERRA LEONE AND GOLD COAST:

Rev. J. P. B. Richards, P. O. Box 54, Sekondi, Gold Coast, West Africa	$125.00
Rev. J. P. B. Richards. (For School Rents)	315.00
Rev. Ralph S. Wright, Box 260, Accra, Gold Coast, West Africa	125.00
Rev. Ralph S. Wright—(For School at Accra)	82.00
Rev. Ralph S. Wright—(Teachers' Salaries—Christine S. Smith Institute, Five Teachers, Rev. Wright, Principal)	249.00

Mrs. Europa J. Randall, Box 54, Sekondi, Gold Coast, West Africa	125.00
Mr. G. M. Joseph, Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa	50.00
Rev. A. G. E. John (While in school here in America, goes to his wife—Mrs. Gitty J. Josephine John—2 Floregusta Farm, Via Manfred Lane—Kissy Road, Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa)	50.00
Miss Morce Jones Kutch, Port Loko, Sierra Leone, West Africa	25.00
Mr. N. Gordon Quaye, C/o P. O. Box 260, Accra, Gold Coast, West Africa	50.00
Rev. J. S. Aidoo, Box 20, Kumasi, Ashanti, Gold Coast, West Africa	25.00
Presiding Elder I. E. Moie, Manprobi, Accra, Gold Coast, West Africa	100.00

LIBERIA—

Rev. W. T. White, Harper, Cape Palmas, Liberia, West Africa	125.00
Mrs. W. T. White, Harper, Cape Palmas. Liberia, West Africa	50.00
Mrs. Margaret Mason Lewis, Arthington, Liberia, West Africa	125.00
For Assistant	25.00

TRINIDAD—

Rev. W. H. Mayhew, 20 Woodford Street, Port of Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I.	150.00
Mrs. Geraldine Mayhew	40.00
Rev. W. H. Mayhew (For School Rent)	40.00
Rev. Frederick Lewis, C/o Rev. W. H. Mayhew	30.00
Rev. T. J. Hercules, Montrose, Chaguanaus, Trinidad, British West Indies	50.00
Mr. A. J. Procope, Trinity House, 992 Queen Street, Port of Spain, Trin. (Interest on Mortgage)	36.00

HAITI—

Rev. Phillip Van Putten, Port au Prince, Haiti	150.00
Rev. Phillip Van Putten (For School Rent)	30.00
Rev. Phillip Van Putten (for helper to replace Rev. Bayard)	50.00
Rev. Phillip Van Putten (for Camile's successor)	50.00
Rev. Helmuth Tippenhaur, C/o Rev. Van Putten	50.00
Rev. Guillaume Ford, C/o Rev. Van Putten	50.00
Mr. Sineus Hypolite, C/o Rev. Van Putten	15.00

SOUTH AMERICA—

Mrs. Etholine V. Pollard, Georgetown, Demarara, British Guiana	50.00
Mrs. Maude Edith Victor, Georgetown, Demarara, British Guiana	50.00
Rev. D. P. Talbot, Georgetown, Demarara, British Guiana (Teachers' salaries—YPD)	375.00

SANTO DOMINGO—

Rev. Nehemiah Willmore, Calle de George No. 38, San Pedro DeMarcoris	90.00
Rev. Isadore M. Norman, Samana, Santo Domingo, Republican Dominica	90.00
Rev. Isadore Norman, (Bethel, for school)	7.50
Mrs. Gladys Norman, C/o Rev. Norman	22.50
Miss Mirriam Willmore, C/o Rev. Norman	15.00
Mr. William Johnson, Samana, Santo Domingo, Republican Dominica (M. H. Davis Mission)	37.50
Rev. H. A. M. Davis, La Romana, Santo Domingo, Republican Dominica	50.00
Rev. J. B. Boyce, Cudad Trujello (de) Republican Dominica, Apt. 901	75.00

BAHAMAS—

Rev. Thomas E. Culmer, Palmetto Point, Eleuthera, Bahamas, British W. I.	45.00
Rev. David Gibson, Savannah Sound, Eleuthera, Bahamas, B. W. I.	45.00
Rev. William N. Thompson, Deep Creek, Eluethera, Bahamas, B. W. I.	45.00
Rev. Carmi B. James, Market Street, South, Grantstown, Nassau, Bahamas	30.00

VIRGIN ISLANDS—

Rev. David S. Williams, Box 682, Christiansted, Virgin Islands	150.00
Mrs. A. F. Roberson, P. O. Box 242, Frederick-sted, St. Croix, V. I.	100.00

BARBADOES—

Rev. Egbert A. Gilkes, Upper Collymore Rock, St. Michael, Bridgetown, Barbadoes, British West Indies	90.00

JAMAICA—

Rev. E. B. Hinds, May Pen, Jamaica, British West Indies	60.00
Rev. F. A. Robinson Caresbrook, Maggotty, Jamaica, B. W. I.	75.00
Rev. I. C. Trouth, 10 East Race Course, Kingston Jamaica, B. W. I.	50.00
Rev. J. A. Daley, Cavaliers, Jamaica, British West Indies	40.00
Rev. T. L. M. Spencer, Spring Garden, P. O., Jamaica, B. W. I.	75.00
Rev. J. S. Bennett, Morant Bay, Jamaica, British West Indies	50.00
Rev. C. I. Higgins, Riverdale, Jamaica, British West Indies	25.00
Rev. G. A. Miller, James Hill, Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I.	25.00
Rev. Egerton Meikeljohn, Cromods, Port Antonia, Jamaica, B. W. I.	20.00

CUBA—

Bishop A. J. Allen (for Cuba)	300.00

OFFICE EXPENSES FOR BISHOPS—

Bishop A. J. Allen	$200.00
Bishop George W. Baber	200.00
Bishop John H. Clayborn	200.00
Bishop Frank M. Reid	200.00

MISSIONARY WORKERS IN OUR FOREIGN FIELD are given by our Missionary Department as follows:

WEST AFRICAN WORKERS: SIERRA LEONE—Rev. H. M. Steady, Rev. I. E. C. Steady, Rev. G. A. John, Rev. S. D. Friday, Rev. M. D. Lucas, Rev. W. G. B. Morgan, Rev. G. M. Joseph, Sisters Hannah B. Steady, Florence A. John, Irene C. Chinsman, D. W. Friday, Lucinda King, Lucetta Joseph, Rebecca During, Marian Morgan, Constance A. Horton, Moro Jones, Isata Hunter Williams, Emily Fatu Kinch. (All the aboved named workers can be reached at Headquarters, 13 Soldier St., Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa.)

LIBERIA—Monrovia District—J. L. Miller, G. T. Wilson, P. A. Hope, J. A. Q. Pappoe, A. J. Slight, J. W. Clarke, H. W. Davis, S. N. Milton, J. A. W. Walker, J. F. B. Coleman, Father Banks, Reginald C. Hurley, School Teacher and Location—Miss Margaret Mason, Arthington. Grand Bassa District—Rev. W. D. Crawford, J. E. Holt, M. H. Jinlack, S. A. Gabbidon, S. W. Edwards, Brothers Z. B. Washington, Neah, Joe Johnson, John Johnson, John Akins, Wroc Manly, Justime Russell, Henry Kar-dor, R. G. Hill, Kpuah Watson, Nar-dor, Beer-deah. School Teacher and Location—D. L. Payne, Dor-Zon. Cape Palmas District—Rev. W. T. White, D. A. Franklin, Brothers R. W. Watkins, S. C. Johnson, John Moore, J. B. Peters. School Teachers and Locations—W. T. White, Harper City, C. Palmas; Mrs. E. C. White, Harper City; C. Palmas; E. A. E. Young, Gedeboo, Interior; C. L. Davis, Gedeboo, Interio.

GOLD COAST—Rev. J. P. B. Richards, Rev. A. B. Moie, Rev. S. B. A. Campbell, Rev. J. Bart Plange, Rev. Ralph S. Wright, Rev. A. Wure, Rev. C. Wesley, Rev. J. B. Eshun.

NIGERIA—Rev. E. A. Hanshaw, Rev. Green Davis, Rev. A. Fagbaye, Rev. Ewa Ikoroky.

THE WEST INDIES AND SOUTH AMERICA—Rev. S. M. Jones, 2 Beckford Street, Kingston, Jamaica; Rev. I. C. Trouth, 10 E. Race Course, Allman Town, Jamaica; Rev. J. H. Daley, Cavaliers, P. O. St. Andrew, Ja.; Rev. T. A. Robinson, Maggotty, P. O., Jamaica; Rev. S. H. Williams, 89 Beeston St., Kingston, Jamaica; Rev. J. B. Boyce, Apartado 901- Ciudad Trujillo, R. D.; Rev. E. B. Hinds, May Pen P. O., Jamaica; Rev. Philip Van Putten, Eglise St. Paul, Port-au-Prince; Mrs. Ethel Van Putten, Eglise St. Paul, Port-au-Prince; Rev. Nehemia Willmore, Calle de George No. 35, San Pedro de Marcoris, D. R.; Rev. I. M. Norman, Bethel Church, Samana, R. D.; Rev. H. A. David, Santo Domingo; Rev. William Johnson, Santo Domingo; Rev. D. S. Williams, Christiansted, Virgin Islands; Mrs. Anna Jones Roberson, St. Croix, Virgin Islands; Rev. W. A. Beckles, AME Vicarage, Bridgetown, Barbados; Rev. W. H. Mayhew, 20 Woodford St., Port of Spain, Trinidad; Mr. Arthur J. Procope, Trinidad; Rev. Samuel Thibault, Trinidad; Rev. T. J. Hercules, Chaquanah, Trinidad, Rev. Frederick Lewis, Baratario, Trinidad; Rev. E. Gilkes, St. Joseph AME Church, Trinidad; Rev. D. P. Talbot, Georgetown, British Guiana; Rev. John Wesley Weeks, Vergenoegen, W. C. Demerara; Mr. A. Morris, Georgetown, British Guiana; Miss Mazie A. Talbot, Georgetown, British Guiana; Miss Marjorie B. Taylor, Georgetown, British Guiana; Rev. S. F. Helstone, Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana, S. A.; Mr. G. H. Clark, New Nickerie, Dutch Guiana; Rev. William Thompson, Bahamas; Rev. Thomas Culmer, Bahamas; Rev. David Gibson, Bahamas; Rev. Robert H. Johnson, Bahamas. In South Africa there are more than 500 ministers, pastors and presiding elders.

FOUNDATIONS are endowments or funds set up for certain purposes by wealthy persons or groups. There are hundreds of these for many purposes. The largest of those which have shown interest in Negro advancement are the Julius Rosenwald Fund, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, the General Education Board, 49 West 49th Street, New York City; the Carnegie Foundation, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York City; the Phelps-Stokes Fund, 101 Park Avenue, New York 17; The Southern Education Association, 726 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C.; The Marshall Field Foundation in Chicago; The Rockefeller Foundation in New York; and The American Missionary Association, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10. They have most consistently contributed to education and general social welfare of Negroes.

FOUNDERS OF THE AME CHURCH, THE, were Richard Allen, James Tapsico, Thomas Durham, James Champion and Thomas Webster, of Philadelphia; Daniel Coker, Richard Williams, Henry Harden, Stephen Hill, Edward Williamson and Nicholas Gailliard, of Baltimore; Peter Spencer, of Wilmington, Delaware; Jacob Marsh, Edward Jackson and William Andrew, of Attleborough, Pennsylvania; and Peter Cuff, of Salem, N. J. They met in Philadelphia, April 9, 1816, and organized the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

"FOUNDRY CHAPEL" first building occupied by John Wesley's Methodists, was opened November 11, 1839, in Moorfields, London, England. It was a building formerly used for moulding cannon. It served as the chief meeting place for Methodists until 1779, when it gave way to City Road Chapel, London.

FRATERNAL DELEGATES are members of one organization appointed to take felicitations to another. As a rule the AME Church sends fraternal delegates to the general conferences of the Methodist, AME Zion and CME Churches. They are selected by the Bishops' Council.

FULL CONNECTION is the term used for members of the annual conference who have served their two years of trial and by vote of the conference have been made full members of the same. A special examination must be passed.

FULL MEMBERS of the Church are those who have all the privileges. One who joins the AME Church at any time and keeps up his obligations may transfer to any church anywhere in the connection, and become a full member without serving any probation. The obligations of a full member are printed in the discipline.

FREE AFRICAN SOCIETY, THE, was organized by Richard Allen and Absalom Jones in 1787 when they withdrew from St. George's Methodist (Society) Church in Philadelphia. It was composed of free Negroes (then called Africans), and its purpose was to offer a place of free worship for the Africans, to help the sick, the poor, the unemployed; to promote better behaviour and better racial relations, self-help, and religion and morality.

FUNDAMENTALISM is the name given to the movement which sought and still seeks to counteract the trend of modern scientific study of religion which the fundamentalists called "Modernism". It seeks to bring the Christian "back" to certain doctrines which it considers fundamental, among them inspiration and infallibility of the Bible, literally interpreted; emphasis on Jesus' Virgin Birth; the resurrection of the physical body in all its parts; the imminent second coming of Jesus Christ in a physical body as he appeared at first; and the redemption of man by the death of Jesus in payment for man's sin. Fundamentalism made great headway among Baptists, Presbyterians, Holiness churches and some among Methodists, and maintain its periodicals and schools.

FUNDS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE, The distribution of annual conference funds is as follows:

1. To Financial Secretary:
   (a) 38% of Dollar Money for salaries and expenses of the general church.
   (b) Funds for General Conference sustentation.
2. To Secretary of Pension Department:
   (a) 35% of Dollar Money, for pensioners.
   (b) 10 cents for every church member, for pensioners
   (c) Any extra collections for pensioners.
3. To Missionary Secretary:
   (a) 5% of Dollar Money for missions.
   (b) 50% of Easter Day collections.
   (c) 50% of conference missionary roll call.
   (d) 50% of conference public missionary collection.
   (e) Money paid for subscriptions to Voice of Missions.
4. To the Church Extension Department:
   (a) 4% of Dollar Money.
   (b) 25% of Children's Day Money.
   (c) Money paid on account of loans.
5. The Educational Department:
   (a) 8% of Dollar Money.
6. To the District's College:
   (a) All other money raised for education
   (b) Special scholarship money.
   (c) Special Educational Funds of all kinds
   (d) All public collections for education.
   (e) 50% Educational Roll Call.
7. To Allen Christian Endeavor League:
   $1.00 from church.
8. To Sunday School Union:
   25% of Children's Day money.
9. To Book Concern:
   (a) 50% Allen Day collections.
   (b) All money received for Christian Recorder.
   (c) All money paid on Book Concern bills.
10. To Other Periodicals:
   (a) All monies for subscription to particular papers or magazines.
11. To Annual Conferences:
   (a) 15% of the Dollar Money.
   (b) 50% of public missionary collections.
   (c) 50%of Roll Call.

(d) 50% of total Easter collections.
(e) Women's Missionary money according to the Budget.
(f) 50% Children's Day money.
(g) Contingent fund.
(h) Episcopal administration fund.
(i) Minute fund.
(j) Conference local church extension fund.
(k) Other funds.
(I) All other public collections and special funds.

The distribution of these funds is subject to change by any general conference.

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GENERAL CONFERENCE, THE, is the highest legislative and judicial body of Methodism. Our General Conference meets on the first Wednesday in May, every four years, counting from 1816; it determines its own composition. At present its members are all bishops, general officers elected by the general conference, AME college presidents, AME deans of theological seminaries, which have been in operation one year or more, 3 ministerial and 3 lay delegates from each annual conference, and an additional ministerial and lay delegate for every 30 ministerial members or final fraction over 15 of each annual conference; also the president and general secretary of the WMS, editor Missionary Recorder, secretary American Bible Society and chaplains of the Regular Army and Navy, who are members of the AME Church, and the secretary of the General Conference. The General Conference hears reports of all general departments, which are referred to committees and later acted upon, fixes the bounds of districts and annual conferences, elects bishops and general officers, examines the bishops and assigns them through its episcopal committee, revises the discipline, considers the condition of the Church, country, race and world, fixes and decides appeals from annual conferences, and does such other work as it may choose for the good of the Church; only it is constitutionally restricted from change of the Articles of Religion, the episcopacy or general superintendency, or the privilege of trial and appeal, and the General Rules. The place of meeting is fixed by the General Conference commission. General Conference has met in Philadelphia, including the 1816 meeting, ten times, namely, 1816, 1820, 1824, 1828, 1836, 1848, 1864, 1892, 1916 and 1944; in Baltimore three times, viz: 1832, 1840, and 1884; Pittsburgh, Pa., twice, 1844 and 1860; and New York, in Chicago, twice, in 1904 and 1928; Cincinnati, 1856; Wash- twice, 1852 and 1936; in St. Louis, twice, 1880 and 1920; ington, 1868; Nashville, 1872; Atlanta, 1876; Indianapolis, 1888; Wilmington, N. C., 1896; Columbus, Ohio, 1900; Norfolk, 1908; and Kansas City, Missouri, 1912; Louisville, 1924; Cleveland, 1932; Detroit, 1940. The next session is to be held at Kansas City, Kansas, 1948.

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION, is elected by each general conference to make arrangements for entertaining and program of the following general conference. The commission for 1944-1948 is Bishops Williams, Clayborn, Nichols, Reid, Gregg, Davis, Greene and Tookes; elders D. L. Witherspoon, M. R. Dixon, Sr., R. E. Brogdon, T. P. Duhart, A. Wayman Ward, L. G. Duncan, W. R. Wilkes, J. H. Smith, J. F. Vanderhorst, Frank Veal, Shelby Lynem and R. S. Brown; Laymen: C. G. Garrett, H. R. Baranco, Dr. J. L. Leach, Lottie White, Dr. J. R. Coasey, A. S. Jackson, ex-officio.

GENERAL CONFERENCE, THE COMPOSITION.—At first it seems that all elders and deacons were members of the general conference; probably traveling licentiates also. In 1836 all ministers who had traveled not less than two full years and local preachers elected from the annual conferences on the basis of not more than one for every 5 nor less than one for every 7 members of the annual conference. In 1844 the number of local preachers was changed to one for every 400 local members within the conference bounds. In 1852 the rule was that one out of every 3 preachers who had traveled 4 full years, one local preacher for every 800 lay members should be elected upon nomination of the quarterly conference. In 1856 the rule was that all preachers who had traveled 6 full years in the AME Church, and one local preacher of 4 years' standing for every 800 lay members. In 1868 the rule was made for all bishops, general officers and one ministerial delegate for every 7 members of the annual conference, and 2 laymen (not necessarily local preachers) from each annual conference, elected by an electoral college of laymen; in 1872 it was one ministerial delegate to every 11 members of the annual conference, plus 2 lay delegates in 1876, one ministerial delegate plus 2 lay delegates; in 1888, one ministerial delegate to every 30 members of the annual conference, plus 2 lay delegates.

GENERAL DAYS. The General Conference has set apart certain days on which all churches are asked to celebrate and contribute to certain connectional causes. These are: Allen Day; Easter Day; Children's Day and Educational Day.

GENERAL OFFICERS, are those elected by the General Conference to head the general departments of the church. They are as follows: Rev. W. K. Hopes, D.D., Business Manager, Book Concern, 716 So. 19th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. David Norris, D.D., Editor Christian Recorder, 716 So. 19th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. L. L. Berry, D.D., Secretary-Treasurer of the Missionary Department, 112 W. 120th St., New York, N. Y.; Prof. A. S. Jackson, A.M., Financial Secretary, 1541 14th St., N. W., Washington, D.C.; Rev. E. A. Adams, A.M., Secretary-Treasurer, Educational Department, 2113 Lady St., Columbia, S. C.; Rev. J. S. Brookens, D.D., Editor AME Review, 509 Weinacker St., Mobile, Ala.; Rev. L. H. Hemmingway, D.D., Secretary-Treasurer of the Church Extension Department, 1535 14th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.; Rev. E. C. Hatcher, D.D., Editor Southern Christian Recorder, 414 8th Ave., S. Nashville, Tenn.; Mr. E. A. Selby, Secretary-Treasurer AME Sunday School Union, 414 8th Ave., S. Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. F. A. Hughes, D.D., Editor Western Christian Recorder, Western University, Quindairo, Kansas; Rev. S. S. Morris, D.D., Secretary-Treasurer of Allen Christian Endeavor League, 414 8th Ave., S., Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Russell S. Brown, D.D., Chief Secretary of the General Conferences, 15 N. Leffingwell Ave., St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. C. W. Abington, D.D., Editor, Sunday School Literature, 414 8th Ave., S. Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. D. L. Witherspoon, D.D., (deceased Jan. 1948), Secretary-Treasurer, Pension Department, 414 8th Ave., S. Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Anne E. Heath, President WMS, 716 S. 19th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. C. S. Smith, President-emeritus WMS, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Nora W. Link, General Secretary WMS; Mrs. B. E. DeLyles, Tulsa, Okla., Editor of the Woman's Missionary Recorder.

GENERAL RULES OF THE AME CHURCH, THE, are the same as were drawn up by the Wesleys, in 1743, for the government of the Methodist societies. They deal particularly with the kind of conduct Christians ought to pursue. The only addition to them is with regard to slavery. They are required to be read in the churches.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENCY is the type of episcopacy which the AME Church has. It means that a bishop is bishop over the entire church and it is not to be confused with the diocesan episcopacy, in which a bishop is bishop only of a diocese, or area, as is the case in the Roman Catholic and Episcopalian churches. Bishops in the AME Church have general authority. Only because the church covers so large a territory are there episcopal districts, and, by common consent, do bishops supervise particular areas or districts. They exercise general supervision through the Bishops' Council to which every bishop is amendable. According to the constitution of the Church not even the General Conference can change the General Superintendency, which is called Itinerant General Superintendency. See Restrictive Rules.

GEORGIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, THE. The AME Church in Georgia had its official beginning in 1865 in Savannah under Rev. A. L. Stanford, who was assigned to Savannah from the original South Carolina Conference, held in Charleston May 15, 1865, an adjourned session being held in Savannah May 14, 1866, Bishop Daniel A. Payne, presiding. More than a dozen churches, however, claim their beginning before this period. Big Bethel, Atlanta; St. James, Columbus; Turner Chapel, Marietta; and Steward Chapel, Macon, are among the state's oldest churches which were organized before the days the AME Church became active in the South. St. Phillip, 560 Hull Street, Savannah, is the Mother Church of Georgia, according to the report of Elder H. M. Turner, first presiding elder or superintendent of the state. "In December, 1865, Elder H. M. Turner preached to the congregation on Jenkins Street, Atlanta, and by vote the entire church joined the AME connection". Thus, Big Bethel, the largest AME Church in the South, had its beginning. There were 465,698 colored people in Georgia according to the 1860 census and the Civil War had not diminished that number, and emancipation had sharpened their desire for a church of their own. It was estimated that 3 years after the Civil War the AME membership had reached 50,000. The call for leaders who could be depended upon to lead, organize, teach and pastor this large membership, was the central thought in the minds of the Fathers of the Church. But to their surprise, there came forth men called of God, fitted for the task as if hewn by divine hand out of the darkness of the night—"The Georgia Regulars". They came; they saw the task and went into every section of the state planting the banner of the AME Church until Georgia became the Empire State.

Georgia, now (1947) counts eight annual conferences, thirty-nine presiding elders, 1,200 preaching places, 858 church buildings, 620 pastors, representation in 380 towns and 156 counties, 111,087 members, 3,940 stewards, 4,669 stewardesses, 3,354 trustees, 165 local preachers, 695 Sunday schools, 2,223 Sunday school teachers, 24,885 Sunday school scholars, with an average attendance of 14,764, 279 church choirs, 4.952 choir members, 290 usher boards, 3,405 usher board members, 212 ACE Leagues, 1,622 ACE League officers, 4,628 ACE League members; 5,348 missionary members, 2,603 junior missionary members, 8520 class leaders, 3,280 auxiliaries, churches valued at $1,895,750; 294 parsonages with a total value of $210,044; 783 rooms in parsonages; 294 pastors with parsonages, $98,345.00 insurance on parsonages, $324,625.00 insurance on churches, $120,305.00 mortgage debt on churches, 195 missions with no buildings, 912 acres in church lots, 116½ acres in parsonage lots, 676 deeds, 496 churches in rural sections, 362 churches in towns or cities, 39 presiding elder districts, and a state personnel totaling 1,274 as follows: Itinerant elders and deacons, 816; local elders, 35; local deacons, 105; itinerant licentiates, 78 superannuates, 36; local preachers, 165; and presiding elders, 39. In 1947 $52,885 dollar money was raised, there were 3,206 converts, 3,987 new members, $9,489.85 special pension fund, $10,104.25 missionary money (WMS), and $1,062 for the Brotherhood.

Georgia AME Churches are among the best in the AME connection. Big Bethel, Atlanta, is the land mark of the South with more than 3,000 loyal members and one of the finest church plants in the nation. Allen Temple, Atlanta, church home of Bishop J. S. Flipper (deceased) and Bishop W. A. Fountain and their families, has the most complete young people's departments: many of its 1620 members are well known throughout the connection. The fastest growing church in the South is Flipper Temple, on West Fair Street, Atlanta. This church is only twenty-four years old and has a membership of 1700. Plans are complete for a new building to house this group. St. Paul and Cosmopolitan churches, each with more than 1100 members, complete the "big five" of Atlanta. Churches in the State with more than a thousand members are: Big Bethel, Allen Temple, Flipper Temple, St. Paul, Cosmopolitan, all of Atlanta; St. Phillips Monumental, Savannah; New St. Phillips, Savannah; St. James, Columbus, and Steward Chapel, Macon. The rapid growth of the State has no parallel in America.

The eight annual conferences were organized as follows: Georgia, May 30, 1867; North Georgia, January 9, 1874; Macon, Georgia, January 31, 1883; Southwest Georgia, October 27, 1894; Atlanta, Georgia, December 5, 1900; South Georgia, December 10, 1913; Augusta, Georgia, December 9, 1914; Americus, October 22, 1922.

The following bishops have presided over sessions of the Georgia conferences: A. W. Wayman, 1868; J. M. Brown, 1869-1872; M. D. Ward, 1873-1876; J. P. Campbell, 1877-1880; W. F. Dickerson, 1880-1884; J. A. Shorter, 1885-1887; J. M. Brown, 1888; W. J. Gaines, 1889-1891; A. Grant, 1892-1896; H. M. Turner, 1896-1908; C. S. Smith, 1908-1911; J. S. Flipper, 1912-1928; W. A. Fountain, 1928 to date.

The second session of the South Carolina Conference met in St. Andrews Chapel, Savannah, May 14-23, 1866, with Bishop Daniel A. Payne, presiding. Elders on the roll were: R. H. Cain, James A. Handy, A. L. Stanford, G. W. Broadie, T. G. Steward, H. M. Turner, and C. H. Pierce.

On Georgia soil, there have been held 334 annual sessions of an annual conference. Space will not permit recognition of the merits of all of the fine men who are numbered among the "Georgia Regulars". Perhaps to Bishop Henry McNeal Turner, the organizer and tireless preacher, should be given a lion's share of the glory. Bishop J. S. Flipper stands out in Georgia history as "the man of nerve" who dared to face the greatest problem of the state, marshalled around him one of the finest groups, presiding elders and pastors the AME Connection had ever assembled in the State and completed the job of expansion. In 1928 the General Conference assigned the present episcopal leader, Bishop Fountain, who reorganized the work, until today Georgia stands second to no district in the Church. In the pulpits there are more young prepared preachers than can be found in any district in the connection. He has brought to Georgia the best AME controlled "A" rated college (Morris Brown) in the AME Church. Georgia has raised a larger amount of dollar money in 1943 than has any district and has always led the Connection in raising money for education. Morris Brown College stands for itself.

By REV. DAVID NORRIS, Historian, 1944.

GEORGIA, AUGUSTA ANNUAL CONFERENCE was formed by the presiding elders at Morris Brown College, June, 1914, and comprised the following districts: Augusta and Sandersville Districts, taken from the Macon (Ga.) Conference; and the Dublin and Swainsboro Districts, taken from the Georgia Conference. On December 9, 1914, at Sandersville, the Augusta Conference was organized and held its first session. There were 9,285 members in the territory. The presiding elders appointed were: Augusta District, Rev. John Harmon; Doublin District, Rev. F. R. Sims; Sandersville District, Rev. C. J. Jones: Swainsboro District, Rev. B. S. Hannah. In Augusta, Dublin, Sandersville, Tennille and smaller towns the colored people own many fine homes and are doing well. Within the bounds of this conference is Louisville, the first capital of Georgia and the great slave auction counter of Georgia, where thousands of human beings were sold as chattel. Bethel, Augusta, and Butler Creek are the two oldest appointments in this conference. At the adjournment of the first session of the South Carolina Conference, May, 1865, Rev. James Lynch went to Augusta and received into the AME Church, a Protestant Church, S. W. Drayton, pastor, with about 200 members, which church today is Bethel, now having over 900 members and property worth $50,000. The first brick church which stands to-day was built by Rev. A. W. Lowe, Bethel has had as pastors, among others, Samuel W. Drayton, Charles L. Bradwell, H. M. Turner, A. W. Lowe, R. V. Smith, William C. Gaines and W. J. Gaines. Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., was baptized in Bethel and joined the church as a boy of 13.

GEORGIA, THE MACON CONFERENCE, was organized and held its first session in Sandersville, Ga., Jan. 31, 1883, Bishop Dickerson, presiding, Bishop Campbell, associate, Rev. W. C. Banton, chief secretary. The boundaries of the conference included the following five presiding elder districts: Americus, Augusta, Forsyth, Macon and Columbus, which were in the following counties, to wit: Stewart (on the Chattahoochie River), Webster, Sumpter, Dooley, Twiggs, Lawrence, Johnson, Jefferson, Washington, Harrison (on the Chattahoochie), Tolbert, Monroe, Putnam, Hancock, Columbia, Barnesville Station (in Pike County) all of Richmond County, and the northeast portion of Burke County. Thus it embraced all the middle portion of

Georgia and was commonly called the "Middle Georgia Conference". It originally embraced Columbus and Augusta, and therefore has always held a very conspicuous place in the annals of Georgia African Methodism. Some of the early secretaries were: Revs. W. C. Banton, 1883-1892; C. C. Cargile, 1893-1895; P. W. Greatheart, 1896-1901; C. H. Williams, 1902-1912; A. S. Bailey, 1913-1916.

When the SOUTHWEST GEORGIA CONFERENCE was formed, the Columbus and Americus Districts of the Macon Conference were included in its boundary. The Macon (Ga.) Conference then divided up the remainder of its territory and formed the Macon, Forsyth, Augusta, Sandersville, Dublin and Fort Valley Districts. When the SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE was formed and the Dublin District was attached to the Georgia Conference and the Americus District was re-attached to the Macon Conference. In 1914 the Augusta, Sandersville and Dublin District were given to it from the Macon Conference. Rev. W. J. Gaines was elected bishop from the Macon (Ga.) Conference. Other connectional characters produced in this conference have been: Revs. E. W. Lee, W. A. Fountain, (now bishop), C. C. Cargile, F. F. Boddie, C. G. Jones, L. A. Townsley, John Cooper, E. P. Holmes, L. H. Smith, C. H. Williams, J. O. Iverson, A. M. Jordan, and others of more recent dates who have passed.

GEORGIA, THE NORTH CONFERENCE, was organized in Bethel Church, Augusta, January 8, 1874, Bishop T. M. D. Ward, presiding. It was at this conference that the echo was advanced and action taken to operate a denominational school in Georgia and at the South Georgia Conference that convened at Thomasville, January 22, 1874, a committee of fifteen was appointed to act upon the same. There are many interesting events that took place from the organization of our Church in this section that would be thrilling and inspiring, but the records are lost, and many of the men who were pioneers and active workers have passed to their reward; there are a probable half dozen living, but they failed to keep any record or even a minute of the conference of those old days.

GEORGIA, THE SOUTH CONFERENCE, was organized December 10, 1912, at Thomasville, Georgia, Bishop J. S. Flipper, presiding. The officers elected were: Revs. A. K. Woods, chief secretary; G. W. Williams, assistant secretary; I. D. Davis, statistical secretary.

GEORGIA CONFERENCE, THE SOUTHWEST, was set apart from the Georgia and Macon (Ga.) Conferences in 1897, and the first session was held in Cuthbert, Georgia, beginning October 27th of the same year; was organized by Bishop Turner. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. P. T. M. Brookins. Rev. G. R. Bass, being the oldest itinerant present, offered the following prayer: "O, Thou, the Supreme Head of the Universe, God, high over all and Maker of all things, we come to-day to tender to Thee our heartfelt thanks for all that Thou hast done for us and art still doing. Since we assembled last, many of us have been tossed and thrown about upon the tempestuous seas. Lift up, we pray Thee, the light of Thy countenance upon our dear bishop, let it be lifted up upon him that he may preside upon this occasion, this annual conference; God bless the chief of this conference. We pray Thy blessings also upon this conference. We pray Thy blessings also upon those we have left behind us. We thank Thee for the water Thou has given us and the bread we have been enabled to procure, though often tossed and thrown about upon the tempestuous and troublesome seas of this life. Go with us today and guide us over this life's tempestuous seas, until the warfare is over". Revs. R. R. Downs and W. D. Johnson, Jr., were elected secretaries. The following were the presiding elders: Revs. Allen Cooper, Columbus District; D. W. Moore, Bainbridge District; S. C. Powell, Thomasville District; E. Lowery, Albany District; Richard Graham, Americus District; F. F. Boddie, Talbotton District; J. B. Lofton, Cuthbert District. The original borders of the conference extended from the northwestern corner of Hatris County along the northern boundary of Harris Talbot to the Flint River down Flint River to the point where said rivers enters Macon county, thence along the northern boundary of Macon County to its northeastern corner, down the eastern boundary to Flint River; down Flint River to the northeast corner of Dougherty County, thence down the eastern boundaries or Dougherty, Mitchell and Thomas Counties ot the line of Florida, thence due west to the Chattahoochie River, thence up the Chattahoochie River to the starting point.

GLORIA PATRI. "Gloria be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost," etc., one of the oldest doxologies. It is sung at the end of our decalogue ritualistic services.

GOODWILL ASSOCIATION, was organized in 1942 by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., at Memphis, Tennessee. Its purpose is to promote goodwill to all, to create "Men of Goodwill". The pledge is to say one good thing about some one particular person every day; its ideas are a smile and a handshake. Its motto: "I will not hate; I will not retaliate; I will work; I will cooperate". Its headquarters are 362 Beale Ave., Memphis, at the Goodwill Service Center.

Goodwill Center, Memphis

GOODWILL SERVICE CENTER. See Memphis, Tenn.

GROWTH OF CHURCHES IN U. S. A. According to the United States Census of 1936 there were then 199,302 churches is the United States, with 55,807,366 members. The number exclusive of Jewish congregations was 195,574, with 57,166,182 members. Since 1906 the numbers, exclusive of Jewish have been reported as follows by the Census:

	Churches	Members
1906	209,266	
1916	225,099	42,954,512
1926	229,036	50,495,104
1936	195,574	51,166,182

In 1926, there were 212 denominations; in 1936, there were 256 denominations. While the number of local churches decreased, the number of members has steadily increased.

HEATHEN, comes from Greek word which means "the people", "the nations". The Jews thought of themselves as the chosen people of God, the inheritors of the promises of God, and all other people as outside, whom they called the "heathen", or Gentiles (from the Latin "Gevs"). In Christian times people who lived in non-Christian countries and had not accepted Christ were called heathen. Today however, a heathen is any one who has not accepted Christ, or does not live in the Spirit of Christ, whether he dwells in a foreign country or at home.

HEAVEN, above the clouds, the dwelling place of God, is a very old conception. Heaven is also regarded as the home of the angels, and of "The dead who die in the Lord". It is not exclusively a Christian conception.

HELL, a term used in translation of Hebrew the word "sheol", and gehenna and hades in Greek. It means to us today, punishment, a place of punishment, the place where the wicked shall go after death.

HERESY is false teaching; the minister who disseminates heresy shall be dealt with as in the case of immortality. Heresy is a doctrine contrary to those accepted by the church in the 25 Articles of Religion, and the Bible.

HISTORICAL PREFACE is a statement of the origin of the AME Church which was published in the first discipline in 1817 and has been published in full or in part in succeeding editions, giving the reason for the establishment of the AME Church.

HISTORIOGRAPHER, means writer of history and is the name given to the official historian of the AME Church. See "Bureau of History".

HISTORY, THE BUREAU OF, was the official department of history of the AME Church. In 1848 the general conference elected Rev. D. A. Payne first historiographer. He held this office until his death, in 1893, gathering valuable data relating to the early history of African Methodism; he compiled Vol. 1 of "History of the AME Church", covering the period 1787 to 1856; which was published by the Sunday School Union. He also compiled historic data for Vol. II, which was not published. At the death of Bishop Payne, Bishop Arnett became his successor and published the "Budget Series", extending to 1904. The general conference at Norfolk, Va., 1908, elected Bishop Turner historiographer, which position he held till 1912. Bishop Turner gathered some data, but published no volume of church history. He resigned the position at the general conference in 1912, nominating Dr. John T. Jenifer to fill his position. The general conference elected Dr. Jenifer, who has collected and compiled Vol. III, "The Centennial Retrospect History of the AME Church", published by the AME Sunday School Union. He died before another volume could be published. In 1920 Bishop C. S. Smith was made historiographer, and published a "History of the AME Church". After his death, Rev. W. H. H. Butler was chosen; after his death Bishop R. C. Ransom was chosen, and now serves as historiographer.

HISTORY OF AME CHURCH. The first complete history of the AME Church was written by Bishop Daniel A. Payne. This is one of the first pieces of historical research done by an American Negro, and one of the best. Following Bishop Payne came Bishop B. W. Arnett who wrote many sketches which he published from time to time. In the office of historiographer was established, Rev. J. T. Jenifer wrote a Centennial History of the AME Church, and in 1922 Bishop C. S. Smith wrote another History of the AME Church. Bishop B. T. Tanner wrote in 1888 "An Outline of AME History". In 1916 Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., published The Encyclopaedia of African Methodism. Bishop Wayman preceded him with Cyclopaedia of African Methodism in the 1880's. There have been many local histories such as Florida African Methodism by Rev. C. S. Long, History of the AME Church in Virginia. Bishop L. J. Coppin wrote Unwritten History; Bishop J. A. Handy wrote Scraps of History.

There have been hundreds of local church histories and many biographies. This is a fertile field for some future "historiographer".

"HOLINESS", considered as an attribute of God, is His perfect moral purity. It is that perfection of His nature by which He is infinitely averse to all moral evil, and inclined to love all that is good and right. The holiness of God, then, implies the absence of all moral impurity and imperfection, and the possession, in an infinite degree, of all that is morally pure, lovely and excellent". This is the teaching of Scripture. Holiness in man is, like holiness in God, the possession in human degree of all that is morally pure, lovely and excellent in the human character, the result of the complete victory over sin so that one is not only not under the dominion of sin, but that he is not touched by the influence of sin.

HOLMESBURG, PENNA., BETHANY AME CHURCH. About 1830, a lot was given to the colored settlement known then as Harrisburg Hill, by L. Doublin Township, Pennsylvania, for a burial ground. In 1838, a church was erected in which Rev. Jabez P. Campbell preached his first sermon. This was a circuit embracing, Frankford, Pennsylvania; Byberry; Bridgewater and Salem. Danhorn, Pennsylvania. In 1858 the church, being out of debt was dedicated by Bishop Payne. In 1863, Rev. Richard Robinson, a returned missionary from Haiti preached; he was afterward killed in a street car accident. Active and progressive Sunday school superintendents kept the interest of this church alive for years, some of them were: Prof. Norman Newsome, Catherine E. James, Phoebe Vandergrift, Wm. J. Chase, Jr. Later on the Philadelphia Conference sent ministerial assistance. The MMS, Beckett memorial, was organized in 1905. The founders were: Elijah Moore, John Williams, Peter Rickets, John Miles, Amos Freeman, William Chase, Rachel Williams, Keziah Chase, Thomas Williams, William Edwards, Mary Robinson, Thomas Briscoe, George Freeman, Elias Chase. Present officers: Georgiana Robinson, Rachel Stout, Malvine E. Garlick, Pearl Bust, Richard Stout, Louise Jackson, Richard Burton, Alma Jackson, Mary S. Chase Beckett. Rev. H. H. Cooper, Jr., is pastor.

HOLY GHOST is the Third Person in the Trinity, so believed since the early days of the Christian Church. The idea of the spirit is found in the primitive life of man who identified the wind with an outside influence upon men. Even in the Bible the same word is translated wind, breath, and spirit, both from Hebrew (ruah) and Greek (pnewma). Jesus promised the Spirit as a Guide to his followers. Paul conceived the Spirit as the power of God working in men for righteousness. He wrote "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance". Many present day ideas of possession of the Spirit are decidedly pagan and not of the Holy Spirit which is so well interpreted by St. Paul. The doctrine of the Holy Spirit is fundamental in Methodism.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY. See Missionary Department.

HOSPITALS. There were (in 1944) 124 Negro hospitals in the United States in 23 states and the District of Columbia, according to the NYB. Of these the Fifth District of the AME Church operated the Douglass Hospital at Kansas City, Kansas, a member of the National Conference of Hospital Administrators. The AME Church contributes to the many hospitals of various communities, many of which were started chiefly in AME Churches, among which are: Frederick Douglass Hospital, Philadelphia: the Provident Hospital, Chicago, etc. The Crogman Community Clinic was founded by Bishop Wright in 1938, in South Africa.

HOMES. The Home for Aged and Infirm Colored People, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania one of the oldest institutions of the kind in America, was established over 100 years ago by a local preacher of Bethel Church, named Stephen Smith. The Handy Home was established in Jackson, Michigan by Bishop Handy, but discontinued. The Old Folk's Home of Baltimore was also established by Bishop J. A. Handy.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE, THE, organized in 1884, Springfield, a part of the Indiana Conference. Presiding over this conference were: Bishops John M. Brown, 1884-1892; Wayman, 1892-1896; A. Grant, 1896-1900; Arnett, 1900-1904; Shaffer, 1904-1912; Lee, 1912-1916; Coppin, 1916-1924; A. L. Gaines, 1924-1928; Carey, 1928-1931; Parks, 1931-1936; Gregg, 1936-1948. This conference has had among its members, the following connectional characters: Bishop Noah Williams, and Dr. B. F. Watson, secretary of Church Extension. In 1884 two districts were made; the Cairo and Springfield districts with Presiding Elders Henry Brown and P. C. Cooper. Later other districts organized out of the Conference were: the Quincy District and the East St. Louis District, making four districts. The East St. Louis District has been cut out leaving 3 districts. These are the presiding elders who have made the conference what it is: Rev. Henry Brown, Rev. P. C. Cooper, Rev. Henry Simons, W. H. Chavis, N. J. McCrocker, E. T. Cottman, A. J. Jackson, J. H. Sydes, G. W. Jones, J. W. Wiley, S. Stone, G. A. Brown, A. H. Attaway, J. W. H. Jamison, C. E. Brooks, G. W. Brewer. Dollar Money in 1887 was $715.00, one of the highest marks for dollar money is $3,734.50. Similar increase has continued to this day. (By Rev. S. H. Sydes, historian).

IMMORALITY, strictly speaking is breaking of the moral code, particularly the Commandments, especially the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th.

IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL, is the soul's continued existence after death. In our Apostles' Creed we say we believe "in the life everlasting"; that is the immortality of the soul, the divine part of man is the soul, it is indestructable and lives on as a conscious personality while the body goes back to the dust from which it came. The idea is very old.

IMPEACHMENT. The causes for which a minister may be impeached in the AME Church are: 1. Dealing in Liquors, 2. Mal-Administration, 3. Heresy and Schism. 4. Unacceptability, 5. Neglect of Appointment, and 6. Pastoral Interference.

INDIANA CONFERENCE, THE, was organized October 2, 1840, at the Old Beach near Carthage, Indiana, a flourishing rural settlement which has since disappeared. The Church and grounds are the property of the Indiana Conference and it is preserved as a historical site. The Indiana Conference was formed out of territory belonging to the Ohio Conference, much of which had been explored and organized by the pioneer preacher, Rev. Paul Quinn, (afterwards bishop). The many groups of our race who had emigrated from the south and settled in rural districts were sought and wherever possible. Paul Quinn organized an AME Church. At the time of its organization it included all of this western and the southwestern part of the United States,—Illinois, Michigan, and Missouri, Alabama, Louisiana. Bishop Morris Brown was the presiding bishop when the conference was organized. During the 102 years of her existence, many changes have taken place. Nearly one-fourth of all the conferences in the United States have been organized out of the territory that was then included in her bounds. Now her territory only includes about two-thirds of the state of Indiana. Quite a few of those churches in those rural settlements are now merely historic spots which we reverence because of the hallowed influences which cluster around them, and the courage and inspiration they gave to posterity. They are but corner-stones which mark the path of the pioneers of anti-bellum days.

Not so with the city churches. They have kept pace with the march of time. Among them we have many modern churches that do credit to the cities in which they are located. Most of them are free from debt. The change is likewise noted in the ministry. The pioneer preacher, with his horse, saddlebags, with his Bible, discipline, and hymn book has given way to the educated pastor, domiciled in a modern parsonage with an automobile at his command. These brave sacrificing heroes of the cross paved the way for the present day preacher. We should ever revere the names of such pioneers as Bishop Paul Quinn, Revs. David Smith, and M. M. Clark.

INFANT BAPTISM, is the baptism of young children upon presentation of their parents or guardians, before they are old enough to make a profession of Christ for themselves. The practice is almost as old as the Christian Church, and has the direct approval of Jesus in His invitation to the children to come to Him, His blessing them and His warning to the grown people to "forbid them not". Paul, in baptising Cornelius and his household, and others of the apostles, and early fathers very probably baptized children. When a child is baptized, its parents or guardians take an obligation to teach it the doctrines of the Church and bring it up under religious influence. If they do not, the benefits of its early baptism are not all realized. The minister is to see that the parents or guardians carry out their obligations and as soon as convenient he is himself to form classes and give instruction. Baptized infants are probationary members—members in preparation.

ITINERANCY, which means moving or traveling, is a system by which all preachers, pastors, presiding elders and bishops are appointed for a limited time, and are subject to be moved to another place at the end of that time. The itinerancy as a system is peculiar to Methodism. Appointments are only for one conference year, at the end of which any pastor may be legally moved. In the interim of conferences one may be moved for cause. The facility with which changes can be made for the benefit of both pastor and people makes the itinerancy of great value. The itinerancy grew up out of necessity and not upon any particular scriptural theory. The itinerancy also applies to bishops, who are appointed for 4 years, i.e. from general conference to general conference.

ITINERANT, AN, is one who moves, travels, goes from place to place. In early Methodism, because of lack of preachers and smallness of congregations, they had to go from church to church and that was called itinerating. Afterwards several churches formed a circuit; if two, the pastor came twice a month to each; if three or more, he moved according to the need of the churches. At the annual conference the pastors were all subject to be changed. Today all full members of the conference are said to be in the "itinerancy", and called traveling ministers and are subject to move every year. Formerly there was a limit of one year for a pastor at a church; then the time limit was changed to 2, 3, 5 and 8 years, and now it is removed entirely and appointment is left to the judgment of the bishop, but all appointments are good for one year only.

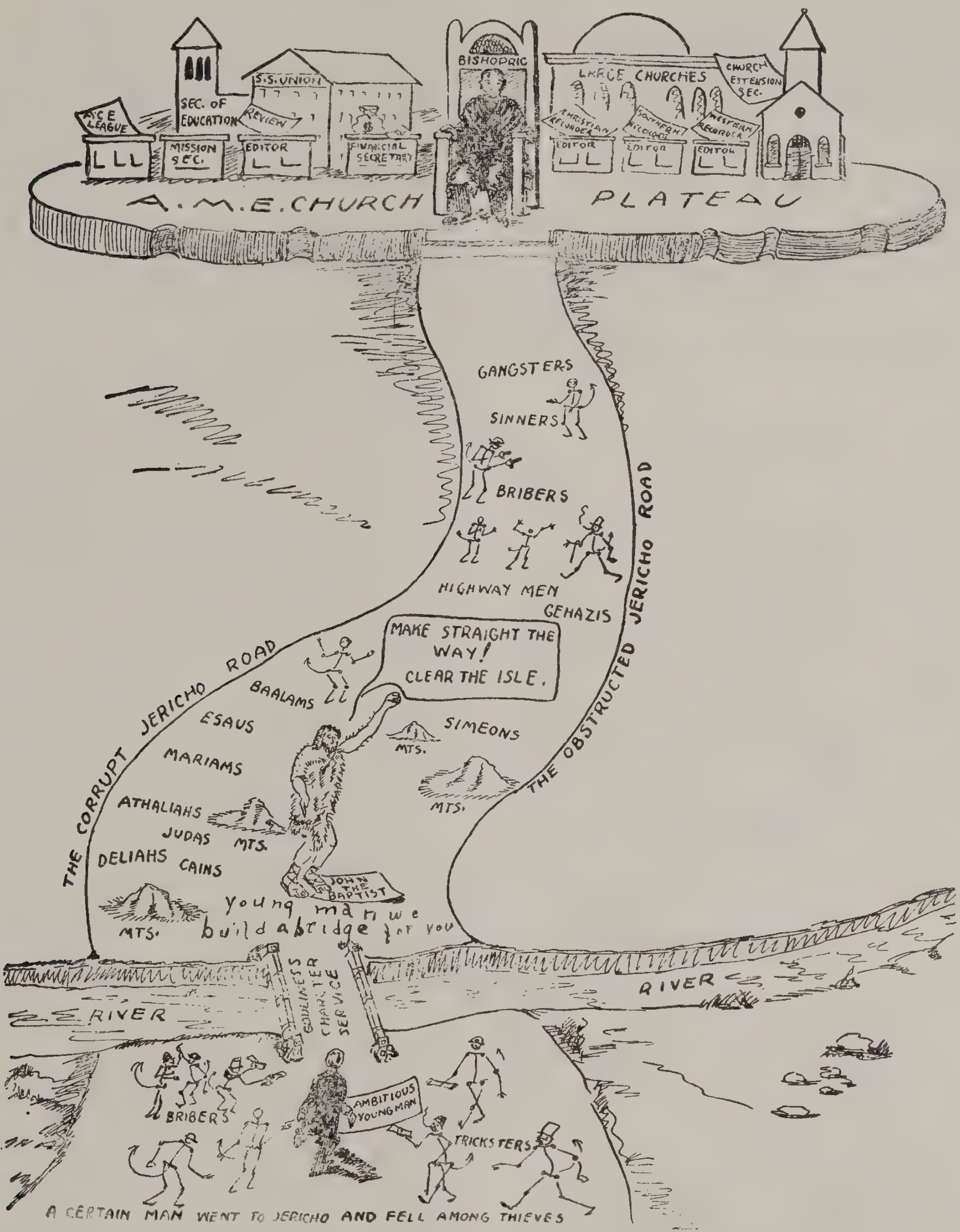
JERICHO ROAD, THE. The great and grand old church of Allen founded 1816, upon the principles of Godliness, Character and Christian service, has weathered the storm for 150 years.

Her voyage has been glorious, she has a noble crew and a wonderful cargo. What legacy the Fathers have bequeathed us; 800,000 communicants, 16 Bishops, 7,000 ministers, and our great departments; and our great schools, and the sun never sets on our church.

The AME Church is the greatest self governing organization among Negroes of the world today.

Watchman, what of the night? The watchman crieth the morning cometh. What will we the sons and daughters of these noble sires do with this noble heritage? We pause for the answer.

Truly the sea is infested with great ice-bergs and dangers ad infinitum, and the winds are tempestuous, but let us keep the charts our Fathers gave us and keep Jesus on board and we can land the ship. In this present day of world limitedness, and wickedness, we must advance with caution and wisdom. There is at present among us the tendency to delude and corrupt the path that leads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to all that is good and grand in our Zion. In our present mad rush for office and gain and place we are losing sight of the more weighty things; Godliness, Righteousness, Character and Christian Service, and thus, we are opening the flood gates to destruction and demoralization, and soon we will fill the sacred office and places of great moment with the most unfit and ungodly and undesirables, unless something is done at once, to check this present day modus operandi.

These Jezebel, Ahabs, Gehazis, Baalams, Athanlias, Delilas, Simon Magos, tricksters, bribers, who infest the highway that leads to all that is noble, sacred and grand in our Zion, must be beheaded and cast out of this holy path. The path must be made straight it must be cleansed.

The men who now attempt to go up this Jericho Road that leads to the Bishopric and all the other first class places are being gagged and strangulated and demoralized by these marauders whom I have just named, who now infest the highway of our Zion.

So much is this true that you can hear every where the noblest men in our Zion saying what is the use to seek the Bishopric or any other general office. The Young theologue is so disgusted and intimidated until all hope is all but fled, why go up that Jericho Road? We hear them saying every where, to be slaughtered, stoned, robbed; demoralized and left to die?

Now some John the Baptist must come in this road and cry and prepare the way and make straight the path for the feet of the youth that must go up this highway, if we hope to perpetuate our Zion. We can not continue to discourage, demoralize, intimidate, the youth and hope to perpetuate our Zion.

The old man at eventide built the bridge for the youth behind him, and so must we, if we hope to save our youth and the great heritage our Fathers left us.

I mean to be one John the Baptist to cry, clear the track, make the path straight for the young man, the young preacher in our church.

My greatest desire and design is to build for you and clear the path that leads to the plateau of all that is great and grand in the old AME Church.

Will you and all the noble sons and daughters of Allen join me and let us build a safe bridge of Godliness, Character, Righteousness and Christain Service? And let us expell all these tricksters and marauders from this highway, so the young people of the Church may approach this throne without intimidation, demoralization, and with perfect hope, and thus we may have a clean leadership and a clean church when the present noble crew must cross the bar.

GOD BURIES HIS WORKMAN, BUT HIS WORK GOES ON FOREVER

Just a word about the cartoon you see in this article. It speaks for itself, it better expresses the present status of affairs in the church and state than any pen can portray, so do not fail to read and analyze the cartoon. It will teach you a great lesson.

Truly God has raised us up to do this very thing and for such a time as this therefore, we have no fear of what our enemies may say or do. I am God's Jehu riding in his chariot to the destruction of the whole house of Ahab and all the seed of Jezebel.

All the worshipper of Baal must perish, but Israel must praise his God. Sail on, Sail on, O ship of State; Glorious is thy voyage; So let our Ship of Zion sail on, for thy goal is certain and sure.

The Eternal, God of Abraham, and the God of Allen is with thee, and will bring thee safely to the port.

My Last Word and cry to Israel is, Clear the Isles, Mark Straight the Way: The Youth Must Have His Day.

Young Man We Build a Bridge For You.

Yours for Godliness, Character and Christian Service.

REV. A. W. JACKSON
1906 West Chestnut St.
Louisville, Kentucky.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., MT. PISGAH AME CHURCH, was organized in 1850 by Stevens Barrell, a local deacon, at Rock Hall, at the foot of Academy St. The first ordained pastor was Rev. Charles Birch and the trustees: Samuel Matthews, Henry Jackson, William Jackson, John Matthews, Jr., John Jackson, John Johnson, Thomas Johnson, and John Matthews, Sr.

In those early days the church was known as Bethel and played a very important part in the educational system of the community by protesting against discrimination and succeeded in having John Jackson, Henry Jackson and Stevens Barrell placed on the Board of Education. The following pastors served with various degrees of success from 1851 to 1932 in Bethel, on Oak Street, when Mt. Pisgah was organized at the dissolution of Bethel. Pastors:—Charles Birch, Elian Hall, William Ross, Joshua Woodland, Lames M. Williams, Lynch, Lyons, Watson, Leonard Patterson, William Rodgers, Edward Davis, Lewis Lewis, Peterson, Howell, Stiles, Pearson, Thompson, Polland, Griffin, Woodyard, Gooseley, Merrald, J. Pinckney, J. C. H. Christmas, Frank Smith, Goodwin, J. W. Ross, R. B. Strothers, H. C, Ashley, A. M. Newton, Isaac Horsey, J. C. H. Christmas, George West, W. H. Burrell, A. Lincoln Murray, Albert Carter Sanders, Daniel J. Brown, C. G. Collins, Samuel T. Boyd, H. A. Garcia, M. M. Ward, and I. S. Jacobs.

Real constructive work was done during the pastorates of the Revs. A. L. Murray, Sanders, Brown and Boyd; but the bickerings and fightings which had begun when Rev. Murray first told the congregation that the deed to the property was wrongly drawn culminated when, by court order, and the instruction of Bishop William H. Heard, the loyal members under Dr. S. T. Boyd, left the premises and negotiated for the present site, later designated and known as Mt. Pisgah AME Church, at 354 Forrest Street.

Mt. Pisgah was organized in August, 1932 by the Rev. Samuel T. Boyd, who soon enlarged a small building (a former horse stable) so that about 350 persons could be comfortably seated.

Among those who played important roles at this juncture were: Floyd McGowan, George W. Young, Edward Cody, Edward Gant, Lokie Yelverton, Martha E. Hill, David Melvin, R. H. Simmons, Fillmore Beck and others.

In May, 1935 Rev. Howard Alan Garcia succeeded the Rev. S. T. Boyd as the 2nd pastor of Mt. Pisgah. The development of the church was steady and substantial. A fine spirit of harmony prevailed, the spiritual condition was encouraging; all debts paid—including the mortgage which was burned on Thursday evening, July 15, 1943; the church was well organized and the people constituted a very fine working group with trustee board, steward board, 3 stewardess boards, 3 choir groups, well organized Sunday school, ACE League, pastor's aid, trustees' aid, friendly sisters, ushers' board, altar guild, busy bees, missionary societies, (Ruth M. M., Mothers' Pearls, Allen Stars), Mrs. Ida B. Garcia, Mrs. Ruth Chapman and Mrs. Beatrice Haner, presidents and matrons, respectively. Fifteen class leaders, etc. The Revs. Irving Morris, John Wiggins, and William Hampton are itinerant ministers in local relation; Martha E. Hill and Fannie E. Morris, Evangelists. Quite a bit of missionary work was done under the leadership of Mrs. Ida B. Garcia, president of the Ruth Mite Missionary Society; Mrs. Maggie Smith and Mrs. Susie Yelverton, presidents respectively of the "A" and "B" stewardesses's boards and Evangelist Martha E. Hill. (See Official Board under "New Jersey".)

JOHN STREET CHURCH in New York was the first church built by the Methodists in the United States. It was built in 1768 and dedicated October 30, 1768. Philip Embry, Barbara Heck, the pioneer Methodists of New York, were the prime movers, and very probably the colored people associated with them, not only contributed, but with their own hands helped to build this first Methodist structure in America.

JOURNALISM IN AME CHURCH. Beside the general official organs of the AME Church there are many district and local organs. Among them: TEXAS METHODIST, 410 N. Richter St., San Antonio, Texas, Rev. Prince F. Jackson, editor and manager, Mrs. P. F. Jackson, assistant manager; FLORIDA AFRICAN METHODIST, monthly by Edward Waters College, Dr. M. Pete Chappelle, managing editor; Rev. John Carey, Advertising and circulation manager; Bishop H. Y. Tookes, Chairman of the Board. THE GOAL, official organ of the Thirteenth Episcopal District, published quarterly, Box 8, Wilberforce, Ohio, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., editor in chief; Rev. F. D. Coleman, Sr., GEORGIA AFRICAN METHODIST, monthly, at Morris Brown College; Rev. W. R. Wilkes, editor in chief, R. H. Porter, associate editor; S. H. Rome, business manager-treasurer; H. C. Carswell, advertising manager; A. L. Brewster, state agent; Bishop W. A. Fountain, supervisor; Rev. W. A. Fountain, Jr., assistant supervisor.

JUNIOR CHURCH is an organization of the young people of a given charge to perform functions similar to those of a regular church, under the direction of the senior church. It is to adapt its worship to the needs of youth, and to furnish a training opportunity for youth. The movement for a Junior Church is growing in large cities, and are in operation in Quinn Chapel, Louisville, Ky.; Bethel, New Orleans; Bethel, Chicago; Allen Chapel, Atlanta; First AME, Los Angeles, California, etc.

JUDICIAL PROCEDURE. See Trials, Discipline.

JUSTIFICATION IS BY FAITH. The burden of Martin Luther's preaching was "The just shall live by faith", which was the doctrine of St. Paul, especially set forth in the letter to the Galatians. Justification is the work of God, who by His own mercy, because of the atoning blood of Jesus Christ and without any desert on the part of sinful men, accepts man's faith instead of works, as the reason for justification.

KANSAS CONFERENCE, THE, held its first annual session at Fort Scott, Kansas, October 4, 1876. Bishop J. A. Shorter, presiding and Rev. T. W. Henderson, chief secretary. It included the whole of the states of Kansas and Nebraska. Since that time five (5) of the northeastern counties have been taken from Kansas and the state of Nebraska to form the Nebraska Conference. There are 4000 members of the AME Church, in this conference; 65 names are on the Conference roll. Among the notables of our church who once served as members of this conference are: Bishops J. C. Embry, H. B. Parks, W. T. Vernon, and J. A. Gregg; also, Drs. B. F. Watson, J. H. Wilson and Phil Hubbard. Western University, at Quindaro, when organized and until Wyandotte county was put in the Nebraska conference, was within the confines of this conference; as was also Douglass Hospital, the only hospital owned by the AME Church; 107 ministers have served in this conference and passed to their eternal reward; 11 bishops have presided: Bishops J. A. Shorter, T. M. D. Ward, J. M. Brown, J. A. Handy, B. T. Tanner, C. T. Shaffer, A. Grant, H. B. Parks, A. J. Carey, J. A. Gregg and Noah W. Williams. This conference contributes over $3500.00, dollar money; $1500, educational; and $911.73 missionary annually. The value of the Church property of this conference is $390,205.75

The dates, places, presiding bishops and secretaries of the Kansas Conference since 1876 are as follows. The sessions from 1876 to 1889 (excepting 1881, 1882, 1885, 1886 and 1888), from 1930 to date, except 1942 were held in October; those from 1890 to 1929 (except 1893 and 1895) were held in September.

Date of Session	Place in Kansas	Presiding Bishop	Secretary
1876	Ft. Scott	J. A. Shorter	T. W. Henderson
1877	Wyandotte	J. A. Shorter	T. W. Henderson
1878	Lawrence	J. A. Shorter	B. F. Watson
1879	Leavenworth	J. A. Shorter	B. F. Watson
1880	Atchison	T. M. D. Ward	J. C. Embry
1881	Ottawa	T. M. D. Ward	J. H. Hubbard
1882	St. Joseph	T. M. D. Ward	J. H. Hubbard
1883	Denver	T. M. D. Ward	B. F. Watson
1884	Omaha	J. M. Brown	J. H. Hubbard
1885	Wyandotte	J. M. Brown	J. H. Hubbard
1886	Lincoln	J. M. Brown	J. H. Hubbard
1887	Omaha	J. M. Brown	J. H. Turner
1888	Leavenworth	T. M. D. Ward	B. F. Watson
1889	Lawrence	T. M. D. Ward	J. W. Braxton
1890	Wichita	T. M. D. Ward	J. W. Braxton
1891	Ft. Scott	T. M. D. Ward	B. R. Guy
1892	Atchison	J. A. Handy	B. R. Guy
1893	Kansas City	J. A. Handy	B. R. Guy
1894	Parsons	J. A. Handy	B. R. Guy
1895	Omaha	J. A. Handy	B. R. Guy
1896	Topeka	B. T. Tanner	B. R. Guy
1897	Leavenworth	B. T. Tanner	B. R. Guy
1898	Lawrence	B. T. Tanner	B. R. Guy
1899	Omaha	B. T. Tanner	B. R. Guy
1900	Ft. Scott	C. T. Shaffer	B. R. Guy
1901	Atchison	C. T. Shaffer	B. R. Guy
1903	Topeka	C. T. Shaffer	W. B. Brooks
1904	Omaha	A. Grant	B. R. Guy
1905	Kansas City	A. Grant	B. R. Guy
1906	Hutchinson	A. Grant	B. R. Guy
1907	Parsons	A. Grant	B. R. Guy
1908	Topeka	A. Grant	J. L. Craw
1909	Leavenworth	A. Grant, B. F. Lee	J. L. Craw
1910	Ft. Scott	A. Grant	J. L. Craw
1911	Kansas City	H. B. Parks	J. L. Craw
1912	Lawrence	H. B. Parks	C. A. Williams
1913	Omaha	H. B. Parks	C. A. Williams
1914	Atchison	H. B. Parks	C. A. Williams
1915	Kansas City	H. B. Parks	C. A. Williams
1916	Wichita	H. B. Parks	C. A. Williams
1917	Coffeyville	H. B. Parks	R. C. Henderson
1918	Omaha	H. B. Parks	R. C. Henderson
1919	Kansas City	H. B. Parks	R. C. Henderson
1920	Parsons	H. B. Parks	R. C. Henderson
1921	Topeka	H. B. Parks	R. C. Henderson
1922	Lawrence	H. B. Parks	R. C. Henderson
1923	Wichita	H. B. Parks	R. C. Henderson
1924	Coffeyville	A. J. Carey	R. C. Henderson
1925	Emporia	A. J. Carey	T. W. Greene, Jr.
1926	Hutchison	A. J. Carey	L. H. Owens
1927	Topeka	A. J. Carey	L. H. Owens
1928	Ottawa	J. A. Gregg	L. H. Owens
1929	Parsons	J. A. Gregg	O. H. Burbridge
1930	Lawrence	J. A. Gregg	E. J. Eatmon
1931	Topeka	J. A. Gregg	E. J. Eatmon
1932	Wichita	J. A. Gregg	E. J. Eatmon
1933	Omaha	J. A. Gregg	T. J. Burwell
1934	Topeka	J. A. Gregg	T. J. Burwell
1935	Topeka	J. A. Gregg	H. M. Davis
1936	Hutchinson	N. W. Williams	H. M. Davis
1937	Emporia	N. W. Williams	L. R. Hayes
1938	Ft. Scott	N. W. Williams	L. R. Hayes
1939	Topeka	N. W. Williams	P. A. E. Sneed
1940	Lawrence	N. W. Williams	P. A. E. Sneed
1941	Hutchinson	N. W. Williams	P. A. E. Sneed
1942	Wichita	N. W. Williams	J. S. Daniels

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS. There are 5 churches in this city where the general conference is scheduled to be held in 1948, as follows: First AME Church, 8th and Nebraska Ave., Kansas City, Kansas, Rev. S. H. Lewis, pastor, founded in 1859; membership 1,382; raised last conference year, $14,881.93, value of property.

Trinity AME Church, 5th and Greeley Ave., Kansas City, Kansas, Rev. S. M. Pointer, pastor, founded in 1906; membership, 810; raised last conference year, $5,853.56.

Allen Chapel AME Church, 28th and Buckley Ave., Rev. Paul Kidd, pastor, Quindaro, Kansas.

St. Luke AME Church, 12th and Ann, Kansas City, Kansas, Rev. Charles Randall, pastor.

St. Paul AME Church, 4th and Minnie, Rosedale, Kansas, Rev. S. J. Holly, pastor, founded 1887; raised last conference year, $3,000; membership, 77.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. There are 10 AME Churches in this city as follows: Allen Chapel AME Church, 10th and Charlotte Streets, Rev. T. J. Burwell, pastor, founded 1868; raised last conference year, $14,000; membership 600.

Bethel AME Church, 24th and Flora Ave., Rev. H. Francis McClure, pastor, Kansas City, Mo., founded 1912; raised last conference year, $2,250; membership, 1,071.

Cain Memorial AME Church, 595 Tracy Ave., Rev. H. C. Cummings, pastor, Kansas City, Mo., founded 1918; raised last conference year, $9,000; membership, 376.

Ebenezer AME Church, 16th and Lydia Ave., Rev. Carl F. Flipper, pastor, Kansas City, Mo., founded 1884; raised last conference year, $10,889.38; membership, 1,536.

Gilbert Memorial AME Church, Rev. William Jacks, pastor, 5115 E. 36th Terrace, Kansas City, Mo., founded 1920; raised last conference year, $3,000; membership 109.

Gregg Tabernacle AME Church, 118 Woodland Avenue, Rev. A. Phillips, pastor, Kansas City, Mo., founded 1931; raised last conference year, $9,000; membership, 650.

St. Luke AME Church, Rev. L. P. Parker, pastor, 4260 Roanoke Road, Kansas City, Mo., founded 1882; raised last conference year, $4,000; membership, 126.

St. John AME Church, Rev. William Jackson, pastor, 1751 Belleview, Kansas City, Mo., founded 1870; raised last conference year, $3,000; membership, 78.

Ward Chapel AME Church, Rev. C. A. Williams, pastor, 22nd and Prospect Ave., Kansas City, Mo., founded 1904; raised last conference year, $10,000; membership, 650.

Willis Chapel AME Church, Rev. Chester L. Young, pastor, 5335 Bellefontaine, Kansas City, Mo., founded in 1916; raised last conference year, $3,500; membership, 101.

The general conference of 1912 was held in Allen Chapel this city, in 1912.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE MINISTERS' WIVES' ALLIANCE was organized at Richmond, Kentucky in 1944, under the supervision of Bishop and Mrs. R. R. Wright, Jr., with Mrs. Anna B. Lynem, elected as first president. The main purpose of the Alliance was to create a closer fellowship of the Wives of the Conference, a better relationship through service, to help in promoting the church work in general and to spread the spirit of goodwill. Program-objectives are: Superannuates, Widows, Ministers' child Education and Encouragement of Art and Skills. This has been carried out over the years by holding Annual Separate Conventions, Extending Christmas cheer to the Superannuated Ministers of the Conference, distributing Christian literature during the Lenten season and Annual Art Exhibit. Charter members are Mesdames: C. C. Wright, Advisor; Anna B. Lynem, president; J. L. Madison, vice president; R. S. Chavers, secretary; Margaret Buchanan, treasurer; M. C. Mosely, assistant secretary; R. L. Allen, Frozene White, O. H. Huggins, M. E. Wilson, N. H. Hardrick, R. H. Walker, and L. L. Threats. Also organized as an auxiliary was the Ministers' Daughters Alliance, Mrs. E. C. Underwood, was elected the first president. In 1947, the limit on all offices expired. The Ministers Wives Alliance is now being ably led by Mrs. Jesse Boyd, who was formerly president of the West Kentucky Conference Ministers' Wives' Alliance.

By A. B. LYNEM.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE, THE WEST, was separated from the Kentucky Conference and organized in 1880 at Richmond, Ky., under Bishop J. P. Campbell; and the first conference was held at Paducah, Ky., 1881. It has grown from a small organization to be the rival of the mother

Kentucky Conference Ministers' Wives Association
Reading from left to right: Alice Hendricks, (daughter); Mesdames M. C. Mosley, Anna B. Lynem, J. L. Madison, C. C. Wright, Myrtle B. Wheat (daughter); Second row: Mesdames M. C. Hendrieth, R. L. Allen, Jesse Boyd, Nancy Buchanan, J. T. Gaddie, Ellen Smith, Price Mitchell, Grace W. Kyle, L. L. Threats; Third row: Mesdames A. M. Brewer, Mabel Hill, Edith White.

Conference. There are over 50 members, not including laymen. Bishops who have served are: Bishops Campbell, Turner, Wayman, Salter, Tanner, Shaffer, Lee, Coppin, Carey, Ransom, Davis, Tookes and R. R. Wright, Jr. We have had great and good presiding elders, such as G. H. Burks, T. A. Thompson, P. A. Nichols, J. M. Turner, S. R. Reid, J. W. Hall, G. W. Robinson, J H. Abel, J. A. Hill, H. Knox, B. M. Hughes, A. W. Jackson, L. A. Haynes, J. H. Massie, J. B. Dove and W. K. Marshall. Here are some of the pastors: Jessie Asbury, L. Hamilton, A. J. Tolbert, G. H. Burks, W. M. Ward, Andrew Jackson, L. H. Beatty, H. E. McClellan, H. H. Holman, J. W. Whiteside, G. W. Goods, G. W. Alcorn, E. Owens, A. H. Turner, J. H. Pursely, T. J. Young, P. D. Dopson, E. W. Williams, A. A. Hill, J. T. Holt, J. J. Jacobs, A. J. Dodd, J. C. Anderson, E. A. Clarke, D. A. Howard, C C. Caldwell, R. C. Henderson, R. C. Ransom, Jr., F. M. Reid, (now bishop), and many others. We may name the present active ministry of the West Kentucky Conference: G. H. Jenkins, E. L. Hickman, R. G. Taylor, J. T. Denthan, H. Smith, C. A. Liggins, E. Russell, A. C. Butler, Jesse Boyd, M. R. Bryant, (deceased), R. C. Carthorn, E. Jones, J. N. Orr, W. H. Joiner, B. F. Buchanan, R. H. Reid, J. L. Carter, J. O. Tolbert, G. R. Hines, C. M. Robinson, E. E. Gipson, L. Q. Taylor, J. Logan, J. Howard. Some great laymen and missionaries who have built up our Zion: Alice D. Ruckers, Rosa Means, and Etta Graham; Mesdames: Sarah Laird, M. Walker, Laura Jackson, Elnora Walker, S. Smith, M. B. Abel, L. A. Haynes, M. Harshaw, Zula Rucker, Mary Frizzell, M. B. Hughes, W. R. Cross, G. H. Jenkins, Martha Webster, W. K. Marshall, M. B. Merryweathers, and Mrs. Joiner. Among the brethren in Louisville: Brothers Blaine Hall, U. S. Broomfield, James Harshaw, J. H. Smith, W. C. Buford, O. C. Hall, and many others. All these Christian workers have made this grand old Kentucky conference what it is. We who are now in charge mean to perpetuate this heritage. We have about 3900 communicants in the conference. This conference once had a great school (viz) Wayman Institute. Bishop Coppin sold it in 1919 for $2000, placing $1,000 in West Kentucky Conference and $1,000 in Kentucky Conference as an endowment fund to educate young preacher. Many ministers went to Wilberforce on the interest of it. In 1926 we loaned this money to Turner College on the request of Bishop Ransom, and in 1928 they abolished Turner College and sold it for $9,000 and fooled it all away but $1,000 in 1939. When Bishop Wright came in 1940 only $1,000 was left. Bishop Wright ruled that this $1000 belonged to the whole 13th district, and suggested that the $1,000 be turned over to Wilberforce University, with the understanding that Wilberforce University should give a $50 scholarship one year to a student from Tennesee and the next year $50 to a student from Kentucky, and so on alternating each year between the two states, as long as the University is in existence, after which the $1000 will revert to Kentucky and Tennessee Conferences. Each of the five conferences voted to thus invest the $1000, and Wilberforce University trustees accepted the same in 1942. During the 8 years Bishop Wright has served Kentucky and has doubled the finances, increased the membership, built new churches, brought peace and harmony, entertained the Women's Missionary Quadrennial Convention in 1943, and the Bishops' Council in 1947.

By A. W. JACKSON.

KITTRELL COLLEGE, Kittrell, N. C., 8 miles south of Henderson and 37 miles north of Raleigh at what was called "Kittrell Springs", was established February 7, 1886, and incorporated by the legislature of North Carolina, March 7, 1887. The North Carolina Conference, presided over by Bishop Dickerson, at its session in 1885, had authorized the establishment of the school, and purchase of property, some 60 acres with two streams flowing through it. Leading spirit was Rev. R. H. W. Leak, and associated with him were Revs. George D. Jimmerson, J. E. C. Barham, George Hunter, W. D. Cook, W. H. Giles, F. F. Giles, Henry Eppes, Cornelius Sampson, W. H. Bishop, R. Lucas, J. G. Fry. The first teachers were: Professor B. B. Goins (principal), Mrs. M. A. Goins (matron), and Professor J. R. Hawkins (business manager). In 1888 the Virginia Conference agreed to aid Kittrell. The following have served as principals or presidents since Professor Goins (1886-1889); J. R. Hawkins, 1889-1896; C. G. O'Kelly, 1896-1898; J. S. Williams, 1898-1900; J. R. Hawkins, 1900-1901; J. L. Wheeler, 1901-1908; W. H. Giles, 1908; D. J. Jordan, 1908-1912; C. G. O'Kelly, 1912-1917; G. A. Edwards, 1917-1928; D. K. Cherry, 1928-1932; C. E. Steward, 1932-1934; 1934-1937 (School closed); E. F. G. Dent, since 1937, The first trustees were Bishop H. M. Turner, W. D. Cook, G. W. Hunter, R. B. Fitzgerald, James W. Telfair, N. L. Jeffreys, J. E. C. Barham, Jordan Nixon, W. H. Giles, J. S. Carr, H. H. Hall, Stewart Ellison, J. E. Sampson, Jno. W. O. Daniels, Lafayette Harris, John Copenning, W. C. Cole-Man, Anderson Edwell, Wadkins Roberts, G. F. Bowers, B. B. Goins, Charles D. Winstead, Alfred Jones, W. T. Blackwell, W. Duke, C. W. Blacknall, T. B. Keogh, G. A. Gunthrie, John O. Kelly, G. W. Rogers, C. W. Raney, R. H. W. Leak. It is a co-educational; has the college, theological, and economical departments, and the high school, There are eleven buildings on the immediate campus aside from the Kittrell College houses in the community. There are 364 acres of farm and campus. Student labor is encouraged, and religious services required.

LAMPTON COLLEGE, Alexandria, La., is no longer operated. It was the outgrowth of a school started at Delhi, La., in 1890, by Bishop Abraham Grant, Revs. J. Joins, J. W. Rankin, P. W. Williams and J. H. Martin, Handy Walton and L. H. Harris. The first teacher at Delhi was Professor Willaim Jennifer. There was one building and 20 acres of land. In 1907 this building was destroyed by fire and the school was practically abandoned. With the coming of Bishop Lampton the school was revived at Alexandria and called Lampton College. Professor P. W. Rogers was made president. Bishop Conner, from 1912 to 1916, erected two frame buildings. The presidents have been Revs. P. W. Rogers, J. G. Monroe, M. M. Ponton, S. L. Greene and J. R. Campbell. It was later discontinued and merged with Campbell College, Jackson, Miss. There were at one time 210 students and 7 teachers.

LANCASTER, PENNA., BETHEL AME CHURCH, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was founded in 1817. A frame building housed the congregation for a number of years, It was destroyed by fire. For several years the congregation worshipped in the GUOOF Hall at 525 Chester Street. In 1876, the edifice was rebuilt, a brick structure which remains standing now. It has been pastored by some of our outstanding prelates. From the year of its organization, it is 126 years old. The present building is 67 years old. Rev, E. S. Dennis is its present pastor, appointed to this church by the Rt. Rev. D. H. Sims, then Presiding Bishop of the First Episcopal District, at the Annual Conference at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on May 15, 1938, Rev. Dennis is serving his sixth year, which breaks the record of all former pastors. Official Staff: Stewards: Albert Wilson, Hezekiah Snow, Abraham L. Polite, Eugene Dunson, William Winston, William Brown, William Gantt, Roy Carter, James Epps. Trustees: Abraham L. Polite, Samuel Craig, Robert Dennison, John Dingle, Harry Winslow, Mary Woods, Lee Raysor, Percival Steward, William Handy. Senior Stewardess: Blanche Polite, President; Sara Stewart, Secretary; Mary Craig, Treasurer; Effie Bancom, Ella Williams, Maggie Craig, Adline Clark, Charlotte Stewart, Lillie Doughty. Junior Stewardess: Viola Carter, President; Josephine Snow, Secretary; Lula Winslow, Treasurer; Charity Winston, Ruth Clark, Lillie Carr, Myra Wilson, Blanche Waters, Mae Burnside, Sophia Dennison, Mary Woods, Bessie Brodie, Florence Epps.

LAW SUIT, ASBURY AME CHURCH, LOUISVILLE, is historic in that it was established better than one hundred years ago in what was the ME Church by certain white people who wanted to build a meeting house for people of the African race, and placed as pastor thereof one Rev.

Harper, who, when he felt like he had the people well in his grasp, bolted the Methodist Episcopal Church and joined the African Methodist Episcopal Church together with the congregation. This was in 1843 at an annual conference held in Madison, Indiana. A suit was brought by the white people against Harper and the seceding congregation, and Mr. Harper prevailed in his court fight on the grounds that the church was purchased on money solicited to establish a church for the benefit of the African race.

He was not long in the African Methodist Episcopal Church until he was removed and sent to New Orleans, and another pastor sent in his stead by the name of Strauss to pastor the Asbury AME Church, which he, after he went to New Orleans, because of some infraction of the law of the church, was taken down as a pastor and expelled from the church. He then came back to Louisville, and he got with some of the members of the Asbury Chapel AME Church that he had succeeded in pulling from the white church and attempted to set up an independent church. Not being successful, he plunged Asbury into a law suit, naming himself as plaintiff and Strauss as defendant. The suit was long, tiresome and expensive, but finally the court held title to the property to be in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and Harper went down in shame.

The suit was in 1853, and the court's opinion, written by Judge Marshall in the State of Kentucky and found in 14-B Monroe at Page 39 in The Court of Appeals, is known as Harper vs Strauss, and in that suit together with the many other suits brought by individuals against the church, the courts have held that the Discipline of the AME Church is the supreme law of the Church, and properties have to be conveyed in accordance with the rules laid down in the Discipline, and where it is done out of harmony with the Discipline, such conveyances are void. Asbury Church moved on smoothly and progressed, having been located at the time of the first suit at what is known as Fourth and Liberty Streets, which property was sold to the Masons, and they bought then on the corner of Ninth and Walnut Streets. On January 5, 1939, the property at Ninth and Walnut Streets was sold to the government, for about $9000. Under the pastor, Rev. W. E. Spillman, they purchased the St. James AME Church, at Eighteenth and Chestnut Streets. The two churches were merged and Rev. Spillman made the pastor. He, at the time the deed was being made, caused it to be made to certain individuals, as trustees, that were his friends, and who had apparently had in mind that they would some day, with their pastor, take the church for themselves. In 1941, Rev. Spillman, who was above 70 years of age, was moved to Young's Chapel, but refused to go. Rev. Peter G. Crawford was appointed pastor of Asbury. The trustees and officers of Asbury tried to prevail with the Bishop to change his appointment and leave Rev. Spillman there, which the Bishop refused to do, and upon his refusal the trustees, at the instigation of Rev. Spillman, padlocked the church and put a sign thereon "No Trespassing". When Rev. Crawford went to the church on Sunday morning to hold services, he saw this sign posted on the door of the padlocked church. On the advice of attorneys, he and Presiding Elder A. W. Jackson tore the lock from the door and entered and had services.

On the following day, an injunction was asked in the Circuit Court against Rev. Spillman and his followers interfering with the Rev. Crawford conducting services in the church. Rev. Spillman and his officers immediately obtained lawyers and filed a counter-suit, asking for a restraint against Rev. Crawford interfering with them. The injunction was granted to Rev. Crawford, and he went on preaching. A few days afterward the Spillman crowd dismissed the attorney, and hired another who advised secession from the church and setting up an independent church, and to convey the property by deed to the new church so set up, and then starting criminal action against Revs. Jackson and Crawford for trespassing and perjury in signing the papers that they had signed in defense of the case. Three suits were finally merged and tried as one. Much testimony was taken, some to the effect that Rev. Spillman had seceded from the church, and that his officers did not regard the Discipline of the Church, stating that they did not have to abide by it, and that it was no more than a dirty dish-rag or a ladies' birthday almanac to them. The fight was again long, hard and expensive, and many hearings were had before the Commissioner reported and recommended to the Judge. Arguments were had between attorneys for and against the confirmation of the Commissioner's report, which the court took under submission, holding the same for more than a year without rendering a decision. The Commissioner found and recommended the following:

1. That the deed dated January 5, 1939, and of record in Jefferson County Clerk's Office, in Deed Book 1679, Page 80, conveyed title to the Trustees, not individually but in a fiduciary capacity as Trustees or agents of the Corporation, African Methodist Episcopal Church.
2. That the two deeds mentioned Defendants' amended petition, filed in case No. 271,827, one of which is recorded in Deed Book 1807, Page 459, be canceled and held for naught, and that they pass no title to the grantees therein, and that J. J. Clay, C. C. LaMaster, John Parks, Marion Stokes, Henry Rowen, Percy Mays, J. S. Harshaw and J. H. Marbry had no right or authority to make the aforementioned deeds.
3. The Commissioner finds that the Discipline of the Corporation, African Methodist Episcopal Church, is the supreme law of the Church and governs the transfer of the real property of the Asbury African Methodist Episcopal Church.
4. The Commissioner has heard proof on the issues raised in the pleadings and has found the law and facts relating thereto.

The Court in its opinion had the following to say immediately thereafter, upon which objections were offered by Rev. Spillman and his officials through their attorney to the court:

No. 271,811 Jefferson Circuit Court
No. 271,827 Chancery Branch
No. 272,301 Second Division
Peter G. Crawford, et al Plaintiffs
vs
J. J. Clay Defendants

OPINION

"This action is submitted on exceptions to a comprehensive Report of Commissioner herein in three consolidated actions. It is another of the great number of unfortunate cases in civil courts arising out of discord in the congregation of churches. When the peoples of the entire civilized world are at war and when all are praying for peace, it is indeed regretable that the parties hereto should be embroiled in a bitter strife. One of the major freedoms for which we are fighting and for which the sacrifices are being made is the right to worship God in accordance with the dictates of one's own conscience.

These parties should be at peace and closely united. They are all of the colored race; they are all American citizens; they are all Christians; they are all Protestants; they are all of the same religious denomination; followers of Methodism as established by John Wesley in England; their very church is named after Bishop Asbury, one of the founders of the denomination, selected by John Wesley himself.

This church has an illustrious local history, as set out in the evidence; in the Commissioner's report; and in Harper vs. Strauss, 14 B. Mon. 30, in the opinion written by Judge Marshall in 1853.

The Methodists comprise one of the great religious denominations of the world. In the United States the vast majority are in a general organization known as the Methodist Episcopal Church. The general set up may be entitled to some general or judical knowledge. There are interesting figures in the Encyclopaedia Britannica, As the Negro Methodists, they are organized very largely along the lines of the white Methodists. By far the largest and most important group is the African Methodist Episcopal Church (there apparently are a very few independent Negro Methodist Churches). In the Encyclopaedia there is a striking statement, "The African Methodist Episcopal Church is the largest Christian denomination, concisting wholly of the Negro race", and organized in Philadelphia in 1816.

In the entire organization of Methodists they have chosen to use the word, "Episcopal", derived from Episcopus, meaning Bishop, indicating the subordination of the churches in various areas to bishops in these particular areas placed and comprehensive rules or regulations embodied in the book called Discipline.

Just as in the white organization, the African Methodist Episcopal Church is controlled as to its belief, manner of worship, organization not only of laymen but of the clergy, assignment of preachers to particular churches and even to the property of the individual church, both real and personal. The entire government of the church is under the control of certain church legislative bodies known as Conferences. Under the Discipline the church real estate cannot be sold without the consent of a Conference. This feature is, at the outset, of grave importance here. Obviously the power of the Conference to withhold consent to the sale of a particular church is destroyed if the particular church could sell at its pleasure by simply withdrawing from the Conference.

I think the question here is solely whether or not the local church known as Asbury Chapel is subject to the Discipline of the general organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Commissioner so stated in his report. It undertook to withdraw from the Conference by resolution of its members. The trouble arose when Reverend Spillman, the local minister, for years, under whom apparently the congregation had prospered and to whom many of its members were extremely loyal, was assigned elsewhere by the Bishop and the Rev. Crawford was assigned to the pastorate in his stead. Rev. Crawford was not acceptable to those persons who were loyal to Rev. Spillman. Under the discipline of the Church it was the duty of the congregation to accept the appointee of the Bishop. Serious trouble was threatened in October, 1941. The Crawford faction filed a suit seeking to enjoin the Spillman faction from interfering with his duty as the minister assigned by the Bishop. On the followng day, the Spillman faction filed a similar suit seeking to enjoin the Crawford faction from interference. On November 5th, the Crawford faction was granted a temporary injunction, the cases having been consolidated. Within three weeks, and while the injunction was in effect, the Spillman faction took the matter in their own hands; passed a resolution withdrawing from the Conference and conveyed the church property to themselves.

I do not feel that this conveyance pendante lite strengthened the position of the Spillman faction. Certain of its members held the title as Trustees of Asbury Chapel, African Methodist Episcopal Church. They conveyed the title to themselves (with some additions) as Trustees of Asbury Chapel, Methodist Church, 18th and Chestnut Streets, Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky. The Spillman faction takes the position that is has a record title to the property in fee simple. The serious question could not be so simply resolved—the conveyance being made without the consent of the Conference. The deed under which this church took title shows on its face that they took title as Trustees of Asbury Chapel, African Methodist Episcopal Church of Louisville, Kentucky. The recording of this deed was notice to the world as to the nature of the title of the trustees. The same trustees obviously knew the nature of their title. While acting as such trustees, so holding, they undertook to convey to themselves, as trustees of Asbury Chapel, Methodist Church, 18th and Chestnut Streets, Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky, merely leaving out the words, "African" and "Episcopal" and adding "18th and Chestnut Streets" and "Jefferson County". They were, of course, attempting to convey title which they held subject to the Discipline of the general organization under an established name for more than a hundred years (in violation of the Discipline controlling them as trustees) to create an independent church. For generations this church had used the name of the general organization; had been a part thereof; had sent delegates to its conferences; and at all times subject to and abiding by the Church Discipline, even accepting financial benefits from the general organization.

The Discipline recognizes that local trustees may hold title to local property and I think it clear that the title to the property involved here is in the successor or present trustees of Asbury Chapel, African Methodist Episcopal Church of Louisville, Kentucky, under the Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

I have carefully read all the pleadings and evidence and all the briefs, as well as the Kentucky cases cited. I agree with the conclusions and recommendations of the Commissioner, who has done a laborious job well. I have taken a great deal of time and with the hope that these factions composed of earnest, perhaps too earnest, Christian men and women might come to the realization that this ancient church might be permitted to continue in the cause for whch it was dedicated and in accordance with the prayers of those who have worshipped in Asbury Chapel.

There is food for thought in Judge Logan's opinion in the concluding part of the Baptist case of Thomas vs. Lewis, 224 Ky. 321, if all believe in the efficiency of prayer and the value of sacrifice and in the first and great commandment to love thy neighbor as thyself, this divided congregation should unite and rally for a stand against the common enemy of Christianity. The future of this church is not dependent upon the prayer and the pleadings or the judgment of courts. It lies within the hearts of these parties themselves.

The Exceptions to the Commissioner's Report herein are overruled; the report is confirmed and counsel will prepare a judgment in accordance with the recommendations of the Commissioner.

JUDGE GILBERT BURNETT
Judge

1944: April 11.
Mr. Louis C. Taylor, Attorney for Plaintiffs,
Peter G. Crawford, et al.
Mr. Joseph Cambron, Atty. for Defendants, J. J. Clay, et al.
Mr. Dorsey W. Brown, Atty. for intervening petitioners,
Board of Incorporators.

The objections were forthwith overruled, and the decree was filed, which is as follows:

At a court held on the 11th day of April, 1944:

This action having been heard and submitted on the pleadings and evidence and exhibits filed, and this court being sufficiently advised, it is adjudged that:

That the deed dated January 5, 1939, conveying the following described property:

BEGINNING at the Northwest Corner of 18th and Chestnut Streets; running thence Northwardly along the West side of 18th Street, 81 feet, and extending back Westwardly of that same width throughout, the South line binding on the North line of Chestnut Street, 120 feet to an alley; being the same property conveyed to St. James African Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation, by deed dated November 20, 1928, and recorded in Deed Book 1362, Page 574, in the office of the Clerk of the County Court same property conveyed to parties of the first part by deed dated the 5th day of January, 1939, and recorded in Deed Book 1697, Page 80, in the office aforesaid.

to J. J. Clay, C. C. LaMaster, John Parks, Garfield Turner, Marion Stokes and James Levels, Trustees of the Asbury Chapel, African Methodist Episcopal Church of Louisville, Kentucky and recorded in Jefferson County Clerk's office in Deed Book 1679, Page 80, conveyed title to the Trustees, not individually, but in a fiduciary capacity as Trustees or agents of this corporation—African Methodist Episcopal Church, in whom the title to the hereinabove described property is hereby quieted.

That the two (2) deeds mentioned in defendant's Amended Petition filed in case No. 271,827 in Jefferson Circuit Court, one of which is recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Jefferson County, Kentucky in Deed Book 1807 at Page 459 be and is hereby cancelled and held for naught, and that they nor either of them pass no title to the defendants named therein, and that J. J. Clay, C. C. LaMaster, John Parks, Marion Stokes, Henry Rowan, Percy Mayes, J. S. Harshaw, and J. H. Marbry had no right or authority to make the aforementioned deeds and that same was not made according to the Discipline of The African Methodist Episcopal Church, which it is adjudged and decreed by this court is the supreme law of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and governs the transfer of the real property of Asbury African Methodist Episcopal Church.

It is further adjudged and decreed by this court that the plaintiffs herein have judgment against the defendants for the cost expended in this cause for which execution may issue.

JUDGE GILBERT BURNETT
Judge

ENTERED April 19, 1944.

LAW SUITS, TAYLOR, CHARLES H. vs NEW YORK CONFERENCE. Charles H. Taylor had sued Bishop Sims for an accounting of the funds for the New York Conference. Bishop Sims paid Taylor $5700.00 to drop the suit and contracted to make him a missionary of the New York Conference for four years at $100.00 per month. Taylor served the conference for this money and attempted to present the contract of Bishop Sims in the effort to get the money. The attorney for the conference claimed that the New York Conference was not bound by the contract of Bishop Sims in the effort to get the money. The attorney for the conference claimed that the New York Conference was not bound by the contract because it did not authorize Bishop Sims to make it and after it was made did not ratify it. Case was heard in the Supreme Court of New York, County of Kings, Trial term Part IV in Brooklyn, December 3, 1947 before Honorable Frank E. Johnson, Justice. Appearances: Caruso, Bennett and Caruso, Esqrs. (By A. Thomas Caruso, Esq., of Counsel) Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Pokorny, Schrenzel & Pokorny, Esqrs. (By Charles Pokorony, Esq., Of Counsel) Attorneys for Defendant, New York Annual Conference. (Other defendants not served).

The case was short. Only Taylor and the attorney who drew up the contract was on the stand. Judge Johnson rendered the following decision.

"ORAL DECISION OF MR. JUSTICE FRANK E. JOHNSON

"THE COURT: The reason the motion to dismiss the complaint is being granted is not one of discretion but purely a legal ground and reason. The Corporation which is present in Court today as the only defendant is a religious corporation organized under the laws of this State, and for the protection of its funds there are laws in New York limiting the power of officers.

When people are interested in a business corporation the law allows them to look out for themselves because they are risking their money and they might as well watch it, but they are members of a religious corporation the money has come from so many people who are to be protected that the law does not let the officers of the religious corporation do as they please with it. It doesn't even allow those officers as much freedom as officers in a business corporation, because money contributed to a religious corporation is a different kind of money, has a sacred character, and is to be protected much more than money that is just mixed up in a profit seeking business.

Therefore the officers of a religious corporation have to be sure that there is authority for what they do before it will be worth doing. They can sign all the papers they want to but if they don't have the authority to sign them they are just wasting their time.

This particular corporation had as its head a Bishop who was just as well subject to those rules of law as any other officer, and he had just as little power to do as he pleased as any other officer of a religious corporation. In fact you might say he had no power to do as he pleased, but only the power to do the things that are allowed to him by the laws of this State and the particular rules and regulations of the religious corporation itself.

This Conference evidently did, for its own guidance and the guidance of its officers, fixed in black and white what the officers could do and what they could not do. It turns out that what the Bishop could do is not half as important as you might think it would be, and the things he could not do are the things that you might well expect he might be able to do.

Anybody who makes a contract with a Bishop under those circumstances must be sure the Bishop has the power to do what he is doing so far as the Conference is concerned. In this particular case the Bishop made the kind of contract that no Bishop has the power to make so the Conference will be bound. The Bishop's powers came out of the Conference; they were not created by himself. The Conference gave him the power to act and they limited him as they had the right to do and, although he may have been created a Bishop by some other body, that body could not give him power to use the money of the New York Conference differently from the way the New York Conference wanted it used.

The way the New York Conference wanted the money used was set forth in their rules. The Bishop had to bow to those rules and if he didn't he wasn't able to do anything that was effective. In this case he refused to bow to rules and tried to make an arrangement that would bind the Conference, but he did so in a direction in which he had no power, and there isn't anything in their rules or By-laws or regulations taht could possibly be read to give him the power to make this kind of an arrangement.

The Bishop was in effect giving away, without any consent of the Conference, much of their money to somebody with whom they were having a lawsuit. He never asked the Conference in advance whether he should do it or could do it, and there is nothing in the minutes of the spring Conference of 1944 to indicate that they ever knew how far he went in this agreement, nor is there any reference to them having seen a copy of the agreement. Therefore, there isn't anything that can be found that indicates that the Conference either authorized it in advance or ratified it afterwards.

On the face of it, it is the kind of an agreement that in this State cannot be made by a Bishop of that particular Church so that it can bind the Conference. It was outside of his power and therefore, no matter what the plaintiff may have thought he was getting, he wasn't getting anything except a lot of typewriting.

That paper as a legal proposition in New York today wasn't worth the trouble it took to prepare it. Any lawyer who drew it up ought to have known that. Any lawyer who got paid for drawing it up ought to return the money.

Motion to dismiss granted, with exception to the plaintiff.

I, John C. Dillon, Official Stenographer, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of oral decision of Mr. Justice Frank E. Johnson at the conclusion of the trial of the above entitled case.

Attest:

SAMUEL S. GOLDBERG, Clerk

JOHN C. DILLON
Official Stenographer.

LAW-SUITS, SIMS vs. GREENE, in the District Court of the United States, for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Civil Action No. 6657. David H. Sims, Plaintiff, vs. S. L. Greene, Defendant.

OPINION

Welsh, J., July 1, 1947.

The plaintiff and defendant in this action are bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, both of whom are highly respected and much beloved men and leaders in their respective districts. Each seeks to enjoin the other from presiding over conferences of the First Episcopal District of said church.

The question submitted to us presents problems that are not usually presented to a Chancellor in the Civil Courts. In a strictly legal sense the problem may not be unusual yet a Chancellor cannot remain entirely oblivious of the far deeper questions that are raised by the pleadings and the evidence. Those deeper problems do not affect our judicial judgment but they are consciously present and call for the greatest wisdom in making a decision. There is ever present before the Chancellor the thought that while this contest is one involving persons and personalities, the greatest question is one that transcends personalities—we refer to the long established philosophies of our courts that must govern us in deciding a question in which the administration and interpretation of the supreme law of the Church is involved. That philosophy must be the pole-star that guides us in mapping our course through such a troubled sea of internal church conflict as has been presented in this case. Therefore, in our reasoning and in our interpretation of facts and theories, and in our conclusions we feel that we should frankly state our adherence to that philosophy.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church is a voluntary association claiming approximately one million communicants throughout the United States and foreign countries. It is divided into seventeen episcopal districts, each of which is presided over by a bishop. The episcopal districts are composed of several annual conferences. The First Episcopal District comprises the Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey, New England, Delaware, Bermuda and the Maritime Conferences. The government of the church is established by it Book of Discipline, which contains all laws and by-laws relating thereto.

The supreme governing authority is the General Conference, which meets every four years. It is composed of bishops, clergymen, laymen, college officials and delegates elected from the episcopal districts. A Bishops' Council composed of the bishops presiding over the episcopal districts regulates the affairs of the church and has full supervision during the interim between the General Conferences. The Powers granted to the Bishops' Council includes the hearing of complaints against any of the bishops, and the power to remove or transfer a bishop to or from the district by two-thirds vote if the good of the church demands it.

The plaintiff has served as bishop of the First Episcopal District since 1940, his last formal assignment being by the General Conference of 1944 and extending to 1948. In June, 1946, the Bishops' Council formally determined that a change should be made in the administration of the New York Conference and designated Bishop Wright as associate bishop with full authority to act in that Conference. Although Bishop Sims had subscribed to the resolution making such change, he caused an action to be instituted in the Supreme Court of New York, to enjoin Bishop Wright from assuming full presiding authority in said Conference. Bishop Sims contended that because accusations had been made against him he could not be removed from the Conference except upon trial.

By reason of such controversy the Bishops' Council held a special meeting on August 15 at Washington, D. C., for the purpose of clarifying the earlier resolution by expressly describing the extent of Bishop Wright's authority. The meeting failed of its purpose and was adjourned because certain of the bishops sought to withdraw their approval of the resolution previously adopted, and challenged the power of the council to relieve Bishop Sims of jurisdiction in the New York Conference.

Thereafter charges were preferred against Bishop Sims accusing him of rebellion against the Bishops' Council, maladministration and other offenses. The charges were served upon him on September 15 and a trial committee was appointed to hear the charges on September 25. On that date the trial committee convened but was prevented from proceeding by the boisterous conduct of persons in attendance, whereupon the committee adjourned to another place. Before the trial committee could proceed it was temporarily restrained by an order of court obtained upon complaint of parties favoring Bishop Sims in the controversy. Ecclesiastical charges were also preferred by Bishop Sims' group against nine of the bishops opposed to them.

The restraining order precluding the trial of Bishop Sims in New York on September 25 was dissolved and the trial committee sought to change its venue, fixing October 22 and Cincinnati as the time and place for its hearing. Just prior to that date Bishop Sims obtained a restraining order from the Federal District Court of Ohio enjoining the trial committee from holding the trial.

On September 23 the Bishops' Council held a meeting attended by 15 bishops at which it was proposed that a special session of the General Conference be called to deal with the controversies between the contending factions. The meeting was broken up by a violent disturbance before anything was accomplished, whereupon ten of the bishops adjourned to a hotel where they initiated steps to call a special session of the General Conference.

An extra session of the General Conference was held at Little Rock, Arkansas, November 20 to 23. The actions taken included the trial and conviction of Bishop Sims and his dismissal from the bishopric of the church. Thereafter the Bishops' Council replaced him in conference of the First Episcopal District by appointing Bishop Greene to such district.

The principal question raised by the pleadings and the evidence is whether the plaintiff was legally unfrocked as a Bishop, and the defendant assigned as his successor in the First Episcopal District. The answer to that question is dependent upon a determination as to the legal propriety of the extra session of the General Conference, whether the church judicatories were constituted and functioned in accordance with the rules of the Discipline, and whether the plaintiff was provided with proper notice and an opportunity to defend his position.

We are not concerned with the controversies and litigation between the contesting parties prior to the steps taken to call the extra session of the General Conference, except to recognize them as evidence of serious disputes within the church and of the necessity for some affirmative action by the church leaders. The open differences then existing between the factions of the bishops' group involved interpretations of provisions of the Discipline and of the powers and functions of the Bishops' Council. The minority group opposed the construction of the church law and the proposed actions of the majority group because they adversely affected the interests of the minority. None of the disputes concerned spiritual or doctrinal matters.

One of the leading cases on this subject is that of Krecker v. Shirey, 163 Pa. 534, 546, 555 wherein Mr. Justice Williams after declaring the principles that should govern the civil courts in a church dispute, used the following language:

"The conduct of the parties and their sympathizers on both sides seems to have been hasty, uncharitable and ill tempered. It affords a travesty, rather than an illustration, of the precepts of the religion of peace for the support and diffusion of which the church was organized and the parties on both sides profess to have devoted their energies and their lives. But our concern is with the legal aspects of the case presented to us, and to them we turn, leaving the moral side of the controversy to the consciences of the combatants."

Whether there is a parallelism between the facts as above outlined and whether the language of Mr. Justice Williams in that case is applicable here, I leave to the Christian conscience of the clerical and lay members of the great Church that is involved in this unfortunate controversy.

We are concerned here with the controversies over the call of the extra session of the General Conference and the propriety of its procedure. But before analyzing the issues it is important to recognize that the differences between the factions of the bishops' groups and their followers had affected the affairs of the church in certain sections and precluded the church authorities, the Bishops' Council especially, from effectively performing their normal functions. Bitterness had arisen. The majority deemed the minority a rebellious group and the minority believed that the majority sought autocratic power and the destruction of Bishop Sims' position and influence in the First Episcopal District. The majority was in the stronger position to apply the church law according to its interpretation and to accomplish its objectives by the weight of numbers; and the minority was thus impelled to resist and defend by challenging the legal propriety of the actions taken by the majority. Charges and countercharges intensified the conflict and, whether made in good faith or not, they were of strategic importance in the contest between the factions.

Both sides contributed appreciably to the struggle, and the actions of neither side were prompted entirely by an unselfish zeal for the welfare of the church or the accomplishment of its Christian purposes. We are inclined to believe however that since the contest *had* developed and the issues *had* become complicated to the point where resort was had to the civil courts, the majority of the church leaders were justified in the opinion that nothing short of the action of the supreme church authority could effectively handle the problems. The steps taken by the majority with the view to calling an Extra Session of the Conference, and the expulsion of Bishop Sims, are challenged by the plaintiff and his group on the general grounds of legal inadequacy and impropriety. It therefore becomes necessary to examine the contentions of the respective parties with respect to the conference procedure and to determine the duty of this court.

It has been determined that the pleadings in this case present a justifiable controversy as to whether the plaintiff was legally installed and later expelled as a bishop, and the defendant legally appointed in his place, under the laws of Pennsylvania; and that this court has jurisdiction by reason of the diversity of citizenship of the parties: (Sims v. Greene, CCA 3 Oct. 1946, No. 9342). The present inquiry is confined to the ascertainment of the pertinent church law and the determination of whether such law has been construed and compiled with by proper church tribunals.

The AME Discipline, like other constitutions, codes and regulations contains some uncertainties, ambiguities and inadequacies as to details, and it may be expected that church tribunals untrained in legal philosophy may arrive at conclusions at variance with those which a court of law might reach. But if the church law has been construed and applied reasonably by the church itself, a different construction or application by the civil courts could not be justified upon any theory which recognizes the essential principle of the separation of church and state.

The first irregularity charged is that the majority of the bishops, assuming that the senior bishop was disqualified from presiding over the council by charges against him, chose the next in seniority, Bishop Ransom, to act in his stead in arranging for the extra session. Plaintiff contends that the pending charges only precluded the senior bishop from appointing or sitting on his own trial committee, and that he was therefore the presiding officer of the council; only a legally constituted Bishops' Council could propose an extra session of the General Conference, and since the moving bishops did not constitute a Bishops' Council, they were without authority to propose a special conference. In support of this contention the plaintiff cites Section 172 of the Discipline granting to the Bishops' Council full supervision over the entire church during the interim of the General Conference.

The defendant's position is that by reason of the existing circumstances the Bishops' Council was unable to hold formal meetings or to function effectively because of the hopeless division between the factions, that necessity induced the majority group to initiate the required steps to call the conference, and that the general power of supervision given to the council did not preclude the majority of the bishops from proposing such a conference.

The Discipline authorizes extra sessions of the General Conference and presumably intended that they be proposed by the incumbent senior bishop or the bishops' council as the ruling church authorities. The circumstances however precluded them from taking such action and of necessity the proposal as issued by ten of the bishops was a practical expedient. We do not find that their course or conduct is in conflict with either the provisions or the spirit of the Discipline and find no patent irregularity in the proposal and invitation issued. The collateral question as to whether the senior bishop was disqualified by the pending charges is therefore immaterial.

Plaintiff contends that since the Discipline requires the call for an extra session of the General Conference to be advised and approved by two-thirds of the annual conferences, such approval could only be given by the annual conferences in their regular annual sessions, and not by special sessions called for such purpose; and further that the special sessions held could not be deemed annual conferences in that they did not transact the business prescribed as the order of business by the Discipline. He relies on the fact that the Discipline expressly provides for special annual conferences for the single purpose of electing delegates to an extra session of the General Conference, and deems mandatory the provision that the annual conference transact certain business, in order to constitute itself an annual conference. The defendant urges that special sessions of annual conferences are customary and traditional, that the authorization of special sessions for the single purpose designated by the Discipline implies authority for such sessions for all practical purposes, and that the Discipline does not prohibit special annual conferences at any time or place, nor render them invalid for failure to transact all of the business within their authorized scope.

The contention that special sessions of the annual conferences were illegal because they are not authorized by the Discipline and because they failed to transact all of the business prescribed would, if sustained, require a strained and unnatural interpretation of the law of the church, and we decline to adopt it. The authorization of the special sessions of the Annual Conferences for a specified purpose neither expressly nor by inference precludes the holding of special sessions for other necessary purposes, and the custom of this and like organizations confirms the legal propriety of such special sessions. Nor do we believe that the Discipline by prescribing the order of business renders void those special sessions which fail to formally proceed according to the outline stated for the annual conferences.

The returns of approval by the annual conferences are challenged by the plaintiff on the grounds that they were made to an irregular and unconstituted authority, that they were informal and defective, and were so burdened with discrepancies as to create doubt as to ther propriety and authenticity. He urges that the burden of proving the propriety of the action of two-thirds of the one hundred and eleven annual conferences is upon the defendant and unless it is affirmatively shown that the eighty-six approving conferences actually and formally approved and made proper report thereof, the call and the subsequent conference were of no effect. The defendant differs from the plaintiff over the burden of proof, and points out that the reports of approval of the annual conferences were verified by a committee of five of the majority group of bishops and by the Credentials Committee of the conference, and that the Discipline is silent as to the method to be used in determining the fact of the two-thirds approval.

The approval of the call by two-thirds of the annual conferences is a question of fact. There is no provision in the Discipline as to how or to whom the returns of approval shall be made, nor is any special tribunal designated to determine their authenticity. These matters are obviously left to the judgment and integrity of the incumbent administrators of the church affairs, subject however to the approval of church judicatories acting within the scope of their authority. Having concluded that the ten bishops were justified in inviting approval of the annual conferences, it is not unreasonable to conclude that the returns of the annual conferences might, with equal propriety and in the absence of disciplinary direction, be made to the source of that invitation, subject of course to official count and verification. The evidence in support of approval, consisting of formal and informal resolutions, letters and telegrams, was sufficient to convince a committee of the bishops and later the Credentials Committee of the General Conference that two-thirds had in fact advised and approved the call for an extra session. No substantial evidence to the contrary was offered at the trial. We do not believe it is the duty of the court to examine into the place or procedure of the special sessions of the annual conferences nor to undertake to count and verify the authenticity of the returns. Any doubt as to such matters by reason of discrepancies and informality must more properly be left to those bodies responsible for the enforcement of the church law.

Considerable emphasis is placed by the plaintiff on the contention that the call for the Extra Session was made by ten of the bishops acting without the authority of the Discipline, and that by reason thereof the call and the actions taken at the Conference were illegal and wholly void. The basis of this contention is that the language of Section 162 of the Discipline authorizing "The Bishops, with the advice of two-thirds of the Annual Conferences", to call an Extra Session must be construed to mean "all" of the bishops and not merely a majority or quorum. The defendant replies that there is nothing in Discipline requiring the bishops to act unanimously or as a council in issuing such a call, the functions of the Bishops' Council as outlined in the Discipline (Sections 168-176) are silent as to the calling of extra sessions, and the issuance of the call by ten of the bishops was a mere ministerial act since two-thirds of the annual conferences had advised it.

Plaintiff argued that the implied purpose of the call was to penalize the minority and especially to remove Bishop Sims, that such action required two-thirds vote of the Bishops' Council, and that since such a majority had not issued the call it was fatally defective. He declared that the call was illegal, in that the agenda of the proposed conference was not published until after some of the annual conferences had authorized the extra session, that no necessity existed therefor, and also because of the inadequacy of the distribution of the call due to errors and omissions in the lists of delegates, especially with regard to the foreign territories and the districts supervised by the dissenting bishops. He maintains generally that in the absence of proof of accurate and universal notice, and because of the existence of discrepancies in the lists used, the inference must be that the conference was packed and therefore illegal.

Defendant believes that none of such arguments are supported by the Discipline or the evidence, and he points out that there was a full disclosure of the purposes in the communications and the call, an actual necessity existed, and that every effort had been made to effectively notify all parties notwithstanding the absence of a central directory and the failure of dissenting bishops to disseminate the call.

The narrow construction placed by the plaintiff upon Section 162 authorizing "the bishops" to call the extra session is not justified by the language used or the practical purpose to be served. The term might possibly be construed to mean the Bishops' Council, a majority of the bishops as a group or as a council, or as urged by the plaintiff "all" of the bishops or at least two-thirds thereof with the assumption that the purpose was to remove the plaintiff from his district. In the absence of any specific provision or of any impelling inference to the contrary we are inclined to believe that the authorization to "the bishops with the advice of two-thirds of the annual conferences" was justifiably exercised by the ten bishops who issued the call, and especially so since the call was a ministerial act done in compliance with the advice of two-thirds of the annual conferences. Nor are we convinced that the call was illegal and void because the agenda was not publicized in a timely manner or because of errors and omissions in the lists of delegates and the distribution of notice to foreign territories and districts of dissenting bishops. The fact is that both the controversies and the call were given wide distribution throughout the church. All reasonable efforts were exercised to make known to the proper parties the necessity for the extra session and the call thereof in compliance with the Discipline. There being no central registry some of the burden of disseminating the call fell upon the bishops. The failure of those dissenting to do so and the existence of discrepancies did not preclude eleven hundred communicants of the church from assembling, and we are satisfied with the judgment of the conference that the call was adequate and universal.

As to the conference itself, the plaintiff claims that it was illegally organized in that it elected a new chief secretary and designated committees, whereas it should have continued in office the committees and officers of the 1944 Conference. The defendant, the majority group, and the conference itself deemed the Extra Session to be a new General Conference and acted on the assumption that it was subject to the rules and should follow the usual procedure of General Conferences. The fact is that the Discipline is silent as to the procedure for an Extra Session and no precedent is available in as much as the Extra Session was the first in the one hundred and fifty years' life of the church.

The conduct of an extra session is not affirmatively prescribed by the Discipline, and whether the Little Rock conference was justified in electing a new general secretary and forming new Credentials and Episcopal Committees was open for the dispute which developed. No precedent is available. We decline to hold with the plaintiff that the officers and committees of the 1944 conference must continue in office in order to constitute the conference a legal one and its actions valid. This appears to be a question exclusively for the church authorities.

Bishop Sims denies that he received notice of his trial at the conference, the denial being in the sense that he did not receive the thirty days' formal notice prescribed by the Discipline. There can be no doubt however that he had *actual* notice, and there is evidence that notice and the charges were served upon him forty-three days in advance of the conference, although not by the President or Secretary of the Bishops' Council. Defendant denies the necessity of the formal notice prescribed by the Discipline for the trial of bishops in as much as the expulsion of Bishop Sims was by the action of the conference on the recommendation of the Episcopal Committee, and points to Bishop Sims' acknowledgment of notice of his impending trial and his efforts to preclude it as evidence of the opportunity to appear and defend and to appeal to the conference.

The plaintiff concludes that he received no notice of his trial at the extra session notwithstanding evidence to the contrary and his own acknowledgment that the trial was to be had. While it is true that the Discipline requires thirty days' notice to be given by the President or Secretary of the Bishops' Council when a trial is to be had before a trial Committee in the interim between general conferences, it is not clear that such formality is required where charges or complaints are considered by the Episcopal Committee at a General Conference. It is certain however that the actions of the trial committee would be limited to prescribing suspension and that final expulsion could in any event only be decreed by a General Conference. The question of whether the formal thirty days' notice was necessary and whether it was in fact given are technical ones involving an interpretation of the Discipline, and in the absence of any expressly controlling provision we are not in a position to declare the trial or the examination by the Episcopal Committee void for want of notice or an opportunity to the plaintiff to defend his legal position.

As to the action of the Episcopal and Judiciary Committees as reported by the minutes, and there is nothing in the record to the contrary, we find no serious violation of the Discipline. There can be no doubt of the opportunity of the plaintiff to appear and defend against the charges and to justify his conduct before the Episcopal Committee and the Conference itself. The Bishops' Council as constituted under the amendment to the Discipline adopted at the Conference formally assigned the defendant to the plaintiff's Episcopal District. Assuming that the Conference was a legal one and that the amendment was adopted as reported, such action of the council is not subject to question. Although the plaintiff vigorously contests the propriety of the procedure which resulted in his expulsion on technical grounds, it is obvious that the Conference and its promulgators sought to conform to the letter of the law and that they succeeded to the extent that the Conference itself approved of their actions.

It is apparent from this discussion that the points of difference between the parties rest upon conflicting interpretations of the Discipline and that both sides seek to have this court resolve those differences in their respective favors. The plaintiff would also have us examine into the propriety and accuracy of the actions of the eighty-six annual conferences and the qualifications of the delegates to the conference, and to find as a fact that inaccuracies inevitably involved in so complex a project have rendered void all of the things purported to have been accomplished by the conference.

We do not believe that it is the function of the civil courts to weigh and interpret the provisions of the laws established for the government of a church organization which has jurisdiction to do so for itself. Their duty extends no farther than the determination of the existence of the church law, whether it has been fairly interpreted and applied, and whether there are judicatories which have functioned in practical compliance with the law and within their jurisdiction.

The evidence does not disclose any plain or flagrant violation of the laws of the church in the call or in the conduct of the extra session of the general conference, nor do we find that it was unlawfully packed for the ruthless accomplishment of a preconceived purpose. There is evidence of the necessity for the extra session, of an attempt by the majority of bishops to comply with the letter of the law, adequate notice to all parties concerned, a large conference of church representatives, and the exercise of the functions of government by the conference within the scope of the law as interpreted by that authority. Our conclusion is a negative one. Sustaining the effectiveness of the extra session is not intended as an encouragement to the dominating element in a church organizatio to administer its laws for the service of its selfish will or to exercise its power over the minority regardless of justice or the virture of its cause. Rather it is on the ground that the civil courts must wherever possible avoid interference with church affairs and leave to the church tribunals the determination and application of their own laws.

This conclusion is amply supported by the law of Pennsylvania. Upon questions arising under the Discipline, as upon those arising under the articles of faith, the decisions and the actions of the ecclesiastical tribunals are ordinarily final, and they will be respected by courts of law (German Reformed Church v. Seibert, 3 Pa. 282; Schlichter v. Kerter, 156 Pa. 119). But if the decisions plainly violate the law they profess to administer or are in conflict with the laws of the land they will not be followed.

The regularity and legal effect of the organization of a General Conference in the manner in which it was accomplished, raises an ecclesiastical question. Its determination depends upon an interpretation of the provisions of the Discipline which it is the duty of the General Conference to make. If the decision actually made does not violate the laws of the state or the church, and is conclusive upon the ecclesiastical body of which the General Conference is the chief tribunal, it should be followed by the civil courts. Whether the General Conference disposed of the questions in the wisest manner or with legalistic exactitude are not to be considered. Its decisions and interpretations settle the law and its applications and the civil courts must recognize its effectiveness (Krecker v. Shirey, 63 Pa. 534).

A majority of a church organization may direct and control church matters consistently with the laws of the church but not in violation of them (Long v. Harvey, 177 Pa. 473). If the acts of the majority are justified and adopted by the supreme church tribunal they may not be deemed unlawful even though they result in the removal of an official and the incidental loss of his emoluments (Furmanski v. Iwanowski, 265 Pa. 1). Civil courts do not review the merits of a decision rendered in an ecclesiastical matter by the appropriate church tribunal (Post v. Dougherty, 326 Pa. 97, 102).

We have tried to set out the legal principles that have been laid down by our courts in a controversy of this kind. We have refrained from going beyond the applicable legal principles involved. By refraining from doing so we are not unmindful of some very important questions that may perhaps require reference to if not commented upon by us. Nor are we unmindful of the fact that the legal principles upon which we rely have left untouched in this opinion the question of the security of the tenure of office of the bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church under the Discipline. We could not help but be impressed by the almost absolute control of the Bishops with respect to the Special Conference held in their jurisdictions. This was evidenced by the almost unanimous votes in many of the conferences; the speed with which some of these so-called trials were conducted cannot help but raise a question in the mind of the Chancellor. The question of the probability or possibility of a trial in the civil sense or meaning of the word at the Extra Session quite naturally was injected into the picture as was the question of the right of actual appeal on the part of those who were called upon to face trial. These question if raised in a civil or political organization would be judged by the democratic theories governing such organizations and the procedure that should prevail. The plaintiff claimed that with respect to many of the above matters the defendant resorted to what the outside world calls "steamroller" tactics. However, this being entirely an ecclesiastical matter, set up and operated by ecclesiastical authorities, the civil courts are loath to impugn Christian leadership even though the court might feel that the actions savor somewhat of worldly weaknesses, if the reasonable letter of the governing law has been observed. In other words, we feel that it would be highly dangerous to substitute for the judgment and opinion of the ecclesiastical authorities the judgment of a civil court unless both letter and spirit of the governing law had been practically ignored. This is especially true today because we cannot close our eyes to the fact that all over the world, on all continents there is great conflict raging along the economic and political front. History teaches us that when such conflicts rage in the breast of humanity, even the Church is drawn into the conflict. When the church is so drawn into that conflict, it must act under its own laws and be responsible to its membership unless the supreme law of the land governing its actions has been transgressed. A breaking down of this principle of law will result in the civil courts ruling the church rather than the church being ruled by duly constituted ecclesiastical bodies.

Whatever the cause of this schism we can say that the effect has been tragic. Such bitterness is not often presented to us in a court of law. We do take pleasure however in saying that lest this unfortunate affair be seized upon by the scoffer and be prejudicial and damaging to the whole church and the entire group, that there is nothing as far as we have been able to ascertain in any of these charges that reflects upon the personal honesty and morality of the persons involved. No moral stigma has attached to anyone and it is a church dispute in which personal rivalries, ambitions and rival purposes have blended to make a warfare that if persisted in can only destroy the organization of the church and its great Spiritual influences on millions throughout the world.

From the evidence submitted, we make the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The plaintiff David H. Sims is a citizen of the State of Pennsylvania; the defendant S. L. Greene is a citizen of the State of Arkansas; and the amount in controversy exceeds Three Thousand ($3,000) Dollars.

2. The plaintiff David H. Sims is a Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and was assigned in 1944 by the General Conference of said Church to the First Episcopal District thereof for a tenure extending until May, 1948.

3. The First Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church consists of the following Conferences: Philadelphia, New Jersey, New York, New England, Delaware, Bermuda and Maritime Conferences.

4. The plaintiff receives from the African Methodist Episcopal Church as salary and other emoluments of office, a sum in excess of Three Thousand ($3,000) Dollars annually, and by virtue of his office is the President of the Board of Managers of the property and business of the Book Concern of said Church located in Philadelphia.

5. By virtue of such assignment the plaintiff took charge of the affairs of the African Methodist Episcopal Church within the First Episcopal District with authority to assign ministers and other officials and to supervise the annual conferences in said district. Such authority continued up to the time of the controversies upon which this suit is based.

6. On or about December 4, 1946, the defendant, a bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church assigned as presiding bishop of the Philadelphia, Delaware and Maritime Conferences of the First Methodist Episcopal District, by virtue of an extra session of the General Conference of said church held on November 20, 1946, sought to interfere with the administration of the affairs of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in said conferences and the supervision thereof by the plaintiff, by giving general notice to the pastors and communicants thereof of his assignment and by giving notice of the calling of a special session of the Philadelphia Annual Conference. By reason of such actions the plaintiff instituted the present suit.

7. The laws and regulations of the African Methodist Episcopal Church which govern and control the authority and functions of the General Conference, the Annual Conference and all other affairs of the Church consist of the AME Discipline.

8. The Discipline provides:

"1. The bishops with the advice of two-thirds of the Annual Conferences, when necessary, shall call an extra session of the General Conference."

"2. The bishops * * * shall, in writing, notify the preachers in charge of circuits and stations to inform all delegates in good standing, as members of the last quadrennial session, to attend the extra session at the time and place appointed by the bishops. * * * After notice being thus duly given, if two-thirds of the delegates be present at the appointed time and place, they shall proceed to business and their proceedings shall be lawful."

9. The Bishops' Council was on and prior to September 23, unable to properly administer the affairs of the church by reason of the existence of controversies and litigation between opposing factions of the members of the council. The faction of which Bishop Greene is a representative included the ten bishops who deemed it necessary to call an extra session of the Genral Conference to deal with the problems then pending. They were opposed by six bishops of whom Bishop Sims is a representative.

10. On October 5 ten of the bishops issued a communication addresed to the ministers and members of the church and the members of the various Annual Conferences reciting the existence of deplorable and unsavory conditions in the church and the necessity for an extra session of the General Conference to deal therewith, and proclaiming that the annual conferences should be called to authorize a special session for the purpose of hearing, considering and acting upon a report of the bishops to the Episcopal Cmmittee in reference to the matters recited in the communication. This was disseminated to the church through the bishops and by publication in the official church press.

11. On October 22 an additional special communication was issued by the same ten bishops specially charging Bishop Sims with openly and flagrantly ignoring the Discipline and with disrespect for any open rebellion against the laws, doctrines and government of the church; and suspending and referring to the special session the trial of Bishop Sims then pending. The communications were published in the official church press and a response thereto by Bishop Sims was published in the same issue.

12. The Annual Conferences of the Episcopal Districts acted upon the request made in the communication of October 5 and reported their actions to the bishops. Bishops Clayborn, Baber, Wright, Greene and Reid examined the returns of the Annual Conferences and determined that 2/3 thereof had approved and advised the call of the extra session.

13. On November 5 ten of the bishops issued a call for an extra session of the General Conference to be held at Little Rock, Arkansas, November 20-24, requiring all members of the 1944 Conference to attend, directing all pastors to notify the delegates, declaring that the purpose of the session was, inter alia, to hear and act upon a report of the bishops on matters referred to in the special communications of October 5 and October 22 previously recited, and proclaiming that the Conference was called in compliance with the requirements of the Discipline.

14. Bishop Sims notified the elders of the First Episcopal District that said District was not participating in the Conference, that it had been called illegally, and expressly for the purpose of trying him upon charges on which he had been previously exonerated.

15. Prior to the date fixed for the Conference, the ten bishops who had issued the call started suit in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas to restrain the plaintiff and the minority group from interfering with the conduct of the conference. The defendants therein answered the complaint alleging illegality in the call of the conference, and asking that it be restrained from proceeding to a trial of Bishop Sims on charges on which he had been acquitted by an ecclesiastical court. After hearings on November 18 and 19, the suit was terminated by a stipulation of all parties that "all court action on both sides with reference to the holding of the General Conference will be dropped, and that we proceed with the extra session of the General Conference."

16. Pursuant to the call, the Conference was attended by the bishops of the church, and approximately 1,100 ministers, officials, delegates and other members of the church. Plaintiff appeared at the first session but denied attendance in his official capacity.

17. The proceeding at said Conference included the calling of the roll of delegates, the election of a Chief Secretary, and the appointment of a Credentials Committee. The latter committee by formal report determined that 85 of the Annual Conferences had approved the call

of the extra session and 25 had failed to report, and also that a quorum consisting of 2/3 of the qualified delegates were in attendance, which was adopted by the Conference.

18. At said Conference the Episcopal Committee organized. Charges against Bishop Sims were presented to it. The Episcopal Committee appointed a Judicial Committee to hear the charges against Bishop Sims. The Judicial Committee, after attempting to summon Bishop Sims to the hearing without success, and upon notice to his counsel, proceeded to hear evidence in support of the charges against him.

19. The charges upon which the trial was had were served upon the plaintiff on September 15, together with a notice to appear for trial September 25, which proposed trial was enjoined through legal proceedings instituted by or on behalf of the plaintiffs; and again on October 8, together with notice that the plaintiff would be tried at the extra session of the General Conference. Bishop Sims acknowledged that he knew of the proposed trial at the extra session by his letter to the elders on November 14, advising them that the extra session was called illegally for the express purpose of trying him on charges which were heard on September 25, and by his acknowledgment in the answer filed in the District Court of Arkansas to the same effect.

20. Bishop Sims did not attend the trial before the Judicial Committee in person or by his attorney. The Committee at the close of its hearing reported to the Episcopal Committee a finding of guilty against Bishop Sims and recommended his expulsion as a bishop of the church. The Episcopal Committee considered said report and unanimously approved the recommendation therein. The Episcopal Committee prepared and submitted its report to the extra session on November 21st, making like recommendation.

21. The members and delegates constituting the extra session voted upon the question of of approval or disapproval of the recommendation of the Episcpal Committee. A standing vote was taken by districts, counted by the Secretary and reported to Bishop Gregg, who was then presiding. The vote was 999 in favor of expulsion and 35 opposed.

22. Although the plaintiff did not appear before the Conference, the right to appear and to appeal to the extra session of the General Conference was available to him. Appeals were made by other bishops similarly tried at said Conference, and consideration was given to such appeals by the Conference.

23. Following the extra session of the General Conference, the Bishops' Council assigned the defendant to preside over the Philadelphia, Delaware and Maritime Conferences of the First Episcopal District and Bishop Wright to the remaining Conferences in said District.

In order to complete the record the following answers are made to the requests of the parties for findings of fact.

Plaintiff's requests are affirmed with the exception of Nos. 16, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 56 and 58 which are deemed to be immaterial; 25, 26, 39, 52, 55, 57 and 59 are refused as stated and 41-49 are refused as being at variance with the foregoing findings.

Defendant's requests are affirmed with the exception of Nos. 27, 29, 30 and 31 which are refused.

For the reasons stated in our discussion, we reach the following

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. This court has jurisdiction of the issues presented in this case by reason of diversity of citizenship of the parties.

2. The call of the Extra Session of the General Conference of the Church has not been shown to be in violation of the requirements of the Discipline.

3. The meeting of communicants and officials of the Church at Little Rock, Arkansas, on November 20-23, 1946, constituted an Extra Session of the General Conference of the Church.

4. The conduct of the Extra Session was in conformity with the laws of the church as interpreted and applied by the supreme church authorities, and was not in violation of the laws of Pennsylvania.

5. The actions adopted by said conference included the expulsion of the plaintiff as a bishop of the church, and the amendment of the Discipline to permit the election of a president of the Bishop's Council in place of the senior bishop.

6. The conduct of the trial of the plaintiff by the Judiciary Committee and the subsequent approval and adoption of its recommendations by the Episcopal Committee and the General Conference was not in violation of any express provisions of the Discipline.

7. The plaintiff had ample notice and opportunity to appear for trial before the Judiciary Committee and to appeal to the General Conference.

8. The defendant was assigned to Philadelphia, Delaware and Maritime Conferences of the First Episcopal District by the Bishops' Council.

9. The bill of complaint should be dismissed.

10. No necessity has been shown for the granting of the injunction prayed for by the defendant and the prayer is dismissed.

11. The costs of the respective parties to this proceeding should be borne by them.

12. A decree may be entered in accordance herewith.

The requests of the parties for conclusions of law are disposed of as follows:

Plaintiff's requests are refused. Defendant's requests are affirmed with the exception of Nos. 6, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, 26, 27, 30, 31, 41, 42, which are refused as to the language used or as being at variance with the conclusions above stated.

LAY HELPERS are unordained workers in the church. In the discipline evangelists (unordained), local preachers and missionaries are designated as lay helpers.

LAYMAN. A layman is a non-professional, one who does not practice and receive his support from a given profession. In the church, a layman is one who is not an ordained minister. Local preachers, unordained evangelists, and members on trial in the annual conference are all laymen. An unordained pastor should not be called 'the Reverend". The laymen are the supporters of the professionals and are entitled to receive the best possible service for their support.

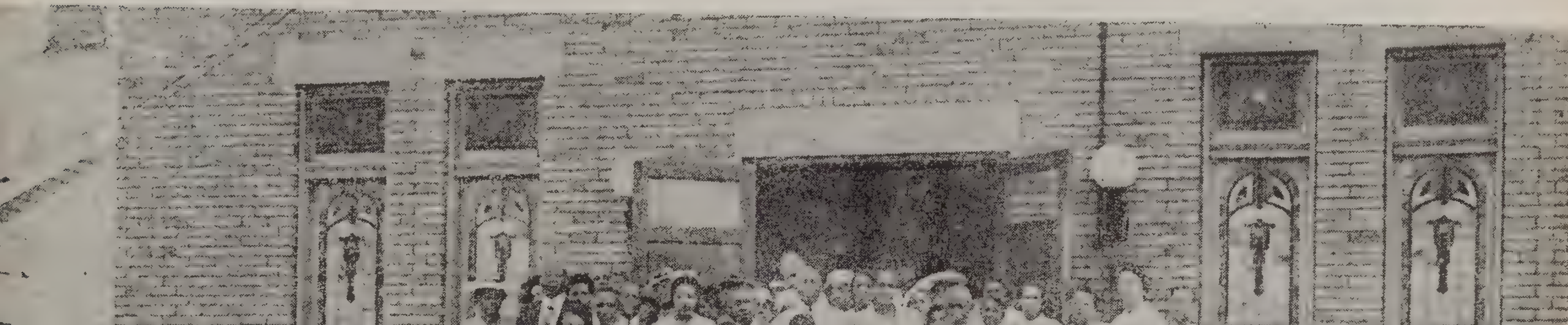
LAYMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS, have existed since the beginning of the Church.

LAY, THE, of the AME Church is contained in the Book of Discipline, which is revised by the general conference every four years.

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, BETHEL. Just at the close of the Civil war, under the command of Col. Daniel R. Anthony, with Capt. Mathis, company commander, the first money to build Bethel AME Church was given by the Colored soldiers of the 178th Kansas Volunteers regiment. In 1865, Rev. H. M. (later Bishop) Turner, pastor of the mission in Leavenworth, realizing the need for a place where the ex-slaves could freely worship, as well as a real place of refuge, built Bethel AME Church. James A.

McGonagle, contractor and builder of the Cathedral Church built Bethel about the same time. When it was completed the basement was furnished with cots and here many of the ex-slaves were housed and fed. Some of these families later played a prominent part in the progress of this community. Many former pastors of this historic church became prominent, among whom were: Rev. Hiram Revels, who later became the first Negro U. S. senator from Mississippi. Revs. J. C. Embry, and John A. Gregg, who both became bishops. The Bethel AME Church parsonage was built by Rev. Collins. The first pipe organ was installed by Rev. Biggers in 1913. He also organized stewardess board No. 2. In 1923 Rev. T. D. Scott, with the cooperation of the members, cleared the church of debt and left a balance in the bank. Bethel was remodeled under the pastorate of the Rev. Frederick D. Jordan, now pastor in Los Angeles, California; during 1926-1927. Rev. A. L. Simpson, with the splendid cooperation of the members paid a mortgage of $10,000. Truly, history was made. We who to date, worship within the four walls of this church, realize what a wonderful heritage with such historical back-ground has come to us. Under our present pastor, Rev. L. S. McNeil, 1943, the officers are: E. M. Lawson, chairman trustee board; Cp. Albert Lynn, secretary official board; Mrs. Lottie Gentry, superintendent Sunday school; Mrs. Lottie Wright, president of stewardess board; Mrs. N. C. Hamilton, president of missionary society; Miss Betty Osman, president ACE League; Mrs. Agnes McNeil, minister of music. "May we keep the faith with those in whose footsteps we are permitted to tread."

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, Quinn Chapel AME Church, was started in February, 1865, by the efforts of Rev. Green C. Riley, of St. Paul AME Church, Lexington. In the beginning, meetings were held from house to house, but after a short while they settled in a small building on Lee's Road. An ardent co-worker, Brother Joe Hopewell, did much in keeping the group together and administering to the needs. It was not until 1872, however, that they became an organized body of the AME Church, which was named in honor of Bishop William Paul Quinn. Bishop Payne, was then presiding bishop. The Church remained a mission for only one year, and in 1873, it became a station with 55 members. The Rev. Riley was the first appointed minister, and since then over 25 ministers have served here, all of them doing their part well in the making of a better church. A frame church was built in 1873, upon a lot donated by Mrs. Francis Lee, located near the then Kentucky Central Railroad Depot. This lot was given for a church or school and was used for both simultaneously for a brief period. The trustees were: Moses Spencer, Ruben Jackson, Henry Farrow, and L. Fish. The Church has realized some difficulties in having a permanent place of worship in earlier years because of some misunderstanding concerning property. It was located on Lee St. twice, Hayes corner, College St., Bright Ave., and Georgetown St., and the present location on Charles Ave., which was purchased during the pastorate of Rev. Upshaw; Rev. G. W. Allison erected a frame church on this spot in 1910; in 1928 it was razed, and a brick edifice was erected under Rev. H. T. Smith. The parsonage was built under Rev. W. M. Young, in 1921, who also burnt the mortgage on the



Quinn Chapel AME Church, Lexington, Ky.

old Church. Two ministers passed to the great beyond while in service as pastors of said Church: Rev. Dan Allison, Rev. Shelby Woods; one retired from his charge: Rev. H. H. Brewer. The cordiality and loyalty of the membership of this church are noted throughout the episcopal district, which has helped it to become a beacon light, a big community church and a soul saving station. Under the present pastor, the Rev. J. W. Chavers, the church has been completely renovated,—additions have been built to balcony, basement and the annex. Membership of the church has increased to more than 250. The church is equipped to carry on an advanced program and does a radio-broadcast, "On to Progress," weekly; present trustees are: Dan Tyler, T. W. Thurman, Charles Evans, Wallace Knox, Charlie Guy, Edward Smith, Elbert Smith, James Grimes and Jess Mack.

LIBERIA is a republic situated on the West Coast of Africa; contains about 43,000 square miles. It lies south of Sierra Leone, has about 350 miles of coast, and runs back as far as 150 miles; it is about the size of the state of Ohio; the population is about 15,000. American-Liberians (the ruling class), 50,000 civilized natives, about 1,500,000 uncivilized natives. There are but very few whites, about 300. The Republic was started as a refuge for free Negroes by the American Colonization Society, and was settled in 1822; in 1847 it was declared a republic, and has been maintained as such ever since. Its government is modeled after the United States of America. The AME Church has several churches there. The present president is Honorable W. Y. S. Tubman, who was inaugurated, January, 1944. Other officers are Clarence L. Simpson, Vice President; G. L. Dennis, Secretary of State; William E. Dennis, Secretary of the Treasury; Abaryo Mi Cassell, Attorney General; S. D. Coleman, Secretary of the Interior; J. W. Pearson, Secretary of Education; William H. Tyler, Secretary of War. Monrovia (named for President James Monroe) is the capital city. Its exports are paissava, fibre, rubber, gold, palm oil, sent chiefly to Europe and America. It imports chiefly from America and Europe textiles, foods, machinery. The chief industrial organization is the Firestone Rubber Company and American corporation which secured concessions from Liberia in 1926, and operates large rubber plantations. AME missions are operated in Monrovia, Artlington, Great Bassa and other places. One of the first Negro settlers was Daniel Coker of the AME Church. African Methodists have been connected with Liberia for many years. The following AME's have served as ministers plenipotentiary of the United States: Rev. W. H. Heard, afterwards bishop; Rev. Solomon Porter Hood of New Jersey; Dr. Crum of Charleston, S. C. Liberia is now a part of the 14th Episcopal District, Bishop J. H. Clayborn, presiding.

LOCAL CHURCH. The Church in a given place, The AME Church is a connection of some 8000 individual local churches, which are referred to as "St. James AME Church" or "Bethel AME Church" of whatever city, town or village in which the particular church is located. When we refer to our general church we say the "African Methodist Episcopal Church". All our local churches are joined together under the general church in one program of soul saving, education, social service, stewardship, etc., and each is subject to the same laws as found in the discipline. Our local church does not stand out by itself.

LOCAL DEACON, is a local preacher who has been ordained a deacon, or a traveling deacon who has been located and assigned to a quarterly conference. The duties of a local deacon are the same as any other deacon except that he does not travel. A local preacher after at least four years' experience, and upon the request of his local church may be ordained a deacon by the bishop after election to the office by the annual conference.

LOCAL ELDER is an elder who has been ordained for local service in his local church, on request of the quarterly conference; or an elder who has traveled but has been located. A local deacon must serve as such at least four years before he can be ordained an elder; a bishop and 5 elders perform the ordination of elders by laying on of hands.

LOCATED PREACHERS are ordained ministers who have been voted leave from traveling (see Itinerancy) and the pastorate, and permitted to settle down in some particular place as the member of a local church quarterly conference. Presiding Elders do not appoint them without their consent.

LORD'S SUPPER, THE, is one of the two sacraments of the church. It was inaugurated by Jesus the night before his crucifixion, and is observed by his followers as a memorial to him. The Lord's Supper or the Holy Communion should be held at least once every quarter. It consists in a general confession of sins, plea for forgiveness and a pledge to follow Jesus. The consecrating of bread and wine by the elder, and the distribution of the same by the elder and deacons to the people as they kneel before the altar. A regular form is printed in the discipline. Enough bread and wine should be consecrated to serve all the people.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AME Churches in Los Angeles are as follows: (See table on page 409).

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FIRST AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 801 Towne Avenue, was one of the first Negro congregations in the great state of California and the first in the city of Los Angeles. It has ever distinguished itself by pioneering in the work of Kingdom building, giving inspiration to countless churches and religious organizations which have spread over this vast Western empire under the banners of many denominations. As early as 1870 the Annual Conference Minutes show reports for a congregation in Los Angeles. The present congregation began when with twelve charter members, the church was organized in 1872 on Spring Street between third and fourth, in the home of Mrs. Biddie Mason. The first edifice was built on a lot purchased for $700.00, at the corner of Fourth and Grand Avenue. Bishop T. M. D. Ward was the first to preside over this area and the Rev. Jesse Hamilton was the first pastor. After so auspicious a beginning, many struggles, disappointments and victories marked these early days, for during the succeeding decade three other locations were used. In 1887, undr the pastorate of Rev. Jordan Allen, the property on Azusa Street was purchased and another edifice started. The congregation worshipped there until 1903, when under the pastorate of Rev. Jarrett E. Edwards, the present beautiful structure was completed at this location. An early Annual Conference report shows a total of $77.00 raised for Connectional purposes, but during these seventy-three years the influence of "Historic Eighth and Towne" has been felt in the great program of the AME Church; in the schools, colleges and universities to which she has given that men and women might have a Christian Education, and even thence to South and West Africa and the isles of the sea through the contribution of thousands of dollars for the spread of the Gospel of the Christ. The church is justly proud of the sacred heritage left by the Fathers, and proud of the splendid achievements of the great Church of Allen because of its participation and support of her worth enterprises, for more than $75,000 has been given for Connectional purposes during these years. The present membership is more than 4,000 loyal African Methodists. The Church through these years has maintained leadership in the religious, social and civic life of the community, winning an enviable place in the hearts and minds of thousands of Angelenos. Rev. Frederick D. Jordan, the present pastor, came to the church in 1940 from the presidency of Western University. The period of his pastorate has constituted one of the most dramatic eras in the history of the church. All accumulated indebtedness has been paid, mortgages on the parsonage and thoroughly repaired and beautifully re-decorated both inside and out, and there remains no debt of any kind to anyone. A $50,000 "Youth Center" designed by Paul R. Williams, famous architect, has been built; a fund of more

Barbecue following Mortgage Burning of First AME Church, Rev. F. D. Jordan, Pastor

Los Angeles California, AME Churches

Name Address Pastor	Date Founded	Membership	Value	Mortg.
First AME, 801 Towne, Los Angeles 21 Frederick D. Jordan	1872	4478	$225,000	$ . .
First AME, Pasadena, 105 N. Vernon Street Jesse Boyd		850	175,000	. .
Ward Chapel, 1250 E. 25th St., Los Angeles 11 Harry J. White	1911	1680	50,000	7,000
Bethel, 1511 W. 36th St., Los Angeles 7 J. Cincinnatus White	1921 1st Called Westside Mission Est. by Maj. Geo. Prileau	983	75,000	
Grant Chapel, 108th St. and So. Compton Ave., Los Angeles 2 Browning C. Allen	1910 Rev. B. E. Edwards Made 1st Report	1100	60,000	
Second AME, 43rd St., and S. San Pedro Pl., Los Angeles 11 J. B. St. Felix Isaacs	1909 **1st Report Made by** Rev. T. B. Bynan	265	35,000	
First AME, Santa Monica, 18th St., and Michigan Ave. X. C. Runyon	1921	350	20,000	
Williams Chapel, San Pedro H. L. Harden, 232 W. 4th Street Service, 351 W. 9th, Carpenters' Hall	1938	53	2,000	
St. Stephens AME, 436 Crocker, Los Angeles B. A. Beaucham	Organized by Rev. Beauchamp 1943	200	18,500	10,500
Emanuel AME, 52nd St. and Compton Ave. W. J. Conquest	Organized by Rev. Conquest 1943	120	10,000	2,300
St. Mark AME **L. W. Minor**	Organized by **Rev. Minor** 1944	5		

All churches except Ward, St. Stephens and Emanuel are free of mortgage debt.

Allen Stars and Sunbeams, First AME Church, Los Angeles, Rev. F. D. Jordan, Pastor

than $5,000 is on hand in the Wilson-Andrews Foundation which he established for the alleviation of distress of the members of the church and community. Rev. Jordan has received more than 1,200 members into the congregation of this church through conversions and re-committals for Christ and the Church, and has raised up to now more than $100,000. The total raised for Connectional purposes during this period has been $14,587.80. Rev. Jordan has maintained the title of "Dollar Money King" for the past several years. The General Conference for 1948 was unanimously voted to the First Church, 8th & Towne. After the Extra Session of the General Conference in 1946, a change was made to Kansas City, Kansas.

The report for 1946 at the Annual Conference for general claims was: Dollar Money, $2,700.00; Contingent, $25.00; Easter Day, $350.00; Children's Day, $5.00; Superannuated Preachers' Fund, $150.00; General Conference Expense Fund, $50.00; Delegates Traveling Expense to General Conference, $330.00; Woman's Missionary Money, $825.00; Periodicals, $11.00; Episcopal Residence, $15.00; Douglas Hospital, $280.00; Western University, $200.00; School of Religion, $15.00; To Presiding Elder, $600.00; other items, $34.50. Total, $5,590.50. Received this year—Conversions and Accession, 363; Total Membership, 4,478.

Jarrett E. Edwards' Evening Choir (named for the builder of the present edifice)
First AME Church, Los Angeles, California

Westerfield

Senior Choir, First AME Church, Los Angeles, California

LOUISIANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, THE NORTH, was organized December 28, 1882, by Bishop Cain, in St. Matthew Chapel AME Church, Shreveport, with the following members, viz.: Revs. G. B. Taylor, D. Logan, M. S. Mayo, P. W. Williams, J. B. Webb, John Hayes, N. Henden, W. N. Childress, R. S. Lovett, E. E. Makeil, J. R. Grimes, R. Walker, J. R. Lee, and J. H. Martin. E. E. Makeil was first secretary. It comprised all of the State of Louisiana north of the thirty-first degree, north latitude. There were 14 charges and less than 1,000 members—$400 dollar money. Lake Providence, Lind Grove (now known as Bonita), Jones and St. Mary, Delhi and St. Matthew and Shreveport were the principal charges. From 1884 to 1888 this conference was presided over by Bishop Wayman and steps were taken by Rev. P. W. Williams, presiding elder of the Lake Providence District, for the establishment of the Wayman Memorial Agricultural Institute. From 1888 to 1892 Bishop Grant presided; revivals flourished, membership increased, new churches were built and new fields opened. In April, 1890, Wayman's Normal and Agricultural Institute was chartered, having 31½ acres of land and a building with 13 rooms. From May, 1892, to May, 1896, Bishop Lee presided. May, 1896, Bishop Armstrong, the great financier, was assigned as presiding bishop, but his stay was short; he died March 23, 1898, being succeeded by Bishop Handy who held only one conference, on account of the smallpox. May, 1900, the General Conference detached the North Louisiana Conference from the Tenth Episcopal District and attached it to the Thirteenth District under Bishop M. M. Moore, who died November 17, 1900, without meeting the conference. Bishop Grant held the conference in December, when the dollar money ran up to $1,751.05. From the mid-winter Council of Bishops at Philadelphia, in 1901, Bishop Smith was sent to preside over this conference and served from December, 1901, to May, 1904. From May, 1904, to May 1908, Bishop Salter presided; Bishop Lampton presided in 1908 and 1909; Bishop Turner in 1910 and 1911; Bishop Connor from May, 1912 to May 1916; and Bishop Heard from May 1916, to 1920. The present bishop is Bishop Greene. Other bishops have been, Bishops Fountain, 1920-1924; Gaines, 1924-1928; Ransom, 1928-1936; W. D. Johnson, 1936-1940. The conference has grown from 14 appointments to a hundred, and about 17 ministers to 117, from less than 1,000 lay members to about 4,000. It has church property valued at approximately $250,000; raised in 1946 for pastors' support, $30,000 for presiding elders' support; $10,000, and for all purposes, $125,000. Revs. J. W. Rankin and J. I. Lowe, Missionary Secretary and Business Manager, respectively, were members of this conference, though it has never had any bishops or general officers elected directly from it. Rev. E. E. Makeil, the first secretary, was succeeded by Rev. J. H. Martin, February, 1884; J. W. Lampton, 1896-1899; J. H. Martin, 1900-1902; J. W. Reese, 1903; H. M. Mickens, 1904; I. F. Walker, 1905; W. V. Meeks, 1906-1908; W. Willis, 1909-1912; D. B. Reynolds, 1913; J. R. Powe, 1914. Sessions have been held, up to and including 1914, in Shreveport, eight times; Lake Providence, five times; Alexandria, four times; Delhi, four times; Minden, twice; Monroe, twice; Mansfield, twice; and in Sweet Home Homer, Bonita, Reyville, Natchitoches; from 1921 to 1933, Lake Providence twice, Colpot, Shreveport 3 times; Bonita, Rogrith, Mansfield, Monroe, and Tallulah.

LOVE FEAST, was a social meal which the early Christians held, usually in secret where none but true believers took part. This caused much speculation by outsiders as to its real nature. Many unjust accusations were therefore made against it. The Church Fathers said, "We do not sit down and eat until we have first tasted of prayer to God; we eat to satisfy our hunger; we drink no more than befits the temperate; we feast as those who recollect that they are to spend the night in devotion; we converse as those who know that the Lord is a near witness". It seems that the custom of love feasts died out during the middle ages, until revived in the early part of the eighteenth century by the Moravians, from whom John Wesley learned their value, and when he established the Methodist Church he provided for "Love Feasts". In early Methodism love feasts were behind closed doors, and none but those in good standing were permitted and then only by tickets. We do not now sit at table, but break bread and drink water, shake hands, tell our Christian experience and sing and pray, making it a feast of love of one to another. Love Feast usually precedes the quarterly or monthly communion, giving all a chance to settle any differences with their brethren in and thus prepare for this feast of love.

MAL-ADMINISTRATION, is the improper application which a minister may be tried. Every minister of the law of the church, and one of the things for should know the law thoroughly. Much mal-administration comes from ignorance of the law.

MARION, INDIANA, BETHEL AME CHURCH, was organized in 1873 by Daniel Burden with seven members. In 1883 the brick church on West 5th was purchased by Rev. J. M. Nichols who then was one of the trustees. The following served prior to 1888: Daniel Burden, H. Russell, A. J. Ferguson, A. H. Knight, Wm. R. Hutchinson, P. G. Fuller, J. A. Jordan, Martin Coleman, R. McDaniels, and Johnson Burden. Since 1888, A. Mason, 1890; T. Titis, 1891; Alex Smith, 1892; J. Bass, 1893; H. H. Thompson, 1895; Henry Simons, 1896; T. Wilson, 1898; C. W. Mosell, 1900; W. H. Chambers, 1902; Theo. Price, 1905; J. F. Pettiford, 1909; G. H. Shaffer, 1912; J. M. Long, 1915; W. R. Henderson, 1916; W. D. Shannon, 1920; C. W. Carpenter, 1921; H. H. Black, 1923; A. E. Taylor, 1926; C. H. Jackson, 1929; C. S. Brown, 1931; E. L. Rabitory, H. E. Stewart, 1932; W. A. Searcy, 1939; present pastor, Rev. H. L. P. Jones, 1939, who built the new church in 1943, costing $37,000.

Church Roster 1943. Bethel AME Church, Marion, Indiana, Rev. H. L. P. Jones, D.D., pastor; M. D. Morrell, assistant pastor; Alfred Burden, local preacher; stewards: Houston Pate, Hubert Pate, Dr. Joseph Casey, Henry Gulliford, Dr. W. T. Bailey, Walter Willett, Oliville Harris, Donald Hawkins, Wm. Lindsey; trustees: Claude Watkins, Robert Hawkins, Harley Burden, Sr., Grant Shaer, Albert Hawkins, Edw. Tandy; stewardess: Addie Burden, Millie Tate Reed, Laura Ward, Mary Matthews, Madge Tandy, Flossie K. Bailey, Sadie E. Pate, Eva Kinney; class leaders: Orange Harris, Lula Steward, Viola Hornady, Susie Burden, Alice Mitchell, Grant Sharer, Wm. Lindsey, Addie Burden, Alonzo Hale, Henry Gulliford, Louisa Williams, Robert O'Daniel, Frank Pate, Jr.; junior church: Robert O'Daniel, Richard O'Daniel, Roberta Lucas, Frank Smith, Harry Wallace, Joan Weaver, Cardinal Casey, Freda Casey, Lula D. Taylor; missionary society: Christine Smith, Sadie E. Pate, Flossie K. Bailey, Houston Pate, Ruth Pettiford. Mary Watkins, Floda Watkins; Sunday School: Nevada Pate, Wm. Wilson, Susie Burden, LaVonne Wilson, Wanda Beard, Orange Harris, Laura Ward, Addie Burden. Senior Choir: Nevada Pate, Chorister; Lena Lucas, asst. secretary; Louisa Williams, secretary; Luladee Taylor, organist; Hubert Pate, president; Robert Hawkins, treasurer; Floda Watkins, Organist; members at large: Stella Casey, Mildred Hawkins, Octa Newsome, Sara Pate, Dorothy Pate, Effie Evans, Orange Harris, Georgia Evans, Harold Williams, Frank Pate, Houston Pate, Orville Harris and William Lindsey.

MARRIAGE is the legally joining of a man and a woman together for life as a basis for the family. This is done by a minister or magistrate as a rule, upon license from the local government. The ceremony used by our Church will be found in the discipline. In our ministry only deacons and elders are permitted to perform the same. Marriage should be encouraged, yet before marriage due caution should be used. Hasty marriages should always be discouraged, for marriage should be sacred, and is a contract, not alone civil, but divine, not to be broken except for reasons specifically given in Scripture. All ministers should marry wherever possible and present an example of pure family life to the community. Frequent sermons on marriage should be preached.

MASONRY. In 1836 the General Conference passed a resolution "that no preacher should be permitted to graduate with ministerial functions who is and continues to be a member of any Free Masons' Lodge". In 1844 two petitions with 86 names were presented to the General Conference against Masonry, but the General Conference stated "that inasmuch as the petitioners did not specify the evils complained of, that said petitions be turned to them again without action". Another petition came up in 1848, but the General Conference resolved to take "no further action on the subject". Since that time, there has been no great opposition to masonry in the Church. On the contrary, many of the bishops and elders have been also leaders in Masonry. Most of the present bishops are members of a Masonic Lodge.

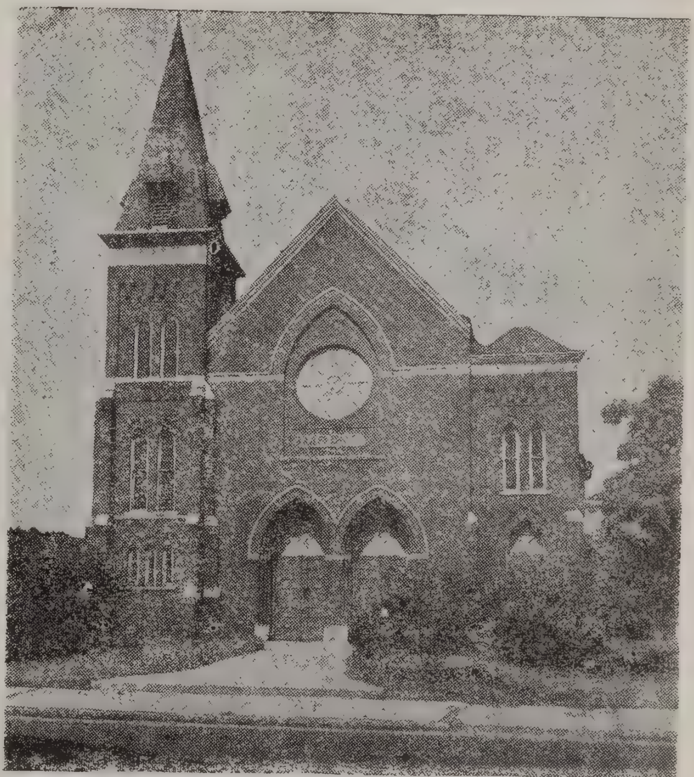
MEMBERSHIP, FULL: If a person feels sure of his saving faith in Jesus and desires to conform to our rules he need not go through the probationary period. The pastor will receive him at once as a full member, in the following manner. There is a regular form of ceremony one must go through, and vows one must take when he becomes a full member. (See Discipline). If one has not been baptized as an infant, he must be baptized by sprinkling, pouring or immersion, as he may select. (See Discipline). After he is baptized he is received into full membership. (See Discipline). The pastor calls all who are to be received before the altar and delivers an address to them, and asks them a half dozen questions about their souls' salvation and their relations of friendship towards other members of the church. If nobody objects, then they may become full members. Once a full member, always a full member until death, unless one is tried and expelled or withdraws. The pastor should give a certificate of membership to each member to be preserved and used when needed.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHURCH, PROBATIONARY MEMBERSHIP. Any one presenting himself or herself to the preacher before the altar—or anywhere else—declaring that he wants to live a Christian life, wants the help of the Lord in so doing, may become a member of the AME Church. Although he may not yet have the experience of saving faith he may join on probation. The pastor will receive him and assign him to a class leader who especially teaches him, prays with him, explains the Scriptures, and helps to lead him into the experience of true faith. This is supposed to be accomplished within three months. At the same time the pastor helps to lead the probationer not only in his religious experience, but also instructs him in the Catechism and in the history and doctrines of the church. The new probationer will also have the opportunity of associating with Christian people, and taking part in Christian worship and fellowship. Thus instruction from, and association with Christians should aid him to the personal experience of faith. Before he is "read into full membership", the pastor goes over the ceremony printed in the discipline entitled "Receiving Members into Full Membership", explaining the obligations the new full member will take, in order that he might answer with understanding when the questions are asked him in public. Of course if a person on probation does not feel that he or she can fully accept Jesus, or if his or her conduct is so at variance with the tenets of the church as not to warrant recommendation by his or her class leader, such person may be dropped, or the probationery period may be extended.

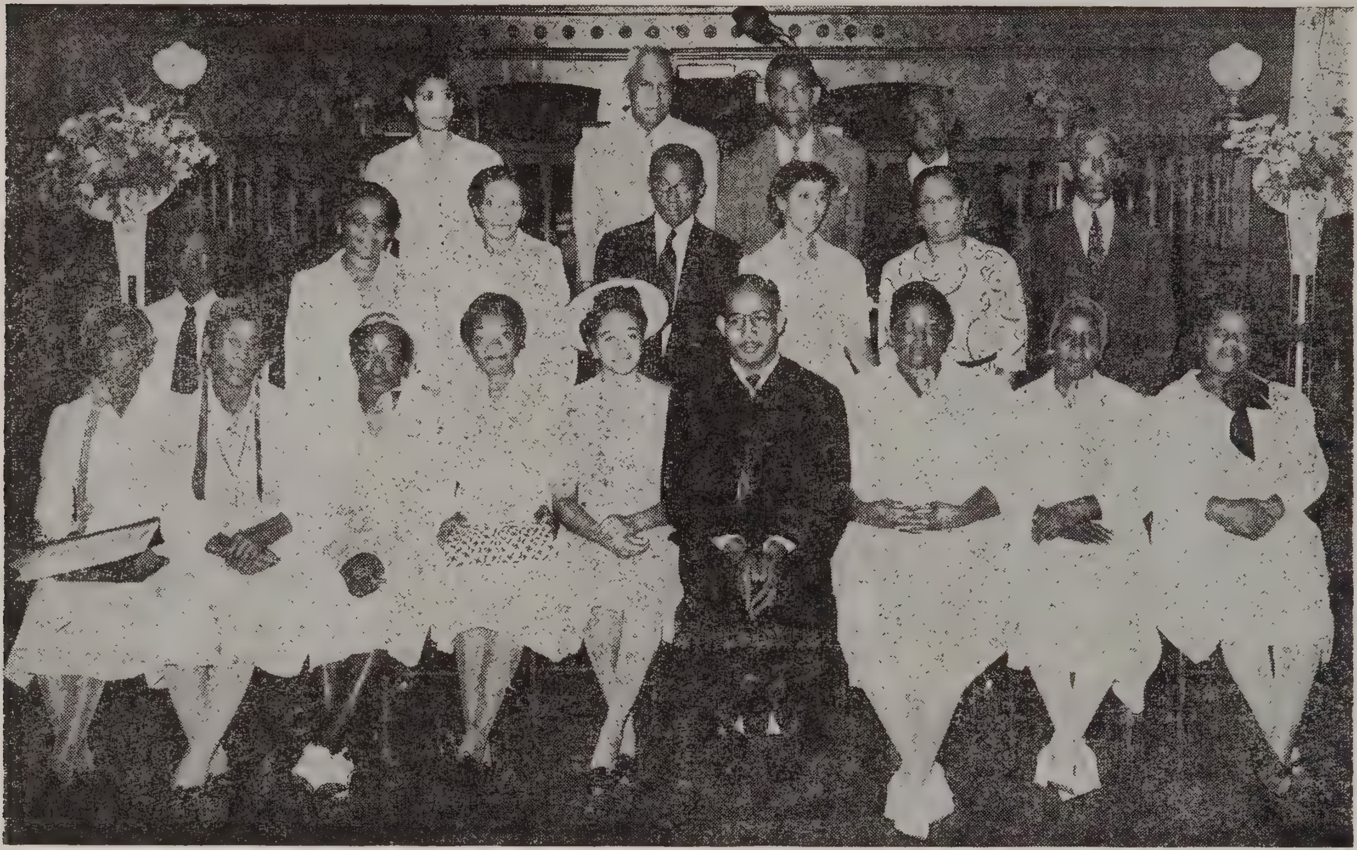
ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BE BAPTIZED IN INFANCY and instructed by their parents, in the Sunday school, and under special leadership, until they come into the experience of faith so as to be admitted into full membership. At this time their early presentation to the church through baptism, is confirmed. THE AME CHURCH BELIEVES FIRMLY IN THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS. As soon as our children are born we teach them to eat, put clothes on them, try to teach them to talk; as soon as they are able we send them to school. Certainly we should put them on the altar, dedicating them to God. If more of our people followed this there would be less juvenile delinquency, less heartaches of mothers and fathers, fewer broken homes, and a far better spiritual and moral life. Baptized children are on probation and called "Preparatory Members". They are held on probation until they, of their own accord; present themselves for full membership according to our discipline.

MEMBERS MOVING FROM PLACE TO PLACE should not neglect a certificate or "letter" from their home church, and should promptly join the church in the new place to which they go, no matter how short the stay. Being a member of the church not only gives personal and social satisfaction, spiritual and moral guidance, but should be useful in case one needs recommendations as to character in order to obtain employment, or in case of sickness or trouble. Besides one will find in church a choice set of new friends and wholesome recreation and associations such as will help not only to keep one from loneliness, but will help to build strong character. One of the main characteristics of church members always should be friendliness to strangers. Such friendliness has saved many a lonely man and woman.

MEMPHIS, TENN., AVERY CHAPEL AME CHURCH. In 1863 a group of Christian men and women with their children who believed that all men should be privileged to worship God according to the dictates of their spirit and conscience assembled in the basement of the First Methodist Church (white) to worship God. Believing in the principles as laid down by Richard Allen, they styled themselves African Methodist Episcopal. They worshipped in this basement for quite a while, growing larger and larger in numbers. After several changes, they located a house on Brown's Ave., now known as Pontotoc St., and worshipped there until they bought a lot on Gayoso Bayou at Gayoso and Hernando Sts., where they erected a church and remained many years. Because of the interest shown them in their struggles to buy and build by a Mr. Avery, who made large financial donations and other considerations, the church was named "Avery Chapel". The congregation continued to grow; many obstacles confronted them, but they were finally successful in buying the present site of this church, around the corner from the old location. This was then known as Desota St., now South



Avery Chapel AME Church
Dr. D. V. Kyle, Pastor



Official Board, Avery Chapel AME Church, Memphis, Tennessee, Rev. D. V. Kyle, Pastor

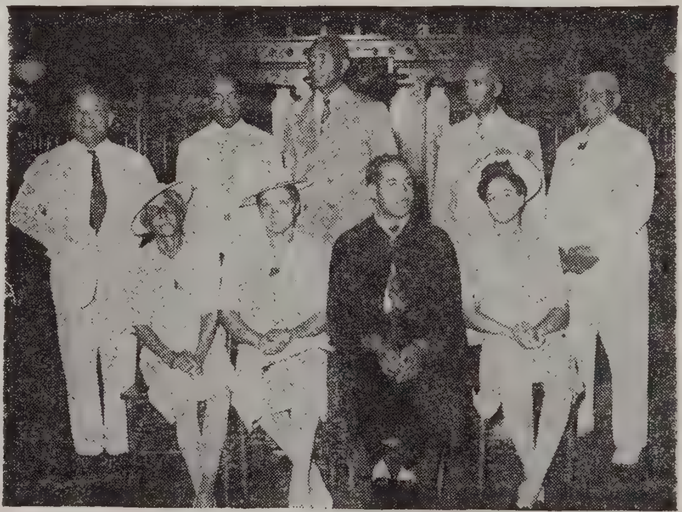
Fourth. A spacious brick church was erected and has been remodeled and redecorated both outside and inside many times since its erection. This church has been pastored by some of the most outstanding AME ministers, among them, Bishop W. T. Vernon, Dr. D. L. Witherspoon, general officer. Numbered among the membership and official ranks since the organization of this historic church have been and now are some of the best laymen, both men and women of the AME connection and, many children and great-grand children ad relatives whose parents were members and officers of the first congregation of this church and Sunday school are active members of this present church. Avery has had thirty-one pastors. The present pastor is Rev. Dwight Vincent Kyle, who with his wife, Mrs. Grace L. Kyle, is making great strides to carry the church progressively onward. All have labored in and out with the membership; some have gone to their reward; the church is marching on.

Rosetta Hudgins, Church Historian.

MEMPHIS, GOODWILL SERVICE CENTER. Out of the study made by the Commission on Social Service, under the guidance of Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., the Goodwill Service Center became a reality. By action of the 1944 Annual Conference of the West Tennessee Conference at Union City, Tennessee, the plans for a Center were endorsed and support given, and $1,274.00 were collected for that purpose. The property was purchased at 362 Beale Avenue for the Goodwill Service Center, the following trustees signing the same, Reverends A. F. Davis, D. V. Kyle, J. W. Hall, Attorney C. L. Robinson and Mr. J. L. Dumas. The results of this transaction were presented to the December meeting of the Presiding Elders Council and Workers Conference of the 13th Episcopal District in Louisville, Kentucky, thereby being endorsed. The Goodwill Service Center was officially opened July 8, 1945, at historic Avery Chapel. A week of seminars and research was conducted by social workers oustanding in their field headed by Dr. James H. Robinson who is the author of a study on "The Negro in Memphis and Vicinity" a dissertation for the degree of Ph.D., from Yale University.

OBJECTIVES OF THE GOODWILL SERVICE CENTER

Every Christian Church, as it seeks to embody and live out the spirit and purpose of Christ, in addition to its maintenance of worship, work of Christian Education and Evangelization, will desire in every practicable way to serve its community. What forms shall this service take?



Trustees, Avery Chapel, Memphis, Tennessee

Ministers' Wives, Memphis, Tennessee, 1943

It is our desire to express the spirit of Jesus, to make the word flesh, through the services rendered by the Goodwill Service Center. We hold that nothing is so vital in a world that is constantly shrinking, than active Goodwill.

While the Center is a creation of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the 13th Episcopal District and supported in the main by the same, with the exception of the gracious gifts from friends of both races and all denominations, *the Center is public, open to all*, of all faiths, of no faith. The Center is a Service Station on the highway of life.

Further, believing that world peace alone can avert another world war threatening the destruction of civilization if not the annihilation of human existence, and believing that world peace can be obtained only by the predominance of Goodwill in the hearts of men, expressed in the acts of every day life, we have banded ourselves together to establish a Center for the purpose of spreading the doctrine of Goodwill. Thus, we hope to do our part in promoting domestic tranquility, world peace, and universal brotherhood, to the glory of God and the salvation of men. We hope Goodwill Centers will be established throughout the nation.

The objectives of the Goodwill Service Center are as follows:

(A) To promote Goodwill among all Men: To stimulate good thoughts, to encourage people to say good things about one another, and to do something good for one another, to say at least one good thing about some person every day.

(B) To offer a Center for Goodwill Fellowship.

(C) To offer practical methods for the expression of Goodwill.

The Committees with their chairman are as follows:

1. *Committee of Home Visitors*: To help create neighborhood fellowship, discover the needs of the community, and to offer proper counsel to meet the needs. The committee gives training and experience to individuals from the local churches in order that such visitation committees might be organized in the interest of the Evangelistic work of the local churches. Mrs. Grace L. Kyle, Supervisor, Mrs. Annie Larry Plummer, President, Mrs. Viola Ware. Vice President, Mrs. C. V. Burrows, Treasurer, Mrs. Bernice Clay, Chaplain. Members, Cassandra Harris, E. J. Welsch, Sarah Coleman, Hattie Cullpeper, Ernestine Rivers, Hattie Harrison, Willa B. Gilton, Margaret Young, Marguerite Cox, Mae Ellison, B. D. J. Coleman, Pearl Campbell, Mildred Stockton and Emma Foster.
2. *Bible and Study Classes*: To encourage and stimulate the reading and study of the Bible, and set up other classes when individuals so desire. Rev. E. Coleman, Jr., Chairman.
3. *Place of Meeting*: To offer the Goodwill Service Center as a place of meeting free of charge for any group, club, or committee which seeks to promote Goodwill. Rev. A. L. Gilmore, Chairman.
4. *Information Service*: To save people from lost motion by answering their questions regarding many problems of home, school, work, etc., and by referring them to the proper agencies that can help them. Rev. D. V. Kyle, Chairman.
5. *Employment Service*: To help our returning service men and others to get jobs, and to promote efficiency and encourage good relationship between employers and employees. Rev. J. B. Dove.
6. *Intra-racial and Inter-racial Goodwill*: To promote a better understanding between members of the same race, also between members of different races, by emphasizing and dwelling upon the Good. Rev. Wm. Young.
7. *Circulation Library and Book Committees*: To make available the literature of Goodwill and the best literature

written by Negroes on the subject of Negroes, through sale, and lending; to stimulate reading among our people, and to discover local literary ability and talent. Mrs. Grace L. Kyle, Chairman.

8. *Woman's Exchange*: To encourage women in the arts and crafts to make useful things, and to offer a medium of exchange for them. Mrs. Willa B. Gilton, Chairman.

9. *Visual Aid to the Promotion of Goodwill*: To provide the churches with religious and inspirational motion pictures. Projecting the best in the religious, economic, educational, and social life of the individual in a program of Goodwill. Rev. D. V. Kyle, Chairman.

10. *Visitors to the Courts*: To create a spirit of Goodwill, to offer assistance in the reduction of juvenile delinquency, through the organization of youth groups, and the giving of guidance and counsel. Rev. Louis Williams, Chairman.

11. *Discussion Groups* on the questions of the day as they are affected by Goodwill. The organization of the Goodwill Service Forum. Rev. A. D. Brown, Chairman.

12. *Awards for Practical Expressions* of Goodwill to humble people. Rev. F. D. Coleman, Chairman.

13. *Headquarters of the National Goodwill Movement* and hold an annual Goodwill Service. Rev. M. L. Young, Chairman.

14. *Speakers Bureau*: To furnish qualified speakers to colleges, high schools, churches and other organizations. Rev. D. V. Kyle, Chairman.

15. *Dramatics and Music*: To study and present dramas setting forth Goodwill and develop musical groups and programs. Mrs. Pearlie Dove, Chairman.

On July 8, 1946, the Goodwill Service Center was launched at a public meeting at historic Avery Chapel, Dr. D. V. Kyle, Pastor. The meeting took place at 3 P. M. with Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., and Mayor Walter Chandler principal speakers. Many representatives and workers of the 13th District were present. The objectives and goals were set forth to a crowded house. The Goodwill Service Center was under way. During this year the following services have been rendered:

1. Survey—The Goodwill Service Center made a survey of all the business houses and homes on Beale Ave., and Gayoso Street. This survey was conducted by Prof. R. R. Wright, 3rd, and the acting Director. As a result we were able to get first hand impressions of the area in which we were to work; also to acquaint the area with the program of Goodwill. Many helpful suggestions were received. Every individual contacted joined the Goodwill movement by signing the pledge card.

2. Bible Study—Throughout the year we have had two classes meeting on Monday and Wednseday mornings, taught by Rev. A. E. Andrews and Rev. D. V. Kyle. A special class for ministers taught by Rev. E. Coleman, Jr., met every Thursday night.

3. Information—An average of ten persons seek information daily through private conferences, others by telephone. The information sought has concerned the following: legal aid, housing, employment, recommendations, aid to aged, blind, higher education, health. Many persons have been saved from lost motion, time and money by inquiring here.

4. Employment service—Many have not sought this service, due to the fact of an open market for labor and work being plentiful. We have secured placement for twenty-five individuals.

5. Rehabilitation—We have worked with 120 individuals. Through counselling results have been attained in fifty percent of the cases. Many we are still working with for better and more wholesome adjustments. Some have been alcoholics.

6. Visitation—Over five hundred homes have been visited within a four block radius of the Goodwill Service Center for the purpose of encouraging and spreading Goodwill, also gathering first hand information as to the needs and conditions; religious, moral, health, educational, recreational, economic. In the light of all information gained, our concern is with the urgent need, which if met will help create a community of Goodwill.

As a result of the visits a revival was held for the sinners and unchurched of this community. The revival was opened by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., who so generously paid for the feats of over one hundred persons. Rev. Mark L. Young conducted the revival. Many persons who had been long out of touch with the church came.

7. Visitations to the Courts—The committee has had representatives in the courts, covering sixty percent of all cases tried during the year. The committee has also set in council with those in question and has visited the jails and homes of those brought before the courts.

8. Visitations to Old Age Homes, Orphanages and Hospitals—Monthly visitations have been made to these institutions carrying Goodwill through counsel, song and prayer.

9. Discussion Groups—This has been carried out in the main through the Ministers' Council meeting every Tuesday. Nevertheless we have had over 20 special discussions in small groups meeting in the Center, concerning every area of life. Our program calls for the institution of a public forum meeting monthly. Plans have been made for its launching.

10. Woman's Exchange—This service has done much in finding women with talent in hand craft and art and offering them a medium for the exchange or sale of their articles. To date there are fifty-seven consignors who have made many useful and beautiful articles such as corde hand bags, hats, dresses, quilts, children's clothing, hand embroidered and hand painted towels, scarfs, doilies, etc.

11. Book Club—Twice a week the Book Club meets with a membership of forty. Its meetings are opened to the public at which time an outstanding book is reviewed by an entertaining reviewer. The Book Club has a four point program: (1) Discovering local talent in poetry and short story writing. (2) Book Week annually. (3) Bimonthly Book Reviews. (4) Promotion of a Lecture Series.

12. Speakers Bureau—Speakers have been supplied to various schools and colleges of the tri-state area.

13. Research Library—A special room has been set aside where ministers of all denominations, teachers, social workers, religious workers, and all may come and study and prepare. A library of the very best books in the field of religion, including reference books in various fields are at hand. Over 1500 volumes are in the library, also Negro journals and newspapers.

14. Visal Aids to Religious Education—We have a R.C.A. projector, screen and films, a public address system and record broadcast system. We are building a library of religious films and have on hand eighteen. Monthly we sponsor religious and popular films that carry the Goodwill emphasis into the various churches, schools, and clubs.

15. Dramatics—The Center sponsored the "Heaven Bound" religious drama last June at the city auditorium, with a cast of over four hundred. Mrs. Venzuella Jones, dramatic actor and director from New York City directed the drama which was highly acclaimed by Memphis. From the nucleus of this cast we are developing a Goodwill Actors group.

16. Awards for Practical Expression of Goodwill—The first awards were presented to the chorister and pianist who aided in spreading Goodwill in the community through "Heaven Bound."

17. Youth Groups—As a beginning of our youth work the AME Youth Council of Memphis was formed.

The Goodwill Service Center, venture in applied Christianity looks ahead hopefully toward a world of Peace, Brotherhood and Goodwill. We are extremely thankful that hostilities have ceased, while we are increasingly mindful of the fact that while wars may stop, still Peace may be a long way off. In a time like this it is imperative that man and groups will do everything possible to help build a better world. "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee.... for we are brethren".—Gen. 13:8.

Conscious of the atomic bomb, and the possibility of space ships, one is made to realize the smallness of the world, the togetherness, or else the annihilation of humanity. Jesus' prayer remains the unheard cry of humanity that "we may all be one."

On this vast ocean of life, the Goodwill Service Center is a minute ripple. However, we feel in the right direction. We ask your support, your constructive criticism and your advice. Help us to create Goodwill.

We do not labor under the Hamlet complex that all is wrong with the world and it is ours to right it, rather, we are here to cooperate with every agency, every individual striving for the promotion of Goodwill. We are a Service Station on the highway of life.

"In the beginning was the Word; behold Him to whom Mary listened. And the Word was made flesh; behold Him whom Martha served."

The Goodwill Service Center looks ahead, "Faring with torn and shimmering sail into the Farthest Blue, for she desires a country."

MEMPHIS, TENN., MT. ZION AME CHURCH 1943—118 West Trigg Ave.—Rev. F. G. Garrett, pastor (1943). Senior steward board: 9 members—William Harvey, chairman; John Ellis, secretary; S. M. Hudson, treasurer.

Junior steward board: 9 members—W. M. Riley, chairman; John Brown, secretary; Will Scott, treasurer.

Senior stewardess board: 9 members—Emma Johnson, chairman; Helen Webster, secretary; Hattie Harris, treasurer.

Junior stewardess board: 9 members—Mary Ellis, chairman; Europe Thomas, secretary; Sarah Garrett, treasurer.

Trustee board: 9 members—Norris Gilmore, vice chairman; J. M. Sanders, secretary; Earl Wade, treasurer.

Class leaders: 22.

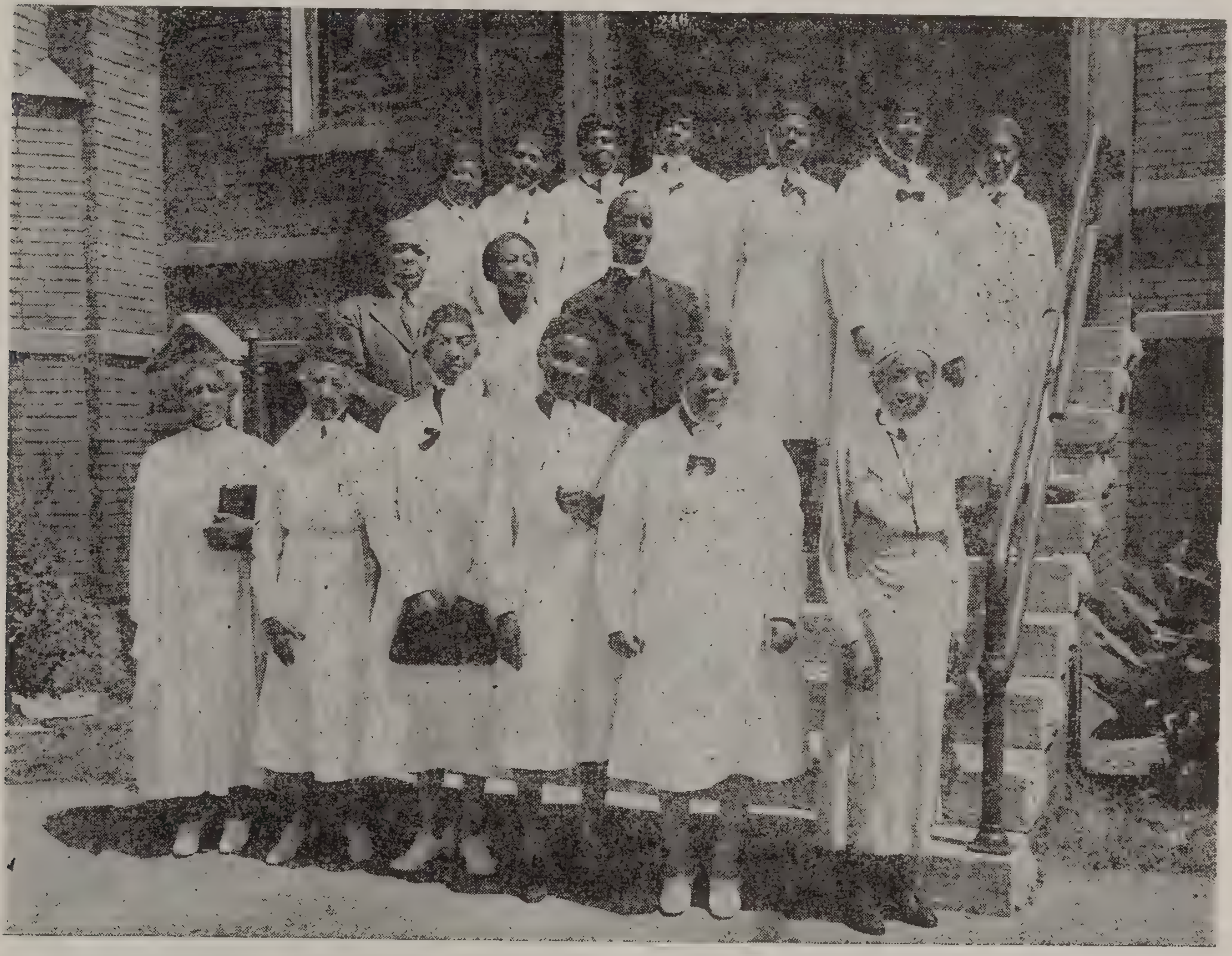
Sunday school: 100 members—W. M. E. Hale, superintendent; Ruth Mae Payne, secretary; Emma Johnson, treasurer.

A.C.E. League: 35 members—Lena Davis, president; Everett Garrett, secretary; Elyona West, treasurer.

Senior choir: 26 members—Estelle Taylor, president; Ruth Mae Payne, secretary; A. W. Boyd, treasurer.

Junior Choir: 18 members—Mildred Grimes, president; Myrlon Tucker, secretary; Lavada Fields, treasurer.

Deaconess Board: 5 members—Julia Paston, chairman; Lena Davis, secretary; Mary L. Dickens, treasurer.



Deaconess Union, Memphis, Tennessee

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. The AME Deaconess Union of Memphis, Tennessee was organized in 1937 at Saint Andrew AME Church under the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Hall by Rev. J. S. Kelly, Presiding Elder of the South Memphis district. Standing front row reading left to right: Mrs. Lelia Hester, Spiritual Advisor; Mrs. M. I. Shackelford, President; Mrs. Eugenia Bolton, 1st Vice President; Mrs. Jessie Chalmes, Secretary; Mrs. Lydia Ann Whitley, Treasurer; Mrs. Julia Postum, President Emeritus. Second Row, left to right: Rev. W. L. Powell, Mrs. F. O. Davis, Rev. A. F. Davis, Memphis, Tennessee. Third Row, left to right: Mrs. Mamie Smith, Ward Chapel AME Church; Mrs. Pillow Minor, Bethel AME Church; Mrs. E. Williams, Saint Andrew AME Church; Mrs. Lelia Jackson, Saint Andrew AME Church; Mrs. Emily Hinds, Saint Andrew Church; Mrs. Mary Shaw, Providence Church; Mrs. M. E. Gray, Ward Chapel.

Senior Missionary Society: 20 members—Alida Lewis, president; Josephine Davis, secretary; Phillie C. Moore, treasurer.

Junior Missionary Society: 20 members—Mildred Grimes, president; Lavada Fields, secretary; Elizabeth Grimes, treasurer.

Lillie of Valley Club: 18 members—Josephine Davis, president; Mary Harvey, secretary; Emma Yarbrough, treasurer.

Busy Bee Club: 12 members—A. W. Boyd, president; Elzara West, secretary; Bertha Maxwell, treasurer.

Ruth Circle: 15 members—Irene Gilmore, president; Emma Yarbrough, secretary; A. W. Boyd, treasurer.

Emergency Club: 14 members—Louise Martin, president; Louise Fields, secretary; Lizzie Reeves, treasurer.

Usher Board: 21 members—Robert Jackson, president; Willie Vaughn, secretary; Bobbie Powell, treasurer.

Junior Church: 37 members—L. M. Nelson, manager; Everett L. Garrett, chairman; Teresa Fields, secretary; W. M. Harvey, Jr., treasurer.

Cradle Roll: 12 members—Julia Pastor, caretaker.

Since the above was written Mt. Zion has had the following pastors: Revs. W. L. Powell, 1945-1946; J. B. Dove, 1946-1947; J. W. Hall, 1947 to present.

Missionary Society, Allen Chapel AME Church Memphis, Tennessee.

Seated left to right: Mrs. Rubye Spight, Secretary; Sylvia Jefferson, Dora Bridgett, President; Ella B. Couch, Jr. Supt.: Standing left to right: Mrs. Catherine Willys, Rev. W. T. Couch, Pastor; Sarah Adams, Miss Edith Young, Corresponding Secretary. Officers not on group, Ida Fall, Treasurer, Ina Horton, Vice president.

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. See Providence AME Church, St. Andrews AME Church, St. James AME Church else where.

MEN'S SERVICE LEAGUE, in the 13th District was organized in 1944 by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. As the women are organized into missionary groups the men are organized into social service groups in the local churches. The Men's Service League works the year round in getting the men of the community to attend church, to organize a Men's Bible Class, hold annual Men's Day Service, collect data about the local church and the local community, and conduct an open forum for the discussion of matters of interest to the people socially, politically and economically. The organization has a conference branch. Dr. W. H. Ballard is president of the Kentucky Conference Men's Service League; Attorney W. C. Buford is president of West Kentucky; Dr. LeRoy Capehart is president of East Tennessee; Dr. B. L. Burrows of Tennessee, and Attorney C. L. Robinson of West Tennessee.

METHODIST, THE TERM, as applied to a religious body, was first applied to those who followed John Wesley. When John Wesley was a student at Oxford University, he and a few others saw the looseness with which other students and those about them lived, how careless even the clergy were with regard to things which ought to be held sacred to the Church and how rapidly formalism seemed to be supplanting the real spiritual worship, and therefore to be supplanting the real spiritual worship. They therefore formed a sort of club, and met together to read the Bible, and to tell their experiences and to help one another in the effort to live in accordance with the Bible. They fasted once a week, and abstained from other things usually indulged in by students, for which they soon became objects of derision among their fellows. This began in 1729. They were called the "Holy Club", "Bible Bigots", "Sacramentarian", the "Godly Club", "The Methodists". This did not deter them; but they kept steadily and systematically to their purpose. Other students came and the group grew. Of all the names, that of "Methodist" persisted, and in time was the only one applied to them, for as one said they seem to do everything by a method. These young men were not aiming to start a new denomination; they were loyal to the Church of England, and hoped to make the members of their church better.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, THE, is the first Methodist Church organized in America. It was formally organized during the Christmas week of 1784. Richard Allen and Harry Hosier, colored men, were in this first American Methodist Conference, called the "Christmas Conference", and held in Baltimore, Md., in the Lovely Lane Church. John Wesley had organized the first Methodist Society in London in 1738. He had no idea of starting a separate Church, but of starting a reform movement in the Established (Episcopal) Church, of England. But his movement grew. America was being colonized by the English. Wesley had himself (in 1734) come to America as a missionary preacher before he started the Methodist societies. When Methodism started in England, it naturally came to America. Sir Nathaniel Gilbert and two Negro women first brought it from England to Antigua about 1759; Philip Embury and Barbara Heck brought it to New York, where the first converts on the mainland of this country were probably Negroes. Robert Strawbridge brought it to Maryland. In 1769 Wesley sent special preachers to the country. In 1771 Francis Asbury and Richard Wright came from England, and from that time Methodism grew rapidly. Then came the Revolutionary War, 1775-1783, when lines between England and America were closely drawn. The independent government of the United States was set up in America and the people of the United States wanted an independent church. John Wesley recognized this and sent Rev. Dr. Thomas Coke to become superintendent of the American Church. He came in company with Elders Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey and organized the Methodist Episcopal Church. Although the English Methodists were not Episcopal, the American Methodist so became. Rev. Francis Asbury was elected bishop and ordained. From that time to this, this branch of the Christian Church has not ceased to grow, and all other branches of American Methodism have grown out of it. The AME Church split from it in 1816; but the most serious split was when the Southern Methodists withdrew as a result of the stand of the church on slavery. The Methodist Protestants refused to go on with the Methodist Episcopalians because like Wesleyans of England they did not want bishops. In 1940 the M.E. Church, the M.E. Church South, and the Protestant Methodists united to form the present Methodist Church which though it dropped the term "Episcopal," still retained the bishopric.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH (SOUTH), grew out of the difference between the Southern Methodists who upheld slavery and the parent M. E. Church who opposed it. The occasion for separation came chiefly in the condemnation and practical suspension by the general conference of 1844, of Bishop Andrew of Georgia, who had married a wife who owned slaves, and who would not set them free. The southern delegates declared that "the continued agitation on the subject of slavery and abolition proceedings against Bishop Andrew must produce a state of things in the South which renders the continuance of the general conference over these conferences inconsistent with the success of the ministry in the slaveholding states". May 1, 1845, a convention of southern delegates was called and the "Methodist Episcopal Church, South" was organized, and Bishop Joshua Soule and James Osgood Andrew, who had been bishops of the M.E. Church, were made bishops and a general conference was called the next year. Soon most of the white Methodists in the South were in the M.E. Church, South. During the Civil War the church suffered much, but recuperated. After nearly 100 years' separation, it reunited with M.E. Church and Methodist Protestant Church to form the Methodist Church in 1940.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, THE COLORED, was organized in December, 1870, at Nashville, Tenn. For many years before the Civil War, most of the colored people who were Methodists were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, later the M.E. Church, South. But after the Civil War, the M.E. Church, South, desired to set its colored membership apart into an independent denomination. The first bishops elected were: W. H. Miles, and R. H. Vanderhorst. In 1944 there were reported approximately 4400 churches with 382,000 members. The present bishops (1948) are: Charles H. Phillips (emeritus), Cleveland, Ohio; R. A. Carter, Chicago; J. A. Hamlett, Kansas City, Kansas; H. P. Porter, Jackson, Tennessee; J. H. Moore, Memphis, Tennessee; W. Y. Bell, Cordele, Georgia; C. L. Russell, Washington, D. C.; Luther Stewart, Hopkinsville, Kentucky; F. L. Lewis, Shreveport, Louisiana; R. L. Young, Meridian, Mississippi.

MICHIGAN AME CONFERENCE was organized at Battle Creek, Michigan, August 24, 1887. Bishop Campbell, presided over the conference which included all of the state of Michigan and Northern Indiana. W. H. Brown of Fort Wayne, Ind., preached the annual sermon. The conference was divided into three presiding elder districts. The presiding elders holding pastoral charges were: R. Jeffries, Ypsilanti; J. H. Alexander, Grand Rapids; J. McSmith, Lansing. The dollar money reported was $337.67. The death of Bishops Cain and Shorter and Rev. R. Titus were reported at the conference. The roster of the first Michigan Conference contains the following names: traveling elders: J. H. Alexander, J. McSmith, W. H. Pope, C. H. Thomas, C. F. Hill, Benjamin Roberts, D. A. Brown, G. W. Benson, H. B. Gordon, Robinson Jeffries, G. B. Graham, James M. Henderson, W. H. Saunders, J. H. Miller, G. W. Brown; traveling deacons: Henry Parker, David Siscoe; traveling preachers: Abraham Cotman, E. E. Gregory. J. McSmith and J. H. Miller were elected to the General Conference. The second session of the conference was held at Grand Rapids, September 5-10, 1888, Bishop John M. Brown, presiding; annual sermon by J. McSmith of Lansing; educational sermon by G. W. Brown, of Detroit. The third session of the conference was held at Kalamazoo, September 11-16, 1889, Bishop John M. Brown, presiding; annual sermon by J. H. Alexander; educational sermon by R. Jeffries. Rev. C. S. Smith was present at the session of the conference as the secretary of the AME Sunday School Union. The ladies of the Mite Missionary Society held an interesting meeting, over which Mrs. Elizabeth Harper presided. The fourth session of the conference was held at East Saginaw, September 10-15, 1890. Bishop John M. Brown, presiding. The new Bethel Church at Detroit was reported erected at a cost of $18,000 by Rev. James M. Henderson, and dedicated by Bishop Brown; also a parsonage erected by Rev. William Collins at St. Joseph and the church at Benton Harbor, dedicated by Bishop Brown. Mrs. Frances E. Preston, who had been appointed by Rev. W. B. Derrick, Secretary of Missions, as an agent of the Missionary Department, submitted an excellent report of her work at this conference. The annual sermon was delivered by J. I. Hill; the educational sermon by James M. Henderson. An episcopal residence was established at this conference and James M. Henderson, J. Jeffries and William Allen were elected trustees. Rev. James M. Henderson was appointed presiding elder. The fifth session was held at Bethel Church, Detroit, August 13-19, 1891. In the absence of Bishop Brown, on account of the death of Bishop Campbell, the senior member of the conference, Rev. J. H. Alexander, presided, assisted by Rev. C. S. Smith, Secretary of the Sunday School Union. Bishop Brown returned September 16th and completed the work of the conference. John M. Henderson and Robinson Jeffries were elected delegates to the General Conference. The sixth session convened in Jackson, September 1-6, 1892, Bishop Turner, presiding; annual sermon by Rev. Collins, of Lansing; educational sermon by Rev. H. E. Stewart. The seventh session was held at

Time	**Place**	Bishops	Secretary
Aug. 24, 1887	Battle Creek, Mich.	J. P. Campbell	J. M. Henderson
Sept. 5, 1888	Grand Rapids, Mich.	J. M. Brown	J. M. Henderson
Sept. 11, 1889	Kalamazoo, Mich.	J. M. Brown	D. A. Graham
Sept. 10, 1890	East Saginaw, Mich.	J. M. Brown	D. A. Graham
Aug. 13, 1891	Bethel, Detroit, Mich.	J. M. Brown	J. M. Henderson
Sept. 1, 1892	Jackson, Mich.	H. M. Turner	J. M. Henderson
Sept. 1, 1893	South Bend, Ind.	H. M. Turner	J. M. Henderson
Sept. 5, 1894	Lansing, Mich.	H. M. Turner	J. M. Henderson
Sept. 5, 1895	Ebenezer, Detroit, Mich.	H. M. Turner	J. D. Barksdale
Aug. 26, 1896	Ann Arbor, Mich.	B. W. Arnett	J. D. Barksdale
Aug. 25, 1897	Flint, Mich.	B. W. Arnett	J. D. Barksdale
Aug. 24, 1898	Ft. Wayne, Ind.	B. W. Arnett	Sandy Simmons
Aug. 24, 1899	Bethel, Detroit, Mich.	B. W. Arnett	Sandy Simmons
Aug. 29, 1900	Grand Rapids, Mich.	A. Grant	Sandy Simmons
Sept. 11, 1901	South Bend, Ind.	A. Grant	Sandy Simmons
Sept. 10, 1902	Ypsilanti, Mich.	A. Grant	Jos. M. Evans
Sept. 9, 1903	Bethel, Detroit, Mich.	A. Grant	Jos. M. Evans
Sept. 14, 1904	Benton Harbor, Mich.	J. A. Handy	Jos. M. Evans
Sept. 21, 1905	Ypsilanti, Mich.	J. A. Handy	Jos. M. Evans
Sept. 26, 1906	Pontiac, Mich.	J. A. Handy	Jos. M. Evans
Sept. 11, 1907	Ebenezer, Detroit, Mich.	J. A. Handy	Jos. M. Evans
Sept. 2, 1908	South Bend, Ind.	C. T. Shaffer	Jos. M. Evans
Sept. 1, 1909	Grand Rapids, Mich.	C. T. Shaffer	Jos. M. Evans
Aug. 31, 1910	Kalamazoo, Mich.	**C. T. Shaffer**	Jos. M. Evans
Aug. 30, 1911	Flint, Mich.	W. B. Derrick	Jos. M. Evans
Sept. 4, 1912	Jackson, Mich.	C. T. Shaffer	Jos. M. Evans
Sept. 3, 1913	Battle Creek, Mich.	H. M. Turner	Jos. M. Evans

Sept. 2, 1914—Lansing, Mich.	H. M. Turner	Jos. M. Evans
Sept. 5, 1915—Ebenezer, Detroit, Mich.	C. S. Smith	Jos. M. Evans
Sept. 6, 1916—Grand Rapids, Mich.	C. S. Smith	Jos. M. Evans
Sept. 6, 1917—South Bend, Ind.	C. S. Smith	T. J. Askew
Sept. 12, 1918—Kalamazoo, Mich.	C. S. Smith	W. B. Baber
Sept. 10, 1919—Detroit, Mich.	J. M. Connor	W. B. Baber
Sept. 8, 1920—Ft. Wayne, Ind.	J. M. Connor	W. B. Baber
Sept. 7, 1921—Ypsilanti, Mich.	J. M. Connor	J. A. Charleston
Sept. 13, 1922—Flint, Mich.	J. M. Connor	J. A. Charleston
Sept. 19, 1923—Ebenezer, Mich.	W. T. Vernon	J. A. Charleston
Sept. 10, 1924—Grand Rapids, Mich.	W. T. Vernon	J. A. Charleston
Sept. 16, 1925—Jackson, Mich.	W. T. Vernon	J. A. Charleston
Sept. 8, 1926—South Bend, Ind.	W. T. Vernon	J. A. Charleston
Sept. 14, 1927—Detroit, Mich.	A. J. Carey	J. A. Charleston
Sept. 29, 1928—Grand Rapids, Mich.	A. J. Carey	J. A. Charleston
Sept. 28, 1929—Ebenezer, Detroit, Mich.	A. J. Carey	D. A. Blake
Sept. 3, 1930—Benton, Detroit, Mich.	H. B. Parks	D. A. Blake
Sept. 16, 1931—Bethel, Detroit, Mich.	H. B. Parks	D. A. Blake
Sept. 7, 1932—Saginaw, Mich.	H. B. Parks	D. A. Blake
Sept. 7, 1933—St. Stephen, Detroit, Mich.	H. B. Parks	D. A. Blake
Sept. 7, 1934—Ebenezer, Detroit, Mich.	H. B. Parks	D. A. Blake
Sept. 5, 1935—Bethel, Detroit, Mich.	John A. Gregg	D. A. Blake
Sept. 1, 1937—Ft. Wayne, Ind.	John A. Gregg	D. A. Blake
Aug. 31, 1938—Grand Rapids, Mich.	John A. Gregg	G. L. Hayden
Aug. 30, 1939—Detroit, Mich.	John A. Gregg	A. W. Peterson
Aug. 28, 1940—Flint, Mich.	John A. Gregg	A. W. Peterson
Aug. 27, 1941—Jackson, Mich.	John A. Gregg	A. W. Peterson

DOLLAR MONEY REPORT BY THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE—1936-1940, Bishop J. A. Gregg.

1936-1937	1937-1938	1938-1939	1939-1940	Total	Increase
$7,555.74	$7,723.55	$7,898.05	$8,263.00	$31,440.34	$4,647.01

DECEASED MINISTERS OF THE MICHIGAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE, AME CHURCH

Name	Born	Place	Died	Place
R. H. Felton		New York	Mar. 31, 1887	Adrian, Mich.
John McSmith	1827	Indiana	March 13, 1891	Ypsilanti, Mich.
Richard Titus		Richmond, Ind.	May 27, 1892	Richmond, Ind
A. Sol Walton	Feb. 14, 1861	Morganton, N. C.	Jan. 23, 1895	Detroit, Mich.
Wilson Beard		Kentucky	Apr. 17, 1897	Detroit, Mich.
H. C. Parker			Apr. 12, 1897	Detroit, Mich
Robert Miller	Feb. 12, 1836	Danville, Ont.	Jan. 13, 1900	Jackson, Mich.
G. W. Benson	May 1, 1936	Clemmington, N. C.	Feb. 12, 1902	St. Joe, Mich.
G. R. Collins	Sept. 28, 1849	Kent Co., Del.	Dec. 7, 1903	Grand Rapids, Mich.
C. M. Crosby	Jan. 10, 1850	Gloster, Ont.	Jan. 12, 1907	South Bend, Ind.
Wm. H. Brown	July, 1858	Pendleton, S. C.	May 12, 1907	Ft. Wayne, Ind.
G. W. Brown	1833		Sept. 28, 1911	Jackson, Mich
Chas. E. Bell	1838		July, 1912	Cass Co., Mich.
J. H. Alexander	May 1, 1841	Kentucky	May 16, 1913	Jackson, Mich.
Watson T. Artis	1843	N. Hamp Co., N. Y.	Jan. 10, 1914	Dunlap, Mich.
F. A. Hartfords	Dec. 3, 1841	Papeer, Mich.	July 16, 1914	Saginaw, Mich.
Fred W. Carter			Nov. 8, 1915	Ardrian, Mich.
Robinson Jeffries			July 24, 1916	Kalamazoo, Mich.
E. T. Alexander	Dec. 18, 1850	C. Girardeau, Mo.	Aug. 4, 1898	Ypsilanti, Mich.
J. K. Hart			April 7, 1908	South Bend, Ind.
T. August Reed			May 13, 1918	Detroit, Mich.
Henry Houston				Detroit, Mich.
W. W. Clark				Detroit, Mich.
J. A. Dungil				Kalamazoo, Mich.
P. B. Lewis				Albin, Mich.
Benj. S. Baber	Jan. 31, 1896	Grand Rapids, Mich.	Oct. 10, 1918	St. Nazarre, France
C. H. Thomas			May 8, 1920	Ypsilanti, Mich.
T. W. Beck		Harrisburg, Pa.	Dec. 21, 1923	Detroit, Mich.
I. F. Williams			May 8, 1920	Wabash, Ind.
F. W. Findley				Wabash, Ind.
A. Smith	Oct. 3, 1864			Ft. Wayne, Ind.
B. Roberts		Jackson, Mich.		
Wm. Collins				Jackson, Mich.
S. F. Andrews			July 15, 1926	Detroit, Mich.
R. B. Stroud		Indianapolis, Ind.		Detroit, Mich.
C. E. Allen	June 2, 1863		1928	Pontiac, Mich
George Foster				Detroit, Mich.
J. R. Stephens			1928	Battle Creek, Mich.
J. E. Newby				Detroit, Mich.
E. E. Gregory				Battle Creek, Mich.
J. A. Cable		Georgia		
T. A. Carthan				Detroit, Mich.
Cyrus F. Hill			**May 18, 1932**	

W. W. Clarke	Ontario, Canada	Sept. 28, 1935	Detroit, Mich.
C. J. Dean	Fountain City, Ind.	Aug. 30, 1936	Albion, Mich.
T. J. White—1871	Tennessee	May 24, 1934	Detroit, Mich.
R. U. Ferguson			Pontiac, Mich.
H. N. Tantsi—July 4, 1887	Cape Colony, South Africa		South Bend, Ind.
J. W. Saunders			Detroit, Mich.
J. E. Jones			Jackson, Mich.
J. M. Goldsby			Flint, Mich.
Wm. C. Lewis			Detroit, Mich.
Wayman Ransom			Ysilanti, Mich.
F. G. Hurd			Niles, Mich.
William Simpson			Jackson, Mich.
D. R. Ampey		June 13, 1939	Albion, Mich.
A. T. Williams		July 30, 1939	Pontiac, Mich.
B. B. Martin			Detroit, Mich.
R. Franklin Bray			Idlewild, Mich.
A. W. Hall			Detroit, Mich.
S. T. Byrd	Stillwater, Ohio	June 15, 1922	Niles, Mich.
Susie Simmons—Mar. 4, 1868	Abbeville, S. C.	May 23, 1898	Flint, Mich.
Martha Bell—Sept. 5, 1845	Gallo Co., Ohio	Apr. 30, 1897	Cassopolis, Mich.
Mary Harfort	Tilsbary, Ont.	Aug. 8, 1898	Flint, Mich.
Addie Lyons—June 1, 1869	Buston, Ont.	Dec. 9, 1900	Battle Creek, Mich.
Annette Brown—Aug. 5, 1835	Halifax, N. S.	Mar. 10, 1901	Detroit, Mich.
T. Ann Hart	Shelbyville, Ky.	June 4, 1900	South Bend, Ind.
Melva Roberts	Carthage, Ind.	Apr. 1, 1913	Saginaw, Mich.
Martha Simpson—Sept. 11, 1856	Churbusco, Ind.	Sept. 8, 1917	Saginaw, Mich.
Marie Beck		Dec. 1917	Detroit, Mich.
Lula Cirder			Jackson, Mich.
C. L. Clarke—May 15, 1860	Leavenworth, Kans.	Dec. 25, 1918	Detroit, Mich.
Mattie Crider			South Bend, Ind.
M. Pearson			Detroit, Mich.
Mrs. L. Pettiford			Grand Rapids, Mich.
Gustina Homes			Niles, Mich.
B. White	Dunnv'e, Ont.	Mar. 7, 1936	Detroit, Mich.
Julia Hall			Detroit, Mich.
A. Lamont			Adrian, Mich.
Sister Pryor			South Bend, Ind.
William Collins			Jackson, Mich.
Marie Beck—1868	Sock Co., Wis.	Nov. 8, 1917	Detroit, Mich.
Cornelia Young		1940	Detroit, Mich.
Malissa Brown		1940	Cass County
P. B. Wright		1940	Jackson, Mich.
Hattie Crider		1940	Detroit, Mich.
Florence Dean	Benton Harbor, Mich	1940	Saginaw, Mich.
Ida Allen		1940	Detroit, Mich.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION is insisted upon by the discipline, which prescribes a course of study covering five years, for all traveling preachers. There are 10 theological seminaries for the training of our ministers with around 200 students. The AME Church needs about 500 new preachers a year. The Negro's church needs around 3000 new preachers a year. The number of places for training Negro preachers is very inadequate.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, is money paid by the congregation for the house rent, fuel, light and food and travel expenses of a minister, his wife and children under 14 years of age. Every church is expected to raise this and as much more as possible. The salary of a married preacher is $2000 per year, and an unmarried preacher $1200, if the church can pay the same, or more. The presiding elders support is fixed by vote of the annual conference and is $2000 per year, if the district can afford it. Presiding elders are entitled also to house rent, fuel, and traveling expenses. The support of the bishops is fixed by the general conference. Their salary is $4200 per year, paid by the Financial Department; an allowance of $100 for holding each annual conference; and his house, office, and secretary furnished by the episcopal district. Superannuated preachers are paid by the pension department and general officers by their own departments or the Financial Department.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT OF THE AME CHURCH, THE, 112 W. 120th St., New York City. When Rev. William Paul Quinn, the first appointed missionary of the AME Church reported his activities to the General Conference at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1844, that Conference officially established a department of the Church known as "The Home and Foreign Missionary Department of the African Methodist Episcopal Church" to be directed by a Secretary of Missions elected by the General Conference. The Department did not begin to function actively until the General Conference of the Church elected a Secretary of Missions at the meeting in Philadelphia in 1864. The following have been Secretaries of Missions:

Rev. John M. Brown, 1864-1868; Rev. James A. Handy, 1868-1872; Rev. G. W. Brodie, 1872-1876; Rev. R. H. Cain, 1876-1880; Rev. J. M. Townsend, 1880-1888; Rev. W. B. Derrick, 1888-1896; Rev. H. B. Parks, 1896-1908; Rev. W. W. Beckett, 1908-1912; Rev. J. W. Rankin, 1912-1924; Rev. E. H. Coit, 1924-1933; Rev. L. L. Berry, 1933.

The offices of the Missionary Department were located at 61 Bible House, New York City, for a number of years, in a building owned by the American Bible Society. In 1925 the Department purchased the present building at a cost of $24,000 and removed its headquarters there. The policy of the Missionary Department is determined by a Missionary Board which is composed of all the Bishops, ex-officio, the Secretary-Treasurer of Missions, one member from each Episcopal District, the presidents and general secretary of the WMS.

In June of each year the members of the Missionary Board assemble at the Missionary Headquarters in New York City for the annual Board Meeting. The meeting is presided over by the President of the Board, who is always selected by the Bishops in Quadrennial Council. Other Bishops are regarded as Vice-Presidents.

The (1940-1944) officers and board members of the Missionary Department are:

PRESIDENT—The Right Rev. R. R. Wright, Jr., D.D., Wilberforce, Ohio.

Office of Missionary Department, New York City, N. Y.

SECRETARY-TREASURER—Reverend L. L. Berry, D.D., New York, New York.

BOARD MEMBERS—Mrs. Christine S. Smith, President, Woman's Mite Missionary Society; Mrs. Lucy M. Hughes, President, Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Rev. Y. L. Sims, Atlantic City, New Jersey, 1st Episcopal District; Rev. J. A. Young, Norfolk, Va., 2nd Episcopal District; Rev. C. J. Powell, Springfield, Ohio, 3rd Episcopal District; Rev. G. W. Baber, Detroit, Mich., 4th Episcopal District; Rev. X. C. Runyon, Berkeley, Calif., 5th Episcopal District; Rev. A. P. Solomon, Lumber City, Ga., 6th Episcopal District; Rev. T. J. Miles, Columbia, S. C., 7th Episcopal District; Rev. W. E. Barnes, Hollandale, Miss., 8th Episcopal District; Rev. G. R. Polk, Pratt City, Ala., 9th Episcopal District; Rev. P. D. Saddler, Ft. Worth, Texas, 10th Episcopal District; Rev. A. I. G. Richardson, Monticello, Fla., 11th Episcopal District; Rev. O. Sherman, Little Rock, Ark., 12th Episcopal District; Rev. F. D. Coleman, Nashville, Tenn., 13th Episcopal District.

Mrs. Hazel Gomez, Treasurer, Woman's Mite Missionary Society; Mrs. J. A. Fountain, Treasurer, Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. All of the bishops are ex-officio members and vice-presidents.

The work of the Missionary Department is carried on by means of voluntary contributions from the local churches of the Denomination. Each church sends to the Missionary Department one half of all collections taken on Easter Sunday. In addition, the Missionary Department is granted five per cent of all Dollar Money collected and reported at the several Annual Conferences of the Church. Dr. L. L. Berry has carried the missionary setup of the AME Church to the greatest heights in all its history. He connected the Missionary Department and made it a member of the Foreign Missions Conference and the Home Missions Council of North America. He is the only Negro member of the Committee on Reference and Council which is the guiding Board of the Foreign Missions Conference and the second Negro member of the Executive Committee of the Home Missions Council, associating Mrs. Christine S. Smith as the other Negro member. Dr. Berry has traveled extensively in the interest of missions in our Church. He has visited West Africa, the West Indies, South America, the Republic of Haiti and Santo Domingo, and Canada. In his travels, Dr. Berry spent much time in London, Paris, Belgium, Dakar, French West Africa, Liberia and many other places in the west coast of Africa where he preached and lectured in the interest of missions in the AME Church. He has written a number of articles, pamphlets and books on his travels. In addition to the regular publication of the "Voice of Missions", Dr. Berry has made available to the public considerable information on missionary activity through his publications, "Little Missionary Journey to a Great Missionary Area", "Missionary Devotional Guide", "Handbook of Condensed Facts" and his most recent book, "A Century of Missions of the AME Church". Under the administration of Dr. Berry, the mortgages on the Department building have been liquidated. The AME Church now has a debt-free missionary headquarters.

The staff of the Missionary Department consists of Mrs. Eleanor M. Berry, stenographer and bookkeeper, and Mrs. Valleta Harper Bell, columnist and assistant to the Editor. The Department carries with it a friendly atmosphere and a warm reception is extended to all within its portals: polite service and a congenial attitude is the motto of the setup.

Since the above was written the general conference has been held. The final report is summarized for the quadrennium as follows from April 1, 1940 to March 31, 1944:

GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND INCOME CASH RECEIPTS

Dollar Money	$ 68,442.12
Easter Collections	26,216.99
Missionary Roll Call	8,507.90
Public Collections	3,537.82
Voice of Missions	4,821.69
Sale of Books and Literature	2,368.20
Local Home and Foreign Missionary Fund	449.91
Contributions for Missions	51.14
Women's H. & F. Missionary Society (for Travel of Mrs. Ntombi Tantsi)	500.00
Mortgage Retirement Fund	1,709.00
Clergy Permits	1,415.68
Town Hall Meeting	188.14
General Conference—Ontario	23.00
Interest Earned	5.93
Special Contributions	3,495.73
Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society (For Wilberforce School)	150.00
Sundry Income	3.50
Ontario Conference	157.76
Ntombi Tantsi Trust Fund	120.00
TOTAL	$122,264.51

OTHER RECEIPTS	
Loans—Net	$ 1,977.61
Refunds	117.50
Federal Victory and Withholding Taxes	397.51
TOTAL	$2,492.62
Total Receipts	$124,757.13
Balance at Beginning	385.30
Total Cash Available	$125,142.43
DISBURSEMENTS	
MISSIONARY WORK AND EXPENSE	
Stipends to Missionaries	$17,411.59
Sustenance and Upkeep of Missionaries	4,281.86
Contributions to Missions	5,729.49
Annual Board Meeting	8,681.38
Voice of Missions	7,840.78
Communication Service	3,555.69
Travel Expenses of Bishops	1,705.05
Expressage and Storage	721.97
Medical Service—Missionaries	444.00
Clergy Permits	1,934.84
Travel Expenses—Headquarters and Board Members	6,415.59
Travel Expenses—Foreign delegates to General Conference	3,934.80
Medical and Funeral Expenses of Mrs. Tantsi	508.93
Sundry Missionary Expense	4,488.47
Donation—Coat for Mrs. Tantsi	19.35
Ntombi Tantsi Trust Fund	70.00
TOTAL	$67,743.79
ADMINISTRATION OF MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT	
Headquarters Salaries	$24,035.10
Printing and Mimeographing	1,861.02
Stamps, Stationery and Office Supplies	1,888.69
Legal Fees	841.80
Accounting	887.25
Interest on Mortgages and Loans	1,267.02
Foreign Exchange and Banking Expense	53.50
Commission on Sale of Books	28.21
War Risk Insurance, Bonding Expense and Sundries	603.65
TOTAL	$31,466.24
UPKEEP OF HEADQUARTERS BUILDING	
Janitorial Service	$3,210.45
Building Repairs and Supplies	4,355.07
Insurance	408.64
Water	69.00
Electricity and Gas	826.64
Fuel Oil	886.66
TOTAL	$9.783.46
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	
Redemption of First Mortgage	$6,750.00
Victory and Withholding Taxes	397.51
Refunds	53.25
Office and Household Equipment	392.48
Books and Pamphlets	3,509.95
Loans—Net	2,550.00
TOTAL	$13,653.19
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	$122,646.68
BALANCE	$ 2,495.75

The Board for 1944-1948 is as follows:

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MISSIONARIES, FOREIGN AND THEIR FIELDS OF LABOR—See Foreign Missionaries.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY, WOMAN'S PARENT MITE OF THE AME CHURCH. The first organized missionary effort for the women was the Dorcas Society by Richard Allen in 1824-1827. The second effort was by Sarah Allen in an organization known as the Daughters of Conference.

In Rev. B. T. Tanner's open letter in the Christian Recorder, February 18, 1874 to the women of the AME Church, she said: "After much consideration and prayer, I address you as representative women of the church—Mrs. Bishop Quinn, Mrs. Bishop Payne, Mrs. Bishop Wayman, Mrs. Bishop Campbell, Mrs. Bishop Brown, Mrs. Bishop Shorter, Mrs. Bishop Ward." "What are the women of our church doing in the present. They ought to organize a Woman's Missionary Society." This was a direct appeal to the leaders of the church. "At this moment our missionary work in Haiti rest upon its oars, and why?" It was this definite accusation of the neglect of the church towards missions that had the effect of an electric shock on the church.

In answer to this appeal Bishop Shorter addressed a letter to the following women: Mrs. J. P. Campbell, Mrs. Maria Shorter and Mrs. C. M. Bundy. The first meeting was held at the residence of Rev. James A. Handy, 16th Street near "M", N. W., Washington, D. C., May 8, 1874. In their address to the church in general, published in the Christian Recorder of May 21, 1874 they stated: "We have been deeply moved by an open letter asking co-operation with the Board of Missions of the AME Church in its efforts to evangelize the world".

Mrs. J. M. Brown read a carefully prepare paper, stating that the purpose of the gathering was to organize a Mite Missionary Society of the AME Church that was destined to be a strong arm of the church in helping to redeem South and West Africa, South America and the Isles of the Sea, especially the island of Haiti; and to secure the co-operation of the sisters in carrying forward the work. Officers elected at this historical gathering were: President, Mrs. Mary A. Campbell, wife of Bishop J. P. Campbell; Secretary, Mrs. C. M. Burley, wife of the financial secretary. At the second day's session the first constitution was submitted for the temporary government of the Society. By resolution the Bishops' wives extended an invitation to the wives of the pastors and the leading women in the various churches, soliciting their co-operation in this missionary movement. A resolution authorized a convention to be held August 16, 1874 in the city of Pittsburgh, but for reasons unknown a change to Philadelphia was made. Pursuant to a call by Bishops Shorter, Campbell and Brown the following earnest women met in Bethel AME Church, Philadelphia, August 11, 1874: Mrs. Mary A. Campbell, Mrs. Marie Shorter, (wife of Bishop Shorter), Mrs. M. L. Brown, (wife of Bishop Brown), Mrs. C. M. Burley, Miss Elizabeth Parker, Miss Nettie Wilmer, Mrs. Catherine Gould, Mrs. C. C. Cuff, Mrs. Wm. Earley, Mrs. L. Mears, Mrs. Hann, Mrs. Rebecca Simpson, Mrs. Gracie P. Offer, Miss Rebecca Aldridge, Mrs. Still, Mrs. E. Rawles, Miss Esther Armstrong and Miss Patience Johnson.

Bishop Shorter presided. Bishop Campbell explained the object of the meeting. With this simple ceremony, the Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society was fully organized August 11, 1874. The following persons being the officers: President, Mrs. Mary A. Campbell; Mrs. C. M. Burley, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Harriett A. Wayman, Treasurer. This meeting put in motion the organization of Auxiliary Mite Missionary Societies in each church.

For twenty-one years the women worked under this organization. The Society fostered the work in Haiti, San Domingo, West Africa, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Barbados, Demarara, Bahamas, Virgin Islands, Trinidad, Jamaica, B.W.I.

The interest in the work had grown to such an extent that the First Connectional Convention was held in Bethel AME Church, Philadelphia, November 7-11, 1895. Mrs. Sarah E. Tanner, President, presiding. Mrs. Fannie J. Coppin, chairman of committee on constitution, recommended the organization of Conference Branch Societies. This constitution and amendments, being presented to the General Conference at Wilmington, N. C., May, 1896, passed and became a part of the discipline of the AME Church. The second convention: Bethel AME Church, November 8-10, 1899, President, Mrs. Florida Grant, wife of Bishop A. Grant, 1st Vice; Mrs. Mary F. Handy, wife of Bishop Handy; 2nd Vice, Mrs. Jennie Coleman; Secretary, Mrs. Ida M. Yeocum; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary A. Sampson; Assistant, Mrs. Emma J. Johnson; Asst. Treasurer, Mrs. Lillian B. Derrick; Treasurer, Mrs. May A. Campbell; third convention: Wiley Ave., AME Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., November 5-10, 1903. There were representatives in attendance from North Carolina, New Jersey, New England, Baltimore, Md., Pittsburgh, Pa., Tennessee and Ohio; 4th convention, Trinity AME Church, Baltimore, Maryland, November 7-11, 1907, Mrs. S. E. Tanner, (wife of Bishop Tanner), President; consecration services conducted by Mrs. Belle T. Temple, assisted by Mrs. K. Bertha Hurst. The 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Carrie Cuff, presented Bishop W. J. Gaines, presiding Bishop of the Second Episcopal District and Bishop A. Grant of the Ninth Episcopal District. Miss Laura Lemon of the W. H. & F. M. Society was present. In her address to the organization she said, "I bring greetings from our sisters in the Southland. I come as a messenger from my Society with prayers for your success; without you we would have to take many paces backward. I shall be glad to see the day when there will be no North or South in missionary effort. I have heard a part of your law and constitution and while your system of sending money to the missionary field is different, in spirit we are the same".

Following Miss Lemon's address, Mrs. Minnie L. Gaines introduced the following resolution: "Whereas, the women of the Church, have a common interest in the sacred cause of missions, whether residing in different sections of our country or not and, Whereas, due to the working of the women of the Church under separate missionary organizations, the AME Church is not bracketed in the International Missionary records to its value; and Whereas, much unnecessary expense is necessarily attached to the operation of separate general missionary organizations, therefore, be it resolved that the quadrennial convention of the WPMMS appoint a committee of five persons, members of this convention, to confer with a similar committee of the WH & FMS with the purpose of drawing up articles of agreement, whereby the women missionary workers of the AME Church may work under the direction of one general organization.

Mrs. Minnie L. Gaines was appointed the first fraternal delegate to the WH & FMS Convention, in Atlanta, Georgia. Fifth: Quinn Chapel AME Church, Chicago, Ill., November 9-13, 1911, Mrs. Mary F. Handy, President, presiding. Mrs. Amanda Smith, Missionary to Africa addressed the gathering. Mrs. Hallie Q. Brown, representative to the World's Congress gave an interesting account of same. Sixth: Bethel AME Church, Detroit, Michigan, October 21-25, 1915, Mrs. Mary F. Handy, presiding. Mrs. Annie M. Wortham presented a plan for a Memorial Fund for the widows and orphans of foreign missionaries—the fund to be known as the Sarah E. Tanner Memorial Fund. Mrs. A. M. Wortham was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. C. S. Smith rendered the first report for the YPD as secretary-treasurer. The following recommendations were offered:

1. That the young people's work be divided into three groups. 2. A Constitution be arranged for each group. 3. A Bureau of literature and graded system of study be used. 4. Suitable emblems be designed for each group. 5. That the Board of Missions be petitioned for a special field of labor. 6. That all funds collected by these various groups be used for the work under the direct supervision of the Young People's Department. Mrs. Nora Taylor addressed the convention. She stressed the need of a Central Mission House in Monrovia Liberia, West Africa.

Seventh: Mt. Zion AME Church, Jacksonville, Florida, October 14-19, 1919. The connectional contingent fund was adopted. Secretary-Treasurer, a member of the Executive Board, Rev. W. H. Mayhew, Missionary from Port of Spain, Trinidad made a plea for his work. Mrs. Emma S. Ransom addressed the convention: "This Church and Reconstruction". The office of Statistician was created.

Eighth: Bridge Street Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. October 3-8, 1923. Mrs. Hazel Gomez and Ohio delegates conducted an impressive consecration service. A motion prevailed that in future conventions, delegations report by representatives. Mrs. Clara Harris of Baltimore was elected as assistant recording secretary. The death of Mrs. Nora F. Taylor, first vice-president was noted with sorrow. The Girls School in Sierre Leone, West Africa was by consent of the Convention named The Nora F. Taylor School. The fiftieth anniversary of the Society was celebrated at this Convention.

Ninth: St. Paul AME Church, Columbus, Ohio was host to the ninth quadrennial convention, October 4-11, 1927. The sermon on this occasion was delivered by Miss Martha J. Keys of Louisville, Kentucky. Text, Matthew 9:36, 37; subject: "Christ's appeal for human service". Mrs. Katherine D. Tillman, editor of Woman's Missionary Recorder having passed to her reward, the President, Mrs. Mary F. Handy appointed Mrs. P. E. Osborn as editor.

Miss Mazie Talbot of Georgetown, South America, was presented to the session. Mrs. Bell of Bermuda spoke on Foreign Missions. Mrs. Marie Mayhew of Port of Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I.; Miss Amanda Mason, Liberia, West Africa; were present These missionaries spoke interestingly of their work.

The tenth quadrennial was held at St. Paul AME Church. St. Louis, Missouri, October, 1931. The sermon by Bishop Gregg, Matthew 26:13. Mrs. Mary F. Handy, president stated that her physician had advised her to give up the work. At the Executive Board meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey, she turned the work over to "my very efficient and worthy first vice president, Mrs. Christine S. Smith". The student committee decided that no more students from foreign work be accepted during the economic depression.

The eleventh session of the society met at St. John's AME Church, Baltimore, Md., October, 1935. The opening session was held at Bethel AME Church, Druid Hill Ave. and Lanvale Sts. This was a very impressive service. A memorial tablet in memory of Mrs. Mary F. Handy was unveiled. Mrs. Handy served as president for 25 years.

The twelfth Quadrennial of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society convened at Quinn AME Church, Chicago, Ill., October, 1939. The processional was led by Bishop Gregg, followed by visiting bishops, general officers, President of WMMS, Mrs. C. S. Smith; Mrs. Lucy M. Hughes, president of WH&FMS. Bishop Sims preached the sermon: "On this rock I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Miss Katherine Gardner of New York, Assistant Secretary of Race Relations Committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, was presented. Bishop J. E. Howard reported for his work in West Africa. Dr. L. L. Berry, Secretary of Missions addressed the convention. The 13th quadrennial convention was held in Quinn Chapel, Louisville, Ky., October 1943; Bishop and Mrs. R. R. Wright, Jr., being episcopal hosts, Rev. G. Horace Jenkins, pastor, the West Kentucky and Kentucky Conference branches the missionary hostesses, Mrs. Alice D. Rucker and Mrs. Della B. Miller, respective conference branch presidents. Bishop Williams preached the sermon. Resolution to merge with the WH & FMS passed; committee on the merger appointed. This convention ending with a great "Fellowship Dinner" was the best one held by the WMMS which was merged by the general conference of 1944 into the present WMS.

The Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society has fostered the work of missions in Haiti, San Domingo, West Africa, Sierra Leone, Africa. The first woman missionary to Africa was Sarah Gorham of Boston, Mass., 1888. Mrs. Emily Kinch visited the work in Liberia, 1908. Mrs. W. Sampson Brooks, 1920. Mrs. Nora Taylor, 1st Vice President Woman's Parent Society, 1923. During this visit Mrs. Taylor contracted for the Episcopal residence for the Woman's Parent Missionary Society. The following persons have visited the work in foreign fields: Mrs. K. Bertha Hurst, Haiti; Mrs. C. S. Smith, Bermuda, Jamaica, Trinidad, Bridgetown, Barbados, also the work in West Africa. Mrs. M. H. Davis visited the work in Monrovia, West Africa, Mrs. Minnie L. Gaines visited the work in Jamaica, B.W.I., Port of Spain, Trinidad, Georgetown, South America, Bridgetown Collymore Rock, Barbados. The Woman's Parent Missionary Society has educated serveral students from foreign fields, some of whom are: Miss Amanda Mason Arthington, West Africa; Charlotte Manye Maxexe, South Africa; Mazie Talbot and Marjorie Taylor of Georgetown, South America.

The parent organization has helped to foster these publications: Missionary Searchlight, Missionary Herald, The Bulletin, Ohio Conference Branch, Allen League and Mite Missionary Society, Temperance Organ, Woman's Message, Woman's Recorder. Editors: Mrs. Katherine D. Tillman, Mrs. P. E. Osborn, Mrs. S. G. Simmons, Mrs. Carolyn Thomas, Mrs. Artishia Jordan. The young people's department: Mrs. C. S. Smith, Mrs. Emily Kinch, Mrs. Esther B. Isaacs, organization secretaries.

The Presidents since the beginning have been: Mrs. Mary A. Campbell, 1874-1878; Mrs. Harriett A. Wayman, 1878-1883; Mrs. Fannie J. Coppin, 1883-1892; Mrs. Bertha Cook, 1892-1895; Mrs. Sarah A. Tanner, 1895-1899; Mrs. Florida A. Grant, 1899-1903; Mrs. Lillian Derrick, 1899-1903; Mrs. M. Mitchell, 1903-1907; Mrs. Carrie C. Cuff, 1907-1931; Mrs. Mary C. Handy, 1931-1935; (released the office due to ill health to 1st Vice President, Mrs. C. S. Smith). Mrs. C. S Smith was elected President in 1935 to 1943. Treasurers: Mrs. Harriett A. Wayman, Mrs. Mary A. Campbell, Mrs. Sarah E. Tanner, Mrs. Mary E. Lee, Mrs. K. B. Hurst, Mrs. Celia A. Gregg, Mrs. Emma S. Ransom.

Secretaries: Mrs. C. M. Burley, Mrs. Katie C. Beckett, Mrs. E. C. Buckner, Mrs. Ida M. Yeocum, Mrs. Dovie K. Clark, Mrs. Ciara Harris, Mrs. Nora W. Link.

The women of the AME Church have been an inspiration to women everywhere. They have demonstrated to the world their ability for organization, their determination to carry through to a successful end any worthy cause. These two organizations, The Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society and the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society are worthy examples to the world of the potential power of organization.

(By Mrs. M. L. Gaines).

MISSIONARY SOCIETY, THE WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN OF THE AME CHURCH, was organized by Bishop Henry McNeil Turner September, 1893, by order of the Missionary Department at South Bend Indiana, and was legalized by the general conference, May, 1896, at Wilmington, N. C. It operated in Georgia, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, Florida, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Louisiana. AME women of the south were missionary minded and were working in the states in earlier periods. Mrs. G. T. Thurman was chosen supervisor of this work for a time; upon her resignation in 1900, Bishop Turner appointed Mrs. Sarah J. Duncan of Selma, Alabama to fill the vacancy which she did until the Connectional Convention was organized.

The quadrennial convention of the Connectional W. H. & F. M. S. were held as follows: 1908, at Big Bethel AME Church, Atlanta, Georgia. Officers elected were as follows: President, Mrs. Laura L. Turner (wife of Bishop Turner); vice president, Mrs. Hattie L. Shelton; recording secretary, Mrs. Florence Hadley; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Irene V. Roseboro; treasurer, Mrs. Sara J. Duncan. 1911, Birmingham, Alabama, Mrs. L. L. Turner, president; 1915, New Orleans, Louisiana, Mrs. L. L. Turner, president; 1919, Waco, Texas, Mrs. S. G. Simmons, president; 1923, Macon, Georgia, Mrs. S. G. Simmons, president; 1927, Memphis, Tennessee, Mrs. L. M. Hughes, president; 1931, Columbia, South Carolina, Mrs. L. M. Hughes, president; 1935, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mrs. L. M. Hughes, president; 1939, Jacksonville, Florida, Mrs. L. M. Hughes, president; 1943, Little Rock, Arkansas, Mrs. L. M. Hughes, president. At the 1943 meeting it was voted to merge with WMMS to form the WMS, and this was accomplished at the general conference of 1944.

In 1920 the W. H. & F. M. S. was given the supervision of South Africa and made its contributions direct to that field.

Mrs. Lucy M. Hughes, president since 1927 visited South Africa upon the invitation of Bishop Wright September, 1938 to January, 1939, visiting more than 100 places in the Union of South Africa, Portguese East Africa, Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Belgian Congo.

The last officials were before the merger as follows: EXECUTIVE BOARD AND VICE PRESIDENTS: Mrs. Lucy M. Hughes, Connectional President; Mrs. Agnes Hilderbrand, Secretary; Mrs. J. A. Fountain, Treasurer; VICE PRESIDENTS: Mrs. M. S. Pearson (deceased), North Carolina; Mrs. R. C. Chappelle, South Carolina; Mrs. R. H. Burr, Oklahoma; Mrs. Anne E. Heath, Florida; Mrs. J. M. Brown, Tennessee; Mrs. M. Hall, Assistant Secretary, Alabama; Mrs. M. B. Henry, Corresponding Secretary, Louisiana; Mrs. S. A. Ferrell, Statistician, Florida; Mrs. B. L. DeLyle, Associate Editor Missionary Recorder; Mrs. M. A. Carr, Secretary Treasurer, Contingent Fund, Texas; Mrs. M. T. Ashford, Secretary Treasurer, E. T. Fund, Little Rock; Mrs C. A. Harrington, Secretary Treasurer, H. & T. Fund, Mississippi; Mrs. E. M. Miller, Secretary Treasurer YPD Fund, Oklahoma; EXECUTIVE BOARD REPRESENTIVES: Mrs. C. E. Bennet, Georgia; Mrs. S. S. Rice, South Carolina; Mrs. P. B. Greene, Mississippi; Mrs. K. Bailey Nichols, Alabama; Mrs. P. F. Jackson, Texas; Mrs. Mamie Adair, Florida; Mrs. H. E. Trent, Arkansas; Mrs. Fannie Johnson Hill, Oklahoma; Mrs. F. O. Davis, Tennessee; Mrs. V. M. Carnes, North Carolina; ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: Mrs. R. A. Rogers, Louisiana; Mrs. P. A. Mathers; ADDITIONAL OUTSTANDING LEADERS AND VITAL CONTRIBUTORS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION: Mrs. J. S. Flipper, Leader and Organizer; Mrs. W. D. Johnson, President World's Prayer Union; Mrs. H. T. Tookes, Contributor; Mrs. Charlotte Wright; FOREIGN AND HOME WORKERS: Mrs. G. B. Young, Leader; Mrs. R. A. Grant, Contributor; LIFE MEMBERS: Mrs. J. G. Robinson, Pioneer-traveler; Mrs. Florence L. Hadley, First Recording Secretary, Author and Pioneer; Mrs. Clara B. Thompson, Pioneer and Lecturer; Mrs. Sara Ervin, Missionary and Pioneer; Mrs. E. E. Sims, Pioneer (Deceased).

AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE GIVEN LONG SERVICE AND STILL ACTIVE IN THE CAUSE are the following: Mrs. Bessie M. Clark, South Carolina; Mrs. A. L. Mathews, Georgia; Mrs. H. C. Morgan, Arkansas; Mrs. Eliza Baldwin, Georgia; Sister Surrency, Georgia; Mrs. J. B. Epperson, Florida; Mrs. C. J. Moses, Georgia; Mrs. E. M. Kelly, Georgia; Mrs. J. A. Lindsay, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Dennis, Georgia; Mrs. Irene Roseboro, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Florence Brown, Tennessee; Hattie L. Shelton, Illinois; Margaret McFarlin, Georgia; Cecelia Thompson, Georgia; Nettie Chambliss Wilkerson, Georgia; Laura Porch, Georgia; Laura Hall, Georgia; Mrs. D. W. Stevens, Georgia; Mrs. C. P. Hobbs, Georgia; Mrs. Josephine Singleton, R. E. Romans.

The late Dr. J. A. Hadley, Dr. C. A. Wingfield, Dr. John Harmon, Dr. J. H. McFarlin, Dr. T. J. Linton, and many other late ministers were staunch supporters of the women in their work, and never tired in promoting its interests.

The "Pathfinder", by Mrs. L. M. Hughes, the "Open Door", by Mrs. Susie Flipper, "The Young People's Guide" by Mrs. E. W. Oneill, "Morning Glories" by Mrs. J. G. Robinson, "The Connectional Handbook" by Mrs. Florence Hadley are some of the literary productions of leaders of the W. H. & F. M. S. Mrs. C. W. Abington, Texas; Mrs. M. Jones, Texas; Mrs. M. L. Taylor, Alabama; Mrs. L. V. Starkey, Alabama; Mrs. L. E. McAllister, Georgia; Mrs. M. A. Carr, Texas; Mrs. H. E. Trent, Arkansas; Mrs. A. L. Wimbush, Georgia; Mrs. J. L. Brooks, Florida; Mrs. L. Dickerson, Florida; Mrs. T. B. Linton, Georgia.

QUADRENNIAL DISBURSEMENTS
WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY
JULY 1939—JUNE 1943

1939-1940

Expense of Executive Board	$1,800.00
Donation Edward Waters College	150.00
Salary and Expense of President	710.00
Salary and Expense of Treasurer	314.34
Expense to M. M. Convention	50.00
Federal Council of Churches	15.00
Citizens and Southern Bank on Loan to Bishop Wright for South Africa	4,800.00
Interest on Loan	23.50
Salary of Editress	50.00
Hospital service and expenses, Mrs. Demas	100.00
Auditor Mr. Blayton	25.00
Printing Quadrennial Report	33.00
Traveling expense	25.00
Traveling Expense Foreign delegate—Mrs. Gow	25.00
	$8,120.34

1940-1941:

Scholarships M. B. C.	$ 155.46
Salary and Expenses President	1,400.00
Salary and Expense Treasurer	348.50
Federal Council of Churches	15.00
Salary Editress	75.00
Donation—Mrs. Gow	10.00
Printing	74.00
Financial Department on loan	2,500.00
Citizens & Southern Bank on loan	1,500.00
Expense of Bishop Reid	172.25
South Africa, Rev. J. R. Coan and cable	706.69
Traveling Expenses and Florals Mesdames Pearson and Sims	160.00
	$7,116.90

1941-1942:

Salary and Expense of President	$1,825.65
Salary and Expense of Treasurer	309.95
Federal Council of Churches	15.00
Salary Editress—Mrs. DeLyles	50.99
Interest to Citizens and Southern Bank on loan	26.75
Scholarship Morris Brown College	190.70
Financial Department on loan	650.00
Citizens and Southern Bank on loan	500.00
Expense to Missionary meeting	41.86
South Africa, Rev. J. R. Coan	3,010.44
Expense Bishop Reid	650.00
Funeral of Mrs. Demus	155.00
Expense of travel, Mrs. Tantsi	500.10
Memorial Window Bethel, Texas	36.00
Allen University Library	100.00
Telegram	1.32
Com. Interracial Corp	10.00
	$8,082.77

1942-1943:

Salary and expense of President	$1,925.00
Salary and expense Treasurer	275.00
Federal Council of Churches	15.00
Salary editress, Mrs. DeLyles	50.00
Expense for Bishop Reid	500.00
South Africa—Rev. J. R. Coan	5,017.90
Traveling expenses Missionary Board Nashville meeting, Chicago	657.60
Donation Bishop Fountain Anniversary	50.00
Mrs. Miller, Georgia Convention, Y. P. D.	12.50
Donation Bishop Sims Anniversary	50.00
Refund Bishop Nichols	60.00
Donation Shorter College	125.00
	$8,738.00

CHICAGO CONFERENCE BRANCH, was organized at Keokuk, Iowa, August 10, 1884 under Bishop John M. Brown when the present conference was known as the Iowa Conference; Mrs. M. J. Dove was chosen as first president; first vice, Mrs. A. Cheek; secretary, Mrs. Annie B. Shaffer; treasurer, Mrs. M. C. Malone. Many splendid women have since presided over this conference branch as follows: Mesdames Rachel Jacobs, Fannie Reynolds, M. C. Malone, Belle Graves, Lida Stewart, Mineola Bell, all of whom have passed to their reward. The present executive, Sister Edith T. Stewart, is now serving capably her 17th year.

DELAWARE CONFERENCE BRANCH and YPD was organized Thursday, July 19, 1923 in Mt. Zion AME Church, Dover, Delaware of which the Rev. C. H. Harden was the pastor. The organization was conducted by Bishop Heard, assisted by Rev. H. Y. Arnett, presiding elder of the Wilmington District and the Rev. M. P. Jackson, presiding elder of the Georgetown District.

There were 21 ministers and 135 loyal women present, and the sum of $288.36 was raised for the home and foreign work and local contingencies. A very progressive program for the work was outlined, and it was decided to hold the first quarterly meeting the third Thursday in October; the second quarterly meeting the third Thursday in January; the third quarterly meeting during the session of the annual conference; and the annual meeting the third Thursday and Friday in July. Officers elected were: honorary president, Mrs. Josie D. Heard (the bishop's wife); honorary vice-presidents, Mrs. Addie McCall and Mrs. Bell Boyce; conference branch president, Mrs. Sarah W. Arnett; first vice president, Mrs. Mollie Jackson; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Rebecca Murray; 3rd vice president, Mrs. Annie Wright; recording secretary, Mrs. Nettie Watson; assistant, Mrs. L. V. Warrington; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jenette Goldsboro; assistant, Mrs. Martha Lingo; contingent fund secretary, Miss Madge Price; regular fund treasurer, Mrs. Mary F. Parker; special fund treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Williams; contingent fund treasurer, Mrs. Etta Witcher; superintendent YPD, Mrs. A. L. Bell; organizer, Wilmington District, Mrs. Marie L. Jones; assistant, Mrs. Martha Givens; organizer, Georgetown District, Mrs. Millie McKnatt; assistant, Mrs. Dora Coursey; executive board: Mrs. C. W. Stewart, Mrs. Gertrue Collins, Mrs. Elizabeth Single, Mrs. Nettie Bleen, and Mrs. Lelia Browne. The Delaware Conference Branch has made rapid growth. It is the "Baby Conference Branch" and one of the smallest under the supervision of the Parent Society. Though operating in a rural section and with a scattered membership, it has functioned in every department of the work; and raises an average of $1800.00 annually for home and foreign missions and local contingencies. Realizing that the major objective of the missioary society is the "Winning of Souls", the Delaware Conference Branch has striven to reach the unsaved by having an active, well-organized senior and YPD in ever church in the conference. The auxiliary presidents are organized, and under their chairman, Mrs. Elizabeth Hoxter, much information is gained, thus more missionary inspiration and enthusiasm is aroused which is conducive to the extension of Kingdom building. The YPD under the following secretary treasurers: Mesdames Angie L. Bell, Ernestine Harden, Olive C. Drummond, and Ethel Green assisted by Mrs. Dora Black, has made rapid strides. Under the present Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Ethel Green, the annual young people's convention, was instituted, and meets annually, the last Thursday in June, and is a high light of the Delaware conference branch. The Delaware Conference Branch has been well represented at the following quadrennial conventions of the Parent Society: Brooklyn, New York. 1923; Columbus, Ohio, 1927; St. Louis, Missouri, 1931; Baltimore, Maryland, 1935; and Chicago, Illinois, 1939. During the Quadrennial Convention held in Chicago, 1939, Delaware's president, Mrs. Nora W. Link, was elected the recording secretary of the Women's Parent Mite Missionary Society. Mrs. Link has the distinctive honor of being the connectional officer of the Delaware Conference Branch. She was elected general secretary of the merged societies—the WMS at New Orleans in 1947.

Some of the special achievements of the Delaware Conference Branch are the following:

Sent a barrel of clothing to the Flood Sufferers in Jamaica, British West Indies.

Providing roofing materials and paint for the exterior of New Discovery Mission, Townsend, Delaware.

Purchased 1 Memorial Window and 6 smaller windows for Fairview Mission, North Chester, Pennsylvania.

Provided "First Aid" Supplies for the Dispensary at the Migrant Camp, Bridgeville, Delaware.

Helped the First Episcopal District Missionary Society under the direction of Mrs. Mayme A. Sims to raise funds to help with the mortgage fund of the AME Mission House, New York.

Taking an active part in the development of the Paradise Lakes' Project located near Alloway, New Jersey. This project is launched by our Presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev. David H. Sims, and our First Episcopal District Missionary President, Mrs. Mayme A. Sims.

Contributed to the education of Miss Margaret Mason, West African student during her course at Wilberforce, Ohio.

Sent contributions of clothing to the Girls' School in Sekondi, Gold Coast, and Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Helped to stay the sale of Linwood AME Church, Linwood, Penna.

The Delaware Conference Branch has had only two presidents; namely, Mrs. Sarah W. Arnett, 1923-1928, and Mrs. Nora W. Link, 1928 and still serving. In 1944 the Delaware branch merged with the W. H. & F. M. S. to help make the present WMS.

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE BRANCH, WMMS, was permanently organized in 1900 by Bishop B. W. Arnett in the city of Cairo, Illinois. Some of the original members were Mesdames Alice Lewis, Sarah Cooper, C. C. Wilkerson, Mamie Douglas, Estella Thompson, and Theo. Price. We have endeavored to strengthen the Young People's Department which has grown slowly but surely under the leadership of Mrs. Annie Wilson, Mrs. Millie Basfield and Mrs. Susie Brewer, past supervisors, and Mrs. Edythe Jones Graves, present Conference Branch supervisor.

It has been our aim to increase funds for mission preachers each year. We sponsored the education of Hastings Kamuzа Banda (South Africa) at Chicago University and Medical School, Dr. Banda graduated from Chicago, from Meharry Medical College, McGill University (Canada), and attended University of Edinburgh in Scotland. On account of the help of the missionary sisters, he volunteered to head the Crogman Clinic in South Africa; but was prevented by the World War II. The Illinois branch assisted some in furnishings in Payne Seminary, Wilberforce. In addition to names given as original members, the following supervisors, presidents and secretaries have served: supervisors: Mrs. L. J. Coppin, Mrs. W. T. Vernon, Mrs. Cecelia Gregg, Mrs. Nettie Crews Woods and Melbertha Gregg. Presidents: Mrs. Alice Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Wilkerson, Mrs. Sarah Cooper, Mrs. Mamie Douglas, Mrs. D. M. Sydes, Mrs. Lillian E. Jameson, Mrs. S. E. Stone, Mrs. Susie B. Shaw, Mrs. Violet Brown. Secretaries: Mesdames: Ruth Davis, Mittie Foulks, Mollie Higgons, Hessie Cottman, Mamie Douglas, Estella Thompson, D. M. Sydes, Susie A. Brewer, Maud Higgins, Maggie M. Jones. Present Officers: Bishop J. A. Gregg, presiding bishop. Mrs. Melberta Gregg, 4th district supervisor; Mrs. Susie A. Brewer, president; Mrs. Willie Randolph, 1st vice president; Mrs. Katie Dixon, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Juanita Stewart, secretary; Mrs. Pearl Smith, assistant secretary; Mrs. Ruth Chambers, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Ida Young, treasurer; Mrs. Edith J. Graves, secretary-treasurer Y. P. Department; Mrs. Mary Carter, chaplain; Mrs. Olivia Wright, organist.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE BRANCH held its first separate convention in Bethel AME Church, Nicholasville, Kentucky in August, 1914, Rev. H. H. Brewer, pastor. It was set apart as separate body in St. Matthews Church, Midway at the annual conference, October, 1913, Bishop Lee, presiding. Some of the ladies who served as presidents of this body before it was separated from the annual conference were: Mrs. D. M. Ross Smith, Covington; Mrs. Dovie Nichols, recently deceased, Wilberforce, Ohio; Mrs. J. T. Matney, Ashland; Mrs. E. Belle Jackson and Leanna Smowden, both of Lexington. Mrs. Snowden was president when it was set apart. Other women who deserve special mention for the part they played in the missionary work in Kentucky before it was set apart are: Mrs. Ida Frazier, wife of Presiding Elder Frazier; Mrs. Rhoda David, wife of Presiding Elder David; Mrs. Ellen T. Harris of Harrodsburg; Mrs. Sara Perkins, Danville, Ky.; Mrs. Mattie Carr of Midway and many others. These were the pioneer women, the trail blazers of the work. The officers elected at the first separate convention were: Mrs. Lanna Snowden, president; Mrs. Ellen T. Harris, vice-president; Mrs. Della B. Miller, recording secretary: Mrs. M. L. Thomas, assistant secretary; Mrs. L. D. Munford, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Rhoda David, treasurer. Members of the executive board are: Mesdames Ida Frazier, Nannie Young, Lena Martin, O. E. Andrews, Pearl B. Rankins. These officers held their offices for nearly two quadrenniums. The president, however relinquished her office in two years to Mrs. L. D. Munford and she became corresponding secretary. At the end of the eight years there came another change in administration. Mrs. Della B. Miller became president and Mrs. Mary French became recording secretary. At this time the convention was the guest of Davis Chapel, Somerset. During all these years the women mentioned above and several loyal women of old Kentucky were striving hard to uplift the banner of Jesus Christ; were bringing souls to Christ; were alleviating pain and suffering among less fortunate ones. They did not fail. They had put their mites together, patterned after the Parent Body, pledged to definite missionary obligations that covered fields of education and relief, and commanded great contributions of money and volunteered service, and great was their victory. For in the event of the lives of men and women who contributed so largely to make the work what it is today we can truly say the plan was God's and today the harvest of mighty faith and strenous service is being reaped as a result of sacrifice, work and toil. The annual convention met in Bethel AME Church, Nicholasville, again in 1926. By this time many departments had been added to the Parent Body. Kentucky was never a slacker; she was doing her bit by praying, sacrificing and giving. On her official staff were women heading all the departments. Mrs. Minnie Harris was superintendent of the YPD; Mrs. Florence Stepp, secretary-treasurer of the Sara E. Tanner Memorial Fund; Mrs. Lettie R. Bate was elected corresponding secretary. The amount of money raised at this convention was $1537.88. Mrs. Miller was still president and Mrs. French, secretary. The 13th annual separate convention convened in 1927 in St. James, Danville. The Sunrise Prayer Meet-

Kentucky Conference Branch, Mrs. J. L. Madison, President

ing was quite a help to the meeting spiritually and was inaugurated at this meeting. The same officers were re-elected. The amount of money raised was $1629.72. The 14th annual session convened in Ashland in 1928. Here came an almost complete change in the official staff, with the following results: Mrs. B. D. J. Coleman, president; Mrs. A. E. Martin, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Jennie Carter, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Mary French, recording secretary; Mrs. O. H. Bradshaw, assistant secretary; Mrs. B. H. Ballard, corresponding secretary; Mrs. L. D. Munford, treasurer; Mrs. Della B. Miller, Contingent secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Patsy Johnson, statistician; Mrs. Minnie Harris, superintendent YPD; Mrs. Florence Stepp, secretary-treasurer of Sara E. Tanner Memorial Fund. The amount of money raised was $1851.69. The 15th session was held in Covington. The Rev. F. D. Coleman was pastor. Mrs. B. D. J. Coleman, presided, assisted by the able staff elected at the previous convening. The amount of money raised was $1255.55. The host church of the 16th session was St. Matthews Church, Midway in 1930. Bishop M. H. Davis was present. He was quite an inspiration as he related in his message "From the Front" some of the conditions in West Africa, pleasing the ladies when he paid them this compliment, "I know you are doing the best you can for the work". This being the second term for Mrs. B. D. J. Coleman as president, she declined to enter the race again. Mrs. Jamie Coleman was elected president; Mrs. A. M. Brewer, 1st vice-president while the other officers remained as they were previously. The amount of money raised was $1180.12. The 17th session convened in St. James, Cynthiana in 1931. At this convention a banner was awarded the president of the society reporting the largest number of souls saved. Mrs. Nettie Ingram, an evangelist, who had started a mission known as Frazier Chapel in honor of Rev. J. W. Frazier, a deceased presiding elder of the Kentucky Conference, received the banner and received it every year until this year. Mrs. Ingram has left the conference and is residing in another state, otherwise we are sure she would have received it this year. Some officers were elected and the amount of money raised was $963.96. At this time depression seemed to set in and the finance began to fall off. The workers manifesting the same interest, trust and faith in God, souls still being saved. were able to keep their heads above the waves and able to carry on. Practically the same officers were elected during the quadrennium at meetings held at the following places: 18th session, Quinn Chapel, Lexington in 1932; 19th Session, Bethel, Nicholasville in 1933; 20th session, St. Paul, Lexington in 1934; 21st session, St. John, Frankfort in 1935. The amount of money raised during the quadrennium was $2014.19. At the Frankfort meeting, Mrs. A. E. Martin presided automatically becoming president as Mrs. F. D. Coleman, president, had left the conference, her husband having been transferred to the Tennessee Conference. Mrs. Janie Spillman was elected 1st vice president and Mrs. A. M. Brewer, treasurer. The 22nd session met in Ashland in 1936, and proved to be a very interesting one. There were many distinguished visitors from West Virginia and Ohio. Among them was Mrs. Emma W. Johnson, a member of the Parent Executive Board, who presided over the election. The results of the election were: Mrs. Della B. Miller, president; Mrs. Janie Spillman, 1st vice president; Mrs. Frozene White, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Clydie Bradshaw, recording secretary; Mrs. Maud Elmore, assistant secretary; Mrs. J. T. Hilliard, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Loula D. Ward, statistician; Mrs. Ernestine Hill Custard, superintendent YPD.; Mrs. H. A. Gholston, secretary-treasurer of Sara E. Tanner Memorial Fund; Mrs. Mary French, treasurer of Contingent Fund. The amount of money raised was $402.76. The 23rd session met in St. James Cynthiana, 1937 under the courtesy of Rev. R. H. Walker, pastor. The convention was graced with the presence of many outstanding visitors from Cincinnati. Among whom were: Dr. C. Baker and wife, pastor of Brown Chapel and Mrs. Vivian Leece, a soloist of Allen Temple. This being the home of the recording secretary and the superintendent of the Young People's Department, the Young People's session was unusually interesting. The amount of money raised was $555.46. The officers were re-elected for the next year. The 24th session was held in Erlanger, 1938, a very small charge, but under the pastor, Rev. H. L. Barnes, and members, nothing was lacking for comfort and pleasure of the members and visitors of the convention. The attendance was large, due to the location, and especially on the last evening when the executive board presented the pageant, "Great Women of the Bible", under the direction of Mrs. A. M. Brewer. There was only one new officer elected, Mrs. Margaret Buchanna who was placed at the head of the YPD. The amount of money raised was $650.25. At this session, there were many distinguished visitors from the West Kentucky Conference Branch which added much to the success of the meeting. Among them were Dr. M. J. Keys, a noted evangelist and Dr. A. W. Jackson, a presiding elder of the West Kentucky Conference. The amount of money raised was $650.25. The 25th session was held in Versailes in 1939, Rev. Harvey, pastor. This was an inspiring session. Here was met a very fine energetic people who did all in their power to make the meeting a success. There was a fine spirit of cooperation between the churches in this city. The amount of money raised was $583.45. The 26th session was held in Harrodsburg in St. Peters Church in 1940. It was the first meeting to have the presence of the present bishop of the district, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., and his affable, intelligent wife who are really and truly missionaries. This meeting was also graced by the presence of Mrs. Ntombi Tantsi, a native African. Their intelligent, instructive addresses, the narrations of their experiences in Africa will ever be remembered by those who were privileged to hear them. At this meeting we pledged to give $12.50 each year toward forwarding the education of Cush Tantsi until he completed his course. This amount was paid that year and each succeeding year. It was during this session that an original pageant had been written and staged by Mrs. Marie Lynem, now deceased, who had for many years been a member of the executive board and financial secretary. Mrs. Janie Madison was elected 2nd vice-president at this meeting. The amount of money raised was $696.79. The 27th session was held in McRoberts, under the pastorship of Rev. C. L. Adams. This session was held in 1941. This was the first time that the convention had been held in this part of the state and it proved a good opportunity to do some real missionary work, for the people of this section seemed to be athirst for the knowledge of Christ. It was the first time that some of the citizens had ever seen a bishop of the great AME Church and Bishop and Mrs. Wright were very inspirational to those present. The Round Table discussion conducted by Mrs. Wright will ever be remembered. People from miles around attended this session and took part in the discussions, regardless of denominations. The sunrise prayer service on the top of the mountains delighted the hearts and souls of all who attended. It was conducted by the late Mrs. Katie Campbell of Midway, a member of the executive board. This was the last session that she attended. The amount of money raised was $819.62. The 28th session met at St. James, Covington, August, 1942. Bishop and Mrs. Wright were present with their many words of advice, comfort and cheer. Many visitors were also present from the West Kentucky who brought interesting and inspiring remarks or greetings. Among them were: Rev. Peter Crawford, wife and mother Evangelist Etta Graham, Rev. Haynes and wife, Presiding Elders Jackson and Hughes. On the night of the welcome addresses, the president's address and the Bishop's address especially emphasized the social side. Several of the ladies on the rostrum were presented corsages made up of orchids and white chrysanthemums by Mrs. Ethel Winn on behalf of the local society just before they retired to the banquet hall. The address delivered to the young people by Miss Ruth Bond, a teacher in the schools of Newport was indeed a masterpiece. The results of the elections follow: Mrs. Della B. Miller, president; Mrs. Janie Spillman, 1st vice president; Mrs. Janie Madison, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Clyda Bradshaw, recording secretary; Mrs. Annie Lee Moore, assistant secretary; Mrs. Classie Nelland Goddard, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Anna L. Brewer, treasurer; Mrs. Mary Frances Savage, superintendent YPD; Mrs. Bessie H. Ballard, secretary-treasurer of Contingent Fund; Mrs. Elva Watkins, statistician; Mrs. Margaret Travis, secretary-treasurer of Sara E. Tanner Memorial Fund; Mrs. Amanda Garrett, secretary-treasurer of Mary F. Handy Student Fund; the members of the executive board are: Mrs. M. L. Thomas, Mrs. O. E. Andrews, Mrs. D. M. Munday, Mrs. Marie Lynem, Mrs. Ethel B. Winn; district presidents are: Mrs. C. L. Allen, Mrs. M. L. Price, Mrs. Jessie Barnes. The secretary-treasurer of the D. B. Miller Education Fund is Miss Decora Asher; chairman of Art, Mrs. Fannie Thurman; Special Contingent, Mrs. Lettie R. Bate; Flowers, Miss L. A. Chenault; organist, Mrs. M. F. Savage; Chorister, Mrs. E. C. Underwood. The amount of money raised was $946.75. The 29th session was held in 1943 at Quinn Chapel, Lexington under the pastorship of Rev. H. H. Brewer. The attendance was very large with about 15 ministers present. Among the outstanding visitors present were: Mrs. Alice D. Rucker, Mrs. Margaret Able and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith of the West Kentucky Conference Branch. Mrs. Rucker, the president of the Branch brought geetings and extended a welcome to attend the quadrennial meeting in Louisville in October. Bishop and Mrs. Wright were present to note the improvement that had been made. Presiding Elder Lynem was given $20 on a scholarship for ministers. The candle-light service on the last night was very impressive as was the tribute to those in the armed service by Rev. W. C. Gordon. Professor R. R. Wright, III was present and also Evangelist N. B. Smith. The same officers were re-elected except two. Mrs. Nannie Young was given the place on the executive board made vacant by the passing of Mrs. M. H. Lynem. Mrs. Virginia Hamilton was elected as chairman of the Mothers' Department. The amount of money raised was $1833.19.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE BRANCH, WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY. For more than 50 years, the women of the Kentucky Conference of the AME Church, have separately labored for the sacred cause of Missions. Prior to 1897, the Missionary money was collected by an Annual Conference Committee. The small amounts brought to the conference by the pastors were distributed to the needy preachers having membership here. This system prevailed several years, but there was an urge within the ranks for a better program and greater service. Therefore, at the annual conference held 1897, Frankfort, Ky., Bishop and Mrs. M. B. Salter organized the first WMM Society of the conference; Mrs. Salter was the general chairman and all ministers wives were vice presidents. The first president of the conference branch was Mrs. P. A. (Dovie) Nichols, (1897-1900). Other elected officers were: Mrs. Ida Frazier, first vice president; Mrs. Lizzie Davis, secretary; Mrs. E. M. Morrow, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Janie Hill, treasurer. The first regular session of this organization meeting at the annual conference, was held at Harrodsburg, Ky., 1898. At which time $39.70, was raised; District reported as follows: Lexington, $15.25; Frankfort, $13.75; Danville, $10.70. While this was some improvement, the work moved along slowly with the Conference Sessions, even though societies were being organized in many of our churches. In 1900, Mrs. D. M. Ross was elected president and other officers were retained. By 1905, the amount raised was a noted increase, $117.85, and each of the following years to 1913. The last Conference Session of the Society was held at Midway, 1913. With more interest being manifested and the Society becoming larger, a motion prevailed that the Missionary Women would meet in separate session, this was under Bishop B. F. Lee. Other presidents serving while the WMMS met in session during the Conference were: Mrs. E. Belle Jackson, Mrs. E. J. Matney and Mrs. Leanna Snowden. First separate session of the Conference Branch WMM Society was held at Nicholasville, Ky., 1914, with Mrs. Leanna Snowden as the president. Until about the last part of 1930, the conference branch realized practically a yearly increase in both membership and finance. The separate sessions or WMMS conventions, lasted four days during this period up to 1924, when at Middlesboro, Ky. it was voted to set the meeting for three days. In 1930, when the depression began to be most keenly felt in Kentucky, the amounts raised dropped steadily from $1,180.12, reported in 1930 at Midway to $407.58, reported in 1935 at the Frankfort convention; annual total amounts raised were still under $605.00 in 1939. Although with work on all the parts of the missionaries concerned seemingly these low figures could not be lifted until the coming of Bishop and Mrs. R. R. Wright, Jr., in 1940. With these two great personages in the lead, who with years of mission study and experience in foreign fields, we again began to advance. And as we one time knew a steady decrease, we realize a steady increase. In eight years of this type of administration we have more than tripled all previous efforts. A Wheelwright, 1947, $2,558.68 was the total sum raised and our mission preachers are receiving more than ever before in all our history. Presidents that have served this organization other than those previously mentioned are: Mrs. L. D. Munford, Mrs. D. B. Miller, Mrs. B. D. J. Coleman, Mrs. Jamie H. Coleman, Mrs. D. B. Miller, and Mrs. J. L. Madison.

Among the many women who pioneered in carrying on the work of this conference branch who deserve honorable mention as officers other than those previously listed are: Mesdames E. Knox, A. E. Sallee, Rhoda David, J. E. Carter, E. T. Harris, Janie Spillman, A. E. Martin, M. H. Lynem, Mary French, A. M. Brewer, and others. As far as the general church is concerned, the Conference Branch is now beginning to find its place. They have representation in the YPD now, and at the past quadrennium at New Orleans, under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Underwood and on the connectional roster by your humble writer, as fifth vice president. The leadership of our Bishop and supervisor has impressed and inspired many to the cause, for the better conference society.

By Mrs. A. B. Lynem, Lexington, Kentucky.

WEST KENTUCKY CONFERENCE BRANCH was organized at Franklin, Kentucky, October 25, 1908 by Bishop C. T. Shaffer. The original members are: Sisters J. W. Hall, president; A. B. Ward, G. H. Burks, and R. B. Wilson of the executive board. Those surviving are: Mrs. S. A. Laird and Mrs. R. B. Wilson. Those who served as presidents are: Mesdames M. B. Abel, R. C. Henderson, G. A. McKinney, S. B. Smith J. L. Madison, M. J. Keys. Some of those who served as presidents before their death are: Sisters J. W. Hall, A. B. Ward, G. W. Robinson, P. A. Nichols, E. J. Owsley, Johanna Evans. Among those who are active now in the Conference are: Sisters B. M. Hughes, S. B. Smith, Mattie Burton, Elizabeth Smith, S. A. Laird, M. B. Abel, Willia Cross, Naomi Mucker, Susie Mallory, M. B. Walker, Elnora Walker, M. V. Webster, M. M. Cooper and others. The present officers are: Mrs. A. D. Rucker, president; Mrs. M. B. Abel, secretary; Miss M. V. Webster, treasurer. The society is still growing strong under the leadership of Bishop and Mrs. R. R. Wright, Jr., and the progressive president, Mrs. A. D. Rucker. The Branch has over 267 members and 75 in their Young People's Department. Those serving on the committee are: Sisters A. S. Laird chairman; M. V. Webster, B. M. Hughes, Etta Graham, Mattie Burton. The society was set apart as a separate organization in 1915 beginning with six members. It reported at the convention in August, 1943, around two thousand dollars. During 1942 and 1943, the mission preachers received more money than ever before. The organization under Bishop Wright has given two scholarships to help young people secure an education.

WOMAN'S PARENT MITE MISSIONARY SOCIETY. The Michigan Conference Branch of the Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Socviety was organized in 1897 at Adrian, Michigan, under the administration of Bishop B. W. Arnett, D.D. The following have served as presidents of the Branch: Mrs. P. V. Wright, Mrs. Ida M. Allen; Mrs. Sarah Collins, Mrs. Christine S. Smith, and the present incumbent, Mrs. Annie M. Wortham. As Secretaries: Mrs. Josephine Vincent, Mrs. Bernice Griffin White, Mrs. Irene Tantsi and Mrs. Eloise Evans. As treasurers: Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Hazel Gomez, and Mrs. Fannie B. Peck. As Assistant Secretaries: Mrs. Rosa B. Harper, Mrs. Emma L. Murphy and Mrs. Susie Byars. The following have served in the office of Secretary-Treasurer of the Young People's Department: Mrs. Cornelia Young, Mrs. Bertha McDonald, Mrs. Nina Jones, Mrs. Clara Pettiford and the present Mrs. Irma Williams. As Vice Presidents: Mrs. Sarah Collins, 3rd Vice President, Mrs. Anna M. Wortham, 1st Vice President, and Mrs. Nora D. Charleston. As 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Josie Buckingham, and Mrs. Josephine Brown. During the administration of Mrs. Ida Allen, the Conference Home known as Handy Home located at Jackson, Michigan, was purchased. It consists of 25 acres of ground and an eight room house, located in the city limits of Jackson. Bishop J. A. Handy, who was the presiding Bishop of Michigan and his wife, Mrs. Mary F. Handy gave $500.00 as the down payment for the purchase of the property. The home was purchased for the purpose of providing a home for retired ministers and their wives. The home is out of debt. Two students were given help in their senior year at Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio, and both have made fine records. One an outstanding pastor in one of our metropolitan churches and one a teacher and an active church worker. Two members from the Michigan Conference Branch have been elected connectional officers in the Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society—Mrs. Christine S. Smith who is Connectional President, and Mrs. Annie M. Wortham, Secretary-Treasurer of the Sarah E. Tanner Memorial Fund. The Branch joins with the National Council of Church Women in observing the World Day of Prayer on the first Friday in Lent every year. The National Mission Study Course is emphasized and classes in the Societies of the Branch study the text books prescribed by the course. During the Annual Conventions panel discussions on the books of the course are discussed. During the administration of Mrs. Christine S. Smith, the Conference Branch was divided into four areas—Detroit, Ann Arbor, South Bend and Battle Creek. Each Area has an Inspirational leader. The following are now serving: Detroit—Mrs. Mamie Dean; Ann Arbor, Mrs. Lydia Williams; South Bend, Mrs. Johanna Christopher; Battle Creek, Mrs. Lillian Staley. At present Mrs. Doris Smith is the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Helen Williams, Contingent Treasurer, Statistical Secretary, Mrs. Emmie Goolsby. Members of the Executive Board: Mrs. Grace Blake, Mrs. Mamie Aikens, Mrs. Hattie Meekins, Mrs. Josephine Tinsley and Mrs. Eva Spears. The Conference Branch joins with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Annual Conference in quarterly payments to all missionaries on the missionary Michigan Conference Roll. The President, Mrs. Annie M. Wortham is a member of the Executive Board of the Detroit Council of Church Women. She is also a representative from the Connectional Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society to the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

MISSOURI, SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE BRANCH. In June, 1911 at Independence, Missouri, under the late Bishop H. B. Parks, the Southewest Missouri Annual Conference Branch Woman's Mite Missionary Society was organized. The Christian women of this annual conference desired to assume their responsibility for the cause of missions and share more fully in its task. This work is the lengthening shadows of these women: Mrs. W. B. Brooks, the first president; Mrs. Fannie B. Peck, recording secretary; Mrs. Laura A. Gilmore, treasurer; Mrs. R. L. B. Green, vice-president. The first annual session of the Southwest Missouri Conference was held September 7, 1911 at the Allen Chapel AME Church. The missionary women at this conference were permitted to hold a brief session on Friday afternoon. Because time prevented the presentation of plans and programs, the women decided to hold separate annual meetings. Their first financial report was $98.65, the largest amounts coming from Allen Chapel, $34.65, Lexington, $25, St. John, Independence and Ebenezer $10 each. The fifth Quadrennial Convention met November 9 to 13, 1911 in Quinn Chapel AME Church, Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. W. B. Brooks, the president, was the delegate representing the Southwest WMM Society for the first time in the Quadrennial convention. Mrs. R. L. B. Green was the second president and represented the Southwest WMMS at the sixth Quadrennial Convention which was held October 21 to 25 at Bethel Church in Detroit, Michigan. Upon her return a fine echo meeting was held. She told of the first report of the YPD and the creation of the Sarah E. Tanner Memorial Fund. This meeting was largely attended by ministers and missionary women. In 1917, Mrs. W. B. Brooks was elected president for the second time. Mrs. Fred Wells made the fourth president in 1919 and was the delegate to the seventh Quadrennial convention held at the Mt. Zion AME Church in Jacksonville, Florida. In 1920, at Joplin, Missouri, Mrs. P. E. Osborne was elected the fifth president. She was a wide-awake missionary worker of much experience. A year later at Lexington, Missouri the most interesting enthusiastic session in the history of the conference branch of the WMMS of the Southwest Missouri Conference was held. The financial report was $1250.27. The five churches reporting the largest amounts were: Allen Chapel, $250; Ebenezer, $203; Independence, $30; St. John, $17; and Lexington, $35. The YPD was organized. The first collection of the Sarah E. Tanner Fund was made during this administration. On October 3 to 8, 1923, the eighth Quadrennial Conference was held in the Bridge Street AME, Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. P. E. Osborn, the president was the edelegate at this convention. Mrs. Osborne gave a demonstration on "How We Can Better Systematize the Work of the WMMS." It was said this was the most interesting project ever brought before the convention. She was elected the assistant secretary-treasurer of the YPD and was appointed editress of the Woman's Recorder. The appointment was confirmed May 7, 1924, at Louisville, Kentucky by the executive board. A banner was presented to the S. W. Missouri Conference YPD for our new organization. Mrs. Ida Mae Moten was elected the sixth president in 1923 and served under the late Bishop A. J. Carey. Under this regime, the separate annual missionary meetings were revived. At the ninth Quadrennial Convention we received honorable mention for increase in finance for missions in 1926. We also reported the largest increase in Parent Contingent. A banner was purchased to bring to the Quadrennial Convention. The first vice president of the Parent WMMS, Mrs. Christine S. Smith, visited the conference on October 15, 1926, at Bethel AME Church, Kansas City, Mo. In May, 1927, the executive board of the Parent WMMS with Mother Handy, presiding, was entertained at Ebenezer AME Church. In 1928 at Topeka, Kansas, Mrs. Ida Mae Moten was elected the fifth district representative and recording secretary of the Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society. Mrs. Ida Mae Moten and Mrs. Minerva Jackson were delegates to the Ninth Quadrennial Convention at Columbus, Ohio, October 4-11, 1927. In June, 1927, Mrs. Charlotte Bell was elected the seventh president of the Conference Branch. The missionary quarterly meetings were firmly established. She presented the mite box plan and suggested the YPD summer outings. Because of the transfer of her husband she served but a short time. In 1928 under Bishop John A. Gregg, Mrs. Hazel T. Gomez was made the eighth president. Their first accomplishment was the assignment of definite work to the first and second vice presidents. Each was given a district to supervise. The second was the appointment of Mrs. Bertha McDonald (D) as chairman of the World Day of Prayer. The first observance of the World Day of Prayer was the first Friday in Lent, 1930 at Ebenezer AME Church with 415 in attendance, representing 40 churches. The third was the establishment of a paying basis for serving meals at the conference missionary meetings. Mrs. Hazel T. Gomez, Mrs. Effie Bryant, Mrs. Bertha M. McDonald and Mrs. Claudia Darden, representing the YPD were delegates to the 10th Quadrennial Convention at St. Paul AME Church, St. Louis, Missouri, October, 1931. Mrs. Effie Bryant, was elected the ninth president in 1931. Mrs. Bryant served from June to October, her husband being transferred to the Nebraska Conference. Mrs. Claudia J. Wiseman became president. She managed to hold the conference branch work intact through 4 years of the depression. She made a financial report of $1,260.03. Mrs. Claudia J. Wiseman and Mrs. Claudia Darden, YPD representative, were delegates to the eleventh Quadrennial Convention at Bethel AME Church in Baltimore, Md., October 9, 1935; Bishop John A. Gregg, presiding bishop. Mrs. Minerva Jackson was elected the eleventh president of the WMMS. She established a successful school of missions which was carried on for four years under the instruction of Mrs. Artisia W. Jordan, directress of missionary education of the Southwest Missouri Conference Branch. A suggested program for local missionary societies was presented and used. Under the administration, the group became a member of the Interdenominational Council of Negro Missionary Women of Greater Kansas City, which is an outgrowth of the World Day of Prayer Meeting. The president, Mrs. Eliza G. Wilson, Mrs. Eliza W. Wilson, Mrs. Elizabeth Kinchlow, Misses Emma Williams and Edmonia Perkins, of the YPD were delegates to the Twelfth Quadrennial Convention at Quinn Chapel AME Church in Chicago, Illinois, 1939. Mrs. Jackson served as chairman of the credential committee. Bishop J. A. Gregg and Mrs. Celia A. Gregg who came to us in 1923 were indeed assets to the Fifth District. As supervisor of the Fifth District, Mrs. Gregg worked untiringly, giving to us her keen intellect and deep love for the cause of missions. In her passing we lost one who "Walked with the Kings and worked with the Peasants". Mrs. Ann Davis was elected the twelfth president in August, 1940. The first year of this administration was one of experiments. The rural part of the conference branch was re-organized and divided into areas and each area was thoroughly organized having officers elected within the area. Special effort has been made to bring the rural and urban sections in closer touch. All sections were visited annually in the month of May by the president in an effort to give a personal touch to missionary endeavors. More than eight thousand miles were traveled for missions. Mrs. Christine S. Smith was the president of the Parent Body and made two visits in August, 1942 and 1943. An accredited school of missions is being established at the Bishop Williams School of Religion under the direction of Dean J. Russell Brown. The courses planned are: African Empires and A Century of Missions. Previous studies have been: Missionary History arranged by Mrs. Ida Mae Moten and Mrs. H. Elizabeth Dixon, first vice-president; Women of the Bible as planned by Mrs. Esther B. Isaacs; and I am the Way, as used for the delegates attending the Quadrennial Council at Quinn Chapel in Louisville, Ky., who were: Mesdames Willie B. Fagan, treasurer, who served on the Finance Committee; Zenobia Wilson, secretary-treasurer of YPD, who served in that department; and Ann Davis, president, who served on the Revision of the Constitution Committee, who spoke on a panel and made response to the welcome address. Others attending were: Mesdames Gertrude Lann, recording secretary; Maggie A. Williams, corresponding secretary; and Ida Mae Moten, assistant recording secretary of the Parent Body. Rt. Rev. Noah Wellington Williams, presiding bishop and his good wife, Mrs. Helen Armstrong Williams, supervisor of Missions, are fine leaders of the Fifth District. There is no need for failure if we follow.

MRS. ANN DAVIS,
President Southwest Missouri Conference Branch.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE BRANCH, THE WMMS of the AME Church was organized March 10, 1900 by Bishop W. B. Derrick. Among its charter members were Christine Thomas, Elizabeth Carter, Venue Clark and Harriet A. L. Jones. Its first president was Mrs. Christine Thomas; and first recording secretary, Mrs. Harriet A. L. Jones. The Branch has made some outstanding contributions to both home and foreign work. Through the Conference Branch Student Fund many scholarships were given African students who were pursuing courses at Wilberforce and Harvard Universities. Its most significant contribution to the foreign fields was Sarah Gorham, the renowned missionary, who was sent from Charles Street Church, Boston, Mass., to West Africa and accomplished a great work there, and was the first woman sent to the foreign fields by the AME Church. The Branch has given, throughout the year, quarterly stipends to the pastors of mission churches in the conference, and asisted, financially and otherwise, many theological students, widows and superannuates. Some of the most outstanding leaders of the AME Church are products of the missionary efforts of the Branch.

New England Conference Branch, Mrs. Lucy A. Brown, President

New England Conference Branch, Executive Board, 1943

The Branch has twenty-one senior societies and eight YPD. During its forty-three years' existence it has had only three presidents: Mrs. Christine Thomas, (1906-1913); Mrs. W. Sampson Brooks, (nee' Elizabeth C. Carter), (1913-1931), and the present incumbent, Mrs. Lucy A. Brown who has served in this capacity for the past 16 years. Other officers of the present staff are: Mrs. Rosalie L. Smith, first vice president; Mrs. Brittemore Cole, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Esther Bruce Crawford, recording secretary; and Mrs. Lenora Johnson, treasurer; Mrs. Gertrude Shaack, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. Willie Robinson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Phoebe Walter, statistician; Mrs. Isabelle Hill, secretary treasurer YPD; Mrs. Ada Doers, secretary-treasurer, Sarah Tanner Fund; Mrs. Mae Richardson, Mary Handy Fund; Mrs. Mozelle Drake, Parent Contingent fund.

Executive Members and Presiding Elders of New Jersey Conference Branch, (1946), Mrs. Annie F. Vanderhorst, president. (See list of names under Woman's Missionary Society.)

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE BRANCH, THE, was organized October, 1896, by the late Mrs. Myria A. Ashley. The history of the outstanding accomplishments of this conference up to 1916 can be found in The Centennial Encyclopaedia of African Methodism 1916. Mrs. Josephine V. Smith was president of the New Jersey Conference Branch six years, having been elected in 1916. During Mrs. Smith's administration there was a great boost in the amount of funds being raised. The Branch rendered financial aid to the Girls' School in Monrovia Liberia West Africa, through the solicitations of the late Bishop W. Sampson Brooks and the late Mrs. Nora F. Taylor. The "Art Department" was first introduced by Mrs. Josephine V. Smith, which proved very helpful in many ways. The local societies in these days did not contribute largely to the conference branch and the "Art Department" received fine support which greatly increased the funds. In May, 1921, Mrs. Carolyn S. Thomas was elected president of the Branch and served for seventeen years and five months, until October, 1938. Under her leadership the New Jersey Conference Branch grew by leaps and bounds. In 1932 the Branch had the distinction of being the first women in the connection of holding a Missionary Institute at Bordentown Manual Training School, Bordentown, N. J. This Missionary Institute was held each year at the same place during the month of July until 1937. During this time, the ablest men and women were instructors and the attendance was large, including foreign delegates and visitors. Thus the foundation for a larger Missionary Institute was laid. Margaret Mason, an African student was given aid by the Branch while studying in America. Contributions were made to Haiti Church and the Missionary headquarters. Their quarterly meetings proved inspirational and finance increased. At Baltimore, 1935, Mrs. Carolyn S. Thomas was elected editor of the Woman's Recorder, serving one quadrennium. The Young People's Department of the New Jersey Conference Branch was organized by Mrs. Emily C. Kinch, who was elected the first secretary-treasurer, and under her trained supervision, as a youth worker, the Young People's Department made rapid progress. Mrs. Kinch served until her passing in 1934. In 1936 memorial tablet was erected for Mrs. Kinch by the Branch. Miss Geraldine D. Morris served this department acceptably from 1935 to 1937. In 1937, Mrs.

Cordelia M. Barker was elected secretary-treasurer and served until 1939. It was under Mrs. Barker's supervision that the branch was enabled to donate a frigidaire and electric stove to the work in South America. Some of the officers who supported Mrs. Thomas during her administration were: Mrs. Annie F. Vanderhorst, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Ida B. Garcia, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Ada P. Anderson, recording secretary; Mrs. Annie M. Collier, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Josephine V. Smith, treasurer; Mrs. Virgie M. Boyd, contingent treasurer; Mrs. Hattie McWade, Sarah Tanner Memorial Fund; Mrs. Ida Ashley Brown, statistical secretary; Mrs. Margaret A. White, Mary Handy Student Fund: Mrs. Lila E. Russ, Conference Contingent Fund; Mrs. Margaret C. Cox, Mrs. Alice B. Frazier, Mrs. Ada E. Van Buren, Mrs. Marguerite I. Delaney, Mrs. Anna S. King, Mrs. Eunice M. Pottinger, Mrs. Mary M. Ward and Mrs. Bertha Highgate with others. The sudden passing of Mrs. Carolyn S. Thomas, May, 1941, severed tender ties from thousands of missionary workers. Mrs. Annie F. Vanderhorst, after serving thirteen years, 5 months as first vice president of the Branch was selected president, October 20, 1938. Having had an understanding of the work, and loyalty to the cause, Mrs. Vanderhorst entered whole heartedly in assuming the administration. The Branch now operates on the budget system and strictly on business basis. In December, 1938, a substantial contribution was made by the Branch to "West Africa Day" sponsored by the 1st Episcopal District, Bishop D. H. Sims, presiding bishop. From 1938 to 1941, the 1st Episcopal District, under the fine, able and cultured leadership of our 1st Episcopal District president, Mrs. Mayme A. Sims, Missionary Institutes, Christian Workers Convocations and Youth Parleys were held the month of July, at Bordentown Manual Training School, Bordentown, New Jersey, until the conferences grew too large for accomodations, the New Jersey Conference Branch being one of the units. In 1940, efforts were advanced to increase mission preachers' Stipends and this has met with marvelous success. Our Young People's Department was reorganized in 1941, after careful consideration by Mrs. Sims and now holds, at least, one meeting a year separate, which meets the youth's desire to do things themselves. However, the conference Branch president and secretary-treasurer of this department are always with them to give advice and guidance when eeded. Mrs. Anna G. Brown served this department from 1939 to 1940. Mrs. Elmira Lattimore served this department from 1940 to 1941. Mrs. Alexzenia W. Brown was elected in 1941 and now is serving her third year. She has increased the interest and given the young people a wonderful opportunity for service and development under her trained leadership, assisted by the very fine president of this department, Miss Cora M. Wallace. The conference branch in 1942, raised and contributed hundreds of dollars to the project—"Paradise Lakes". Quarterly meetings are held with much enthusiasm and finances have been increased, budgets met and the branch is unmatchable for its business ability and efficiency. Mrs. Vanderhorst was elected leader of the 1st Episcopal delegation to the Twelfth Quadrennial Convention of the Woman's Parent Mite Missionary Society which met in Chicago, Illinois in 1939. She is also a member of the Migrant Committee, State of New Jersey, of the Home Missions Council of North America, and is now serving in her fifth year. The fine cooperation and support of the following officers contribute to the success of the Branch under the present administration: Mrs. Ida B. Garcia, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Angie L. Bell, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Ada P. Anderson, recording secretary; Mrs. Anna B. Sims, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. Alice B. Frazier, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Blanche L. Jacobs, statistical secretary; Mrs. Mary P. Dorsey, treasurer; Mrs. Alexzenia W. Brown, secretary-treasurer Young People's Department; Mrs. Hattie McWade, secretary of Sarah Tanner Memorial Fund; Mrs. Mary M. Ward, Parent Contingent Fund; Mrs. Margaret A. White, Mary Handy Student Fund; Mrs. Lila E. Russ, Conference Branch Emergency Fund; Mrs. Bessie Jackson, Conference Branch Contingent; Board Members: Mrs. Josephine J. Shaack, Mrs. Anna K. Brown, Mrs. Marguerite I. Delaney, Mrs. Anna S. King, Mrs. Annie M. Collier. The Branch has 804 local senior members and 404 local Young People's Department members, making a total of 1208. Also they have 601 Conference branch members and 125 Conference Branch YPD members, making a total of 725 with 89 contributing charges, in a thriving condition, with a growing membership, is the outcome of an auxiliary organized some years ago by Mrs. Ashley, at Riverton, N. J. Another at Seabright was materially assisted, and still others.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE BRANCH, WMMS, THE, The New York Conference Branch, WMMS, was organized May 29, 1899 in Bethel Church, Twenty-fifth street, New York, by the representatives of the several churches of the district, who assembled at the call of Bishop Grant and Dr. Parks, Missionary Secretary. The needs of the home field and foreign work were told by Bishop Grant. After some preliminaries the branch was formally organized, and the following officers were elected: Mrs. B. Cook, president; Mrs. Anna M. Smith, vice-president; Mrs. F. V. Johnson, secretary; Mrs. E. Williams, assistant secretary; Mrs. S. S. Brown, corresponding secretary; Mrs. A. Q. Norton, treasurer. Active prosecution of the work, however, did not begin until November 14, 1901, when the first quarterly convention was held at Westbury, L. I., at which time four societies reported. After some several sessions it was decided that in order to more thoroughly introduce the work to the people it was best to hold the meetings quarterly. This, it is believed, has contributed largely to the success of the work. In the several boroughs of New York the work is in a prosperous condition. The most urgent call of the state field comes from the outlying rural districts and the suburban sections. Here the work has not reached that stage of development necessary to meet the existing needs, but in view of the interest that in being awakened by such alert and wide-awake missionary workers as now occupy the field, among whom are: Mrs. Mary S. Edwards, of Albion, and Mrs. I. S. Sands, of Chatham, it is felt that the efforts being put forth in the up state field will soon be manifest by definite and tangible results. Mrs. Bertha Cook held the presidency from the organization until 1902, when Mrs. J. M. Palmer was elected and served one year. Mrs. Hedley, elected in 1903, served one year; Mrs. S. T. Trice served from 1904 to 1906, Mrs. Farierra from 1906 to 1908; Mrs. R. C. Ransom, 1908 to 1911, and Mrs. Edwards, 1911.

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Executive Board, New York Conference Branch, Mrs B. A. Galloway, President

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE BRANCH, was organized September, 1920, at the 39th annual session of the Chicago Conference held in St. Paul AME Church, Des Moines, Ia., under the late Rt. Rev. Levi J. Coppin, D.D., the presiding bishop and the late Rev. S. L. Birt, D.D., pastor. By order of the bishop, a special meeting was called by the presiding elders: Rev. T. B. Stovall and the late Rev. A. W. Hackley. The officers elected were: Mrs. Marie Waters, president; Mrs. Izola Mackay, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Missouri Slater, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Nicey Edwards, secretary; Mrs. Esther I. Stovall, assistant secretary; Mrs. Mattie Boyd, treasurer; Mrs. Lilly A. P. Jones, secretary-treasurer of the Contingent fund; Mrs. Belle Glover, Mrs. Maggie Manley, Mrs. Corene Woodfolk were members of the executive board. Five presidents have served the organization: Mrs. Marie Waters, Mrs. Florence W. Duckett, Mrs. Missouri Slater, Mrs. Esther I. Stovall and Mrs. Mattie Boyd. Present officers are: Mrs. Mattie Boyd, president; Mrs. Goldie Fant, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Cudellus Jackson, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Anna L. Collins, treasurer; Mrs. Alice Thompson, recording secretary; Mrs. Lorene Johnson, assistant secretary; Mrs. Mary Lee Parks, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Mary B. Ray, statistical secretary. Department heads are: Mrs. Margaret Ogleton, secretary YPD; Mrs. Winona Allen, secretary-treasurer Parent Contingent Fund; Mrs. Sophia M. Nichols, secretary Sarah Tanner Memorial Fund; Mrs. Manilla Copeland, secretary-treasurer, Handy Aid Fund. Members of the executive board are: Mrs. Emma Thommason, Mrs. Olive Redmon, Mrs. Della Marshall, Mrs. Verdie Irvine, Mrs. Fourstine Hightower, Mrs. Mattie Boyd, president.

(See Conference Branch under Woman's Missionary Society.)

OHIO CONFERENCE BRANCH, was organized by Bishop Payne July 3-5, 1893, at St. Paul, Columbus, in a district Mite Missionary Convention. Mrs. Ira Collins was chosen president of this convention. At this meeting were a number of women invited by Bishop Payne. Among whom were: Mrs. Rebecca Johnson, Mrs. Emma S. Ransom, Mrs. Mariah E. Carson, Mrs. Della Ward and Mrs. Susannah Coleman, Mrs. Grace P. Offer and Mrs. Rosa Johnson.

The district was later divided into conference branches in 1906. Mrs. George W. Maxwell was the first president of the Ohio Conference Branch of the then WMS.

The following presidents served, the dates corresponding with the first and last convention over which each presided: 1896-1897, Mrs. George W. Maxwell, Xenia; 1898-1900, Mrs. Minnie Moore Waters, Cincinnati; 1901-1906, Mrs. S. T. Mitchell, Wilberforce; 1907-1909, Mrs. Maud Smith, Ironspot; 1910-1920, Mrs. Edna S. Woodson, Wilberforce; 1921-1922, Mrs. Dovie C. Clark, Wilberforce; 1923-1929, Mrs. Emma J. Williams, Piqua; 1930-1933, Mrs. Edna S. Woodson, Wilberforce; 1934, Mrs. Angie Bell, Newark; 1935-1937, Mrs. Dovie Nichols, Xenia; Mrs. Essie Hamilton, Columbus.

Recording secretaries who have served: Miss Susannah Coleman, Miss Blanche Hill, Mrs. Laura Robb, Mrs. Ophelia Rogers, Mrs. Grace Slade, Mrs. J. W. Woodson, Mrs. Essie Hamilton, Miss Ara Warren, Mrs. Mattie Ford, Mrs. Madie Gordon, and Mrs. Ida Forte. Corresponding secretaries who have served: Mrs. Susie I. Shorter, Mrs. Effie Carter, Miss Ella Weakley, Mrs. Minnie Carroll, Mrs. Rosa Turner, Mrs. Irene Liggins and Estella Bray.

Conference Branch treasurers who have served: Mrs. Jennie Higgins, Mrs. Madie C. Anderson, Mrs. Louisa White, Mrs. Mattie Ford, Mrs. Viola Caliman, Mrs. Linnie Guy, Mrs. Evelyn Metts, Mrs. Lucille Williams and Mrs. Rosa Smith. In 36 years the conference branch has raised $42,337.49; the contingent fund raised in 33 years is $7,035.03; and the Sarah E. Tanner, $450.82. In the early years a large number of African students and others from South America and West Indies attended Wilberforce College and Payne Theological Seminary. The Branch assisted these students. However, the branch assumed the larger part of the support of Miss Charlotte Manye from South Africa; it also assisted Miss Adelaide Tantsi, also from South Africa. In 1904 the Branch provided for the attendance of Miss Manye upon the General Conference.

From time to time the Branch assisted financially Payne Theological Seminary—refunished rooms, helped to raise scholarships and helped to build a porch at the Seminary building. The needs of Wilberforce University were often a matter of special effort. Special work for 1910 was to assist in rebuilding the Sarah Gorham Mission House in West Africa. The branch also gave Bishop Brooks more than one hundred dollars for the work in West Africa. After the close of General Conference in 1920, upon the invitation of Mrs. Edna S. Woodson, Rev. J. Y. Tantsi, presiding elder of Transvaal, South Africa, visited the district meeting at Cedarville, Ohio, a rural mission point. About twenty persons were in attendance. Rev. Tantsi told of the efforts being made to establish our church in Basutoland, South Africa. He said that several years before Chief Sekhanyanne Bereng had given a piece of land to build a mission house, and how disappointed all were because they were not able to build a mission house. His story touched the hearts of the women and more than fifty dollars was subscribed. The matter was brought before the annual convention meeting five or six weeks after this district meeting. Rev. Tantsi had told us $2,000 was necesary to build the house. In all the Ohio Conference Branch raised in cash $1,975.40 for the Mission House in Basutoland.

The present officers are:

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF OHIO CONFERENCE BRANCH WMS. Reading left to right: Ida Forte, Recording Secretary; Minnie Ware, 1st Vice President; Essie Hamilton, President; Edna S. Woodson, Secretary Treasurer Sarah Tanner Memorial Fund; Rosa Smith, Conference Branch Treasurer; Alpha Hayes, Contingent Treasurer; Mamie Robinson, Statistical Secretary; Cora William, Member of Board (elected); Hattie Maxwell, Secretary Treasurer Mary F. Handy Student Aid Fund; Helen Quarles, Member of Board (elected); Ophelia C. Rogers, Corresponding Secretary; Nina Carroll, Second Vice President; Grace Roberts, Member of Board (elected). Members not present: Sweedie Moore, Ass. Secretary; Vivian Leece, Secretary Treasurer YPD; Berthan Toney, Treasurer of Quad. Fund; Helen Hodskins, Member of the Board (elected); Ada Bowles, Member of Board (elected).

OHIO NORTH CONFERENCE BRANCH, was organized by Bishop Payne, working as a district from 1894 to 1896 with the women of the Ohio and Pittsburgh Conferences, known as The Woman's Mite Misionary Society of the Third Episcopal District. July 1, 1896, the district was reorganized and separated into conference branches, and in Newark, Ohio, on July 8, 1897 the women of North Ohio held their first annual convention as a conference branch. Above are the present officers and superintendents. Left to right—Top row: Mrs. Frankie Crawford, assistant secretary; Anna Nelson, Mite Box superintendent; Ellasteen Hutchison, Mission Study superintendent; Della P. Jones, statistical secretary; Genie Stewart, board member; I. V. Moore, Art Department superintendent; Second Row—Anther Ellison, board member; Cora Turner, Contingent treasurer; Kathryn S. Lyons, secrteary-treasurer YPD; Claudia Hubbard, recording secretary; Anna Bell Young, board member; Myrtle Lewis, board member; Bottom Row, Mary T. Gates, conference branch treasurer; D. E. Clemens, 2nd vice president; Dora M. Irvin, conference branch president; Hazel T. Gomez, first vice president. Other officers not present are: Miss Myrtle Mae Miller, corresponding secretary; Louise J. Curry, treasurer, Sarah E. Tanner Memorial Fund; Virginia Guy, board member; Clara B. Taylor, board member.

OFFICERS OF THE NORTH OHIO CONFERENCE BRANCH WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

President, Mrs. Dora M. Irvin; First Vice President, Mrs. Hazel T. Gomez; Second Vice President, Mrs. D. E. Clemens; Recording Secretary, Miss Myrtle Mae Miller; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Ella Hutchison; Statistical Secretary, Mrs. Della P. Jones; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Viola Williamson; Conference Branch Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Spivey; Contingent Treasurer, Mrs. Cora Turner; Parliamentarian, Mrs. Virginia Guy; Superintendent of the Young People's Department, Mrs. Kathryn S. Lyons.

ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Myrtle Lewis, Mrs. Clara B. Taylor, Self Denial Supt.; Mrs. Genie Stewart, Mrs. Cora Turner, Mrs. Annie Nelson, Mite Box Superintendent; Mrs. A. B. Young, Mrs. Anther Ellison.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Promotion and Missionary Education, Mrs. **Carrie Sims**; Christian Social Relation, Mrs. V. C. Hodges; Budget and Financial Estimates, Mrs. F. D. Barnes; Constitution and By-Laws, Mrs. J. L. Gamble; Tanner-Turner Memorial Committee, Mrs. Effie Manuel; Handy-Simmons Scholarship, Mrs. Clara B. Harris; Music Entertainment and Recreation, Mrs. Majorie Johnson.

THE ONTARIO CONFERENCE BRANCH OF THE WMM SOCIETY

ONTARIO BRANCH, THE, came into being on September 1, 1897, when the 13th session of the annual conference was convened at Chatham under Bishop Benjamin F. Lee. From the organization, three societies were formed: Hamilton, Windsor and Chatham. The very urgent plea of Bishop Lee and his suggestion that each pastor organize a missionary society, aroused the missionary spirit of the women which resulted in the organization of a Conference Branch with Mrs. J. W. Crosby, wife of the pastor of the Hamilton Church as president. The first accredited sum on behalf of the missionary society as raised was $4.54. Two years later, the Conference Branch met at Hamilton with six organized societies and a financial report of $19.57 when a greater enthusiasm was manifested to make the WMMS a torch bearer in Canada. Bishops have come and have gone, but the WMMS still goes on. Perhaps none of the bishops of the Ontario Conference has manifested a keener interest in the work in this district than our present Bishop J. A. Gregg, beloved and respected by all, a reservoir from which flows the sparkling water of the spirit of missions. Every organization that expects success, must have a leader that aspires to that end. For fourteen consecutive years it has been the pleasure of Mrs. Ida E. Perry to head the Ontario WMMS. The unbroken record of these years is an evidence of the high esteem in which she is held by the members of the society and the confidence imposed in her as capable, loyal and untiring. Her election as lay delegate to the forth-coming general conference, which meets at Philadelphia in May will make her fourth term as such. At the annual convention held last August at Toronto, the sum of $62.48 was reported, and at the quadrennium in Louisville $1938.25 was reported. The executive associates of the convention in the persons of Sisters Vera Clark and Margaret E. Duncan have rendered efficient service. Mrs. Clark has been recording secretary for eleven consecutive years and she is particularly interested in the work of the young people. Mrs. Duncan has proved her honesty by being treasurer of the society for twelve consecutive years and was elected as lay-alternate to the coming general conference.

ORANGIA SOUTH AFRICAN CONFERENCE BRANCH. The early records of the Orangia and Basutoland Conventions have not been kept. As far as it has been ascertained the convention was first started, in 1910, at Kroonstad, during the presidency of Mrs. Victor Gabashane. Since this time the following sisters have held Office as Presidents: Mesdames Apaphia Mareka, Hilda Mabote, Ephodia Mareka, Esther Mochubi, Lenie Demas, (who died in America), and Mildred Selepe, who is the president at present. The work has had steady and encouraging growth, the membership is now a little above 5,000. The annual amount raised is something over 3000 pounds sterling, or nearly $15,000, and in 1944 there was a little over 700 pounds in the bank. The funds were used as follows: 900 pounds or $4500 for boys' vocational building at Wilberforce Institute; 150 pounds or $600 for Meyerton new building; 2000 pounds or $10,000 for education and mission work. The above are only donations that have been given out by the convention; whereas even loans have been given out from time to time to help those in need. The convention has four departments, viz:—Adults, Juveniles, Allen Stars, and Mother Pearls. The present officers (most of whom have served since Bishop Wright's time in 1937) are: President, Mrs. Mildred Selepe; 1st Vice, Mrs. Miriam Peggy Mokau; 2nd Vice, Mrs. Bernice Makhema; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Emily Mogaecho; Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Gladys Matsego; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Esther Phasumane; Treasurer, Mrs. Albina Lethoba.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT: President, Mrs. N. Sentso; Secretary, Mrs. Magdelina Maja; Treasurer, Mrs. Miriam Bosaletsi; Executive, Mrs. Martha Zandamela and Mrs. Paulina Nontlaha. do; District President, Mrs. Sofomina Tilo (Kroonstad); **Mrs. Jemia Tiger (Bethlehem)**, Mrs. Emily Mokuena (Basutoland West), Mrs. Junia Motaung (Basutoland Central).

WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGH MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH AFRICA. During the term of Bishop L. J. Coppin, Father J. Zechariah Tantsi advised that the following Mothers be sent to the Annual Conference meeting at Klerksdorp. Mothers L. Mokgothu, E. Leuw, Mpalo, Gumede, and Charlotte C. Maxeke, Bs.C., who had only arrived recently from the U. S. A. A special missionary day was observed at which time Mother Maxeke was introduced by the Bishop, who also suggested that the Conference should give Mother Maxeke power to organize the Women's Mite Missionary Society. Mother Maxeke, who was living at Ramokgopa, at that time came to Johannesburg, organized the Executive Board, fixed the date and place of the first Convention for the 14th September, 1907 at Boksburg where the Rev. Abel Gabashane was serving as pastor. Those present at this first Convention were: Father J. Z. Tantsi who preached the opening sermon, with Mother Kate Tantsi, Rev. S. J. Babote who led the devotions based upon the scriptural text Ruth 2:3; Dr. Henry Msikinya, Mothers Kuzwayo of Germiston, Ellen Leeuw, Mokgothu, Phoofole, L. Ackerman, E. Moseche, F. Gumede, E. Kasibe, E. Careli, E. Hlongwane, and H. Matshoba. Illness of Mrs. Maxeke's son, Clarke, prevented her from attending. Mother Tantsi was elected temporary chairlady. The Missionary Society was formally constituted with ten members. Rev. Dr. Msikinya who had returned recently from the U. S. A. made a contribution to the organization which has become permanent. He advised that each full member of the Convention should pay a yearly dues of 2/- and 6d per month making a total of eight shillings (8/-) per year. The contingent was fixed as three shillings (3/-).

The second Convention was held in Pretoria, Father M. M. Mokone, pastor, with Mother Maxeke, presiding. The officers elected were: President, Mother Charlotte Maxeke; 1st Vice-President, Mother Kate Tantsi; 2nd Vice-President, Mother D. Mokone; Recording Secretary, Mother Harsant Tantsi; Treasurer, Mother Hilda Mabote.

The third Convention was held at Germiston with Rev. J M. Lebala, pastor. No change was made in the officers except that Mother E. Mohcubi became the Recording Secretary.

The fourth Convention was held at Klerksdorp. Mother Hilda Mabote, was elected President and Mother Tantsi, Treasurer. The fifth Convention was held at Germiston. At this time Mother Harsant Tantsi was preparing to go to the U. S. A. The Convention gave money for the purpose of helping Jonathan, the son of Father Mokone, to sail to the U. S. A. for the purpose of continuing his studies. With the coming of Bishop Johnson the Missionary Society helped in the erection of the Fanny Coppin Hall for Girl's Hostel at Wilberforce Institute. The cornerstone was laid by Mothers D. Mokone, Victoria Gabashane, and E. Tunzi. Father J. Z. Tantsi, M. M. Mokone, J. Y. Tantsi, S. J. Mabote were the brain-trust behind the whole movement. The funiture which cost 150 pounds was paid by the Missionary Society. The movement has grown in the Transvaal from 10 members in 1907 to 800 1945. Only four of the original group who founded the Society in the Transvaal survive. The are Mothers H. Mabote, Kasibe, Careli, and Mokgothu.

The Transvaal Convention has contributed to the following outstanding projects of the Church's endeavour:

Wilberforce **Institute**

(a) 1924-1927 for the erection of the Eliza Gregg Hall for boys.

(b) 1936-1939 Mokone-Gow Hall
1936-1939 Lydia Wright Hall
Crogman Community Clinic.

(c) 1940-1944
The new sanitary system.
The new Post Office building.
The Vocational Training buildings.

Repairs on Coppin Hall.
Annual showers by YPD.
(2) Other grants
(a) Annual grants to the Conference for education and Mission.
(b) Tombstones over the graves of Father and Mother Mokone at Pretoria, and Mokone Maxeke at Pimville.
(c) Ezenzeleni Blind Institute—Roodepoort.

The income from 1940 to 1944 is as follows:
1940—1,380 pounds, 9 shillings, 5 pence;
1941—1,516 pounds, 7 shillings, 5 pence;
Increase 135 pounds, 18 shillings, 0 pence,
1942—1,879 pounds, 10 shillings, 2 pence;
Increase 367 pounds, 2 shillings, 9 pence;
1943—2,302 pounds, 12 shillings, 10 pence;
Increase 323 pounds, 2 shillings, 8 pence;
1944—2,655 pounds, 18 shillings, 10 pence;
Increase 353 pounds, 6 shillings, 0 pence.

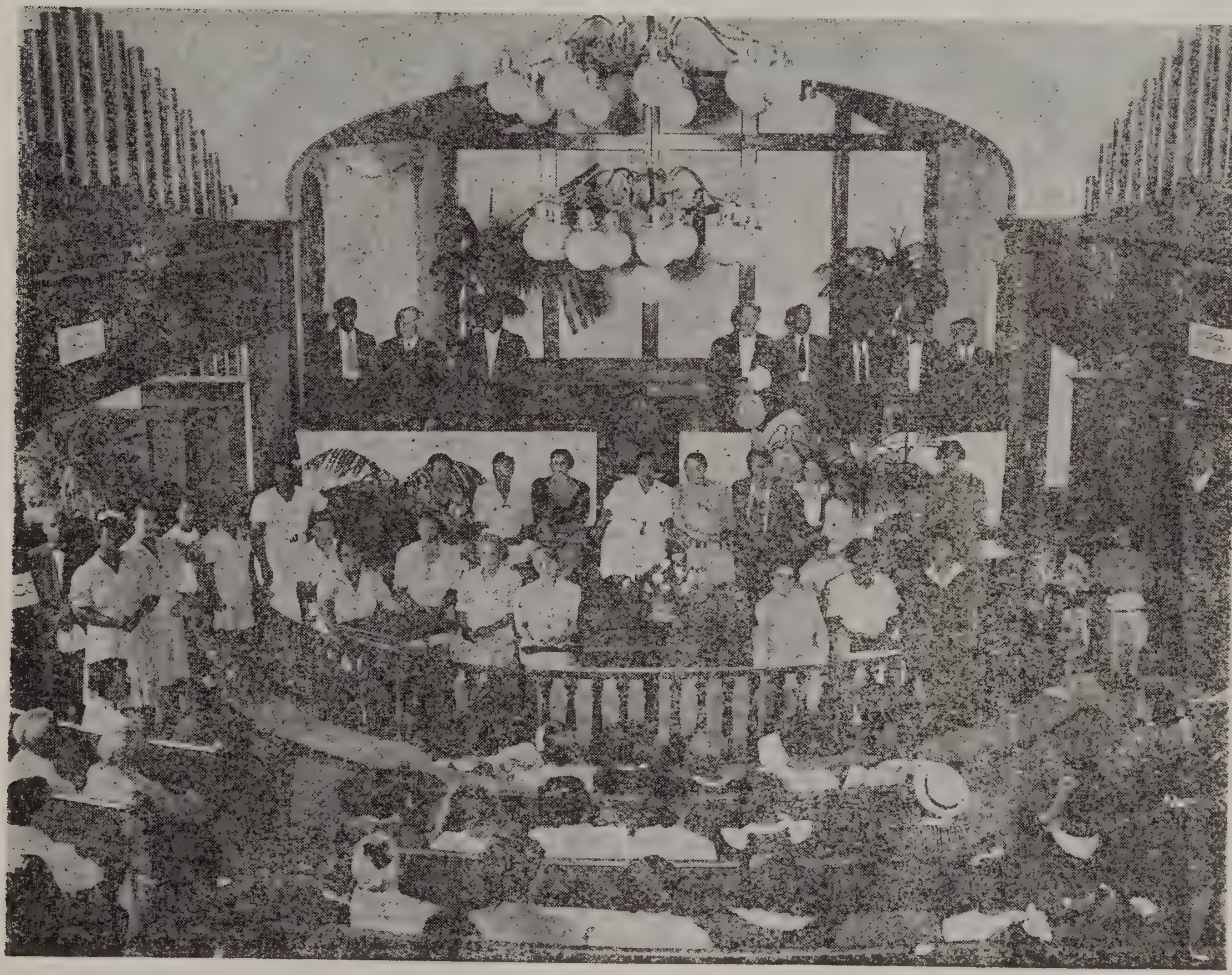
The following are the present officers of the Society (which is now known as the W.H. & F.M. Society).

Honorary President, Mrs. Hilda Mabote; President, Daisy B. Nojekwa; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Dorah Tekane; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Minnie Malefetse; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Charlotte Opperman; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Make; Statistician and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Eva M. Morake, M.A., BS.C.; Treasurer, Mrs. Maggie Mareka; Executive member, Kate Mosebi.

District Presidents: Mrs. Minnie Malefetse, Mrs. Maggie Mareka, Mrs. Dorah Tekone, Mrs. Maude Mokone, Mrs. S. Sechaba, Mrs. D. Gqiba, Mrs. Norah Tantsi, Mrs. Nellie Makhene, Mrs. Gladys Nthoba, Mrs. Christina Ndlazi, Mrs. Maggie Pholo, Mrs. Freda Ndimande.

Young People's Department—President, Mrs. D. S. Montsica; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Emily Lesufi; Secretary, Mrs. Winnifred L. Qupe; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Esther Nkosi; Treasurer, Mrs. Chrisina Ndlazi; Executive Member, Emily Modikoane.

WMS, SOUTH CAROLINA. Shortly after the Civil War, Bishop Payne and a few others came to South Carolina to start the AME Church. The South Carolina Conference was organized May 15, 1865 in Charleston. The first South Carolina Conference Branch was held in Charleston September 24, 1907 under Bishop Coppin, Mrs. M. J. Alston, presiding, at Ebenezer AME Church. Rev. M. A. Hollins, being the entertaining pastor. From that conference branch, five others have grown: The Central, Columbia, Northeast, Palmetto, and the Piedmont. Mrs. S. G. Simmons of Charleston, S. C., was elected the first state president of the W. H. & F. M. Society of South Carolina. Later she was elected connectional president. Mrs. R. C. Chappelle, wife of Bishop W. D. Chappelle succeeded her and accomplished much during her administration. She is now state president emeritus in honor of the wonderful work in missions she has performed. Mrs. Susie L. Flipper, the charming and stately wife of our beloved Bishop J. S. Flipper was elected state president in 1936. She has done a wonderful work in developing the group from a



South Carolina State Meeting W.H. & F.M.S. (1943) Mrs. J. S. Flipper, Supervisor, in center chair.

District Presidents and Young People's Supervisors: First Row—Mrs. Ruth Massey, Mrs. Venus Murray, Miss Elizabeth Brogdon, Mrs. Bessie M. Clark, Mrs. Sara Lewis, Mrs. S. L. Brogdon, Mrs. Ruth Dinkins, Mrs. S. L. Rice, Second Row, Mrs. L. B. Levister, Mrs. A. M. Mays, Mrs. M. L. Addison, Mrs. Ruth Janerrette, Mrs. Ethel Williams, Miss Christine Brogdon, Mrs. Mamie Williams, Miss O. B. Lisborn, Fourth Row, Mrs. Nora McBride, Mrs. Zylvia Primus, Mrs. Maggie Alston, Mrs. Amanda Perrin, Mrs. T. E. Robinson, Last Row, Miss Gamble and Mrs. Mary Harold.

committee to a large convention, which meets annually. She has rebuilt churches in the state, refurnished the girl's dormitory at Allen University, Columbia, S. C. When Bishop J. S. Flipper decided to build a modern library at Allen University, Mrs. S. L. Flipper sponsored a drive for the first money for the cornerstone of this building. She raised a creditable amount on this effort and many other missionary activities that she planned and supervised. The women of South Carolina are indeed proud of their wonderful president, Mrs. Susie L. Flipper and are ready and willing to cooperate with her in every way of support to the missionary program in South Carolina. From the seacoast to the mountains the women of South Carolina are grateful to God for having sent them such a noble Christian president to lead them on in His name. She has done a grand work and they hope that she will live long to continue her successful leadership in South Carolina. The officers are: Mrs. R. C. Chappelle, President Emeritus; Mrs. J. S. Flipper, state president; Mrs. L. B. Murph, Mrs. A. R. Holmes, Mrs. Flossie Wilson, Mrs. C. A. Adams, Mrs. Lillian Jennings, Mrs. Rosa Gadsen, Mrs. Minnie B. Benbow, Mrs. Venus Murray, Mrs. Inez Temple, Mrs. Maud McClelland, Mrs. S. S. Rice, Mrs. A. E. Sanders.

NORTH CAROLINA, WESTERN BRANCH, was organized in 1900 by Mrs. M. F. Handy, Mrs. Ella M. Kind was its first president, and was succeeded by Mrs. Minnie S. Pearson. *Deceased since this report.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE BRANCH, THE, was first organized as WMMS at Payne Chapel, Nashville, Tenn., October 19, 1881, Bishop Campbell, presiding. Mesdames J. W. Early was elected president; G. L. Jackson, secretary; Bedford Greene, treasurer. The collection was $11.85. The following have served as presidents: Mesdames J. M. Early, M. E. Davis, Ellen Tyree, M. Haigler, and G. L. Jackson. At Shelbyville, Tenn., October, 1908, Bishop H. B. Parks, presiding, the women by vote changed from the Mite to the W. H. & F. M. S. Mrs. G. L. Jackson was re-elected president; Mrs. C. F. Jones, secretary; Mrs. Harriet Campbell, treasurer. Mrs. G. L. Jackson, Mrs. W. S Brooks and Mrs. Wm. Flagg were delegates to the connectional convention of the W. H. & F. M. Society at Birmingham, Ala., April, 1911, and Mrs. G. L. Jackson was elected corresponding secretary of that convention. Four years later, February, 1915, Mesdames G. L. Jackson, A. M. Russell and T. L. Sutton were delegates to the Connectional Convention at New Orleans, Mrs. Jackson read a paper on "Why should young people be organized?" and was unanimously re-elected corresponding secretary. To relieve suffering and want among the aged, sick and needy of the laity of our churches there was organized a department known as the AME Ladies' Union, No. 1. Mrs. Matilda Finley, president. This branch of the missionary society saw to it that no member of our churches suffered for anything that was in our power to do, and thus caring for the lay members it made it easier to raise funds to help the ministers, both home and foreign. For a while the society had mid-summer conventions of two days sessions. But some of the preachers thought that the women could do more good by having their meetings at the same time of the district conferences, so the conventions were discontinued. The society now has a day at the five district conferences.

Young People's Department, East Tennessee Conference Branch, 1943, at Bethel, Chattanooga. Mrs. A. J. Simmons, (extreme left) Supervisor.

TENNESSEE (EAST), CONFERENCE BRANCH. In 1908 under Bishop Parks, the women of this conference, who had been in the WMMS, were organized into the W. H. & F. M. Society. Mrs. W. A. Lewis of Nashville was chosen state president, and Mrs. J. M. Brown, Chattanooga, conference branch president; Mrs. Sallie Caswell, first vice president; Mrs. N. A. Carter, second vice president; Mrs. E. S. Turner, third vice president; Mrs. F. M. Penecost, secretary; Mrs. A. E. Martin, assistant secretary; Mrs. Nora Hunt, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Lizzie McConnell, treasurer; Mrs. E. G. Books, Mrs. J. H. Smith and Mrs. E. S. Turner, executive board members; Mrs. Emma Reed and Mrs. Nora Hunt, organizers and Mrs. P. Kelley, chaplain. The treasurer reported $58.00 on hand, which was turned over to the committee. The missionary of the annual conference turned over to us $43.00, making a total of $101.00. Since then, there have been many changes.

TENNESSEE (WEST) CONFERENCE BRANCH, WMS. At Providence AME Church, Memphis, the Missions work began. The churches were asked to raise money, but only St. Andrews AME Church raised any; $25.00 which was reported at the conference held at Provident under Bishop Lee, L. J. Johnson, pastor and A. H. Shelton, presiding elder. The conference branch was organized in Union City, November, 1910 by Bishop Parks. Mrs. Malissa L. Light was elected president, Mrs. Julia A. Bennett, vice-president; Mrs. Mary R. Cooper, secretary; Mrs. H. E. Conelly, corresponding secretary; Mrs. E. M. Greenlee, treasurer; members of the executive board: Mesdames A. E. Greer, Prudie Eason, Rebecca Aden, and E. M. Stacker, and Miss Maggie Walker. Each year progress was made. Mrs. Light left the work and went to California to live. Mrs. Josie Carr was elected in 1914; in 1915 Mrs. Julia Bennett was elected. She served only one year and moved to Chicago. The work went down, and in 1916 to 1917 it stopped completely. In 1918 a meeting of the Branch was called by Bishop Lee for reorganization. The vice-president quit our church and joined another. Mrs. Josie Carr was elected president and set the missionary work together. Delegates elected to the quadrennial convention in Waco, Texas in 1919 were: Mesdames W. T. Vernon, Josie Carr, Lillie Brown. The Conference Branch was called in July, 1920 by Bishop Carey, at Avery Chapel, Memphis, for three days that he might know what the women were doing. Mrs. Carr was re-elected, and served until in 1924 when at Union City, Mrs. L. Smith was elected president, served only one year; Mrs. Griffin was elected and she served only one year. At the West Tennessee Conference held in Union City, Rev. Griffin was transferred and Bishop S. L. Greene called a presiding elders' council at Clarksville, Tennessee and in this council Mrs. Josie Carr was again placed as president of the Conference Branch. The Conference Branch grew by leaps and bounds, increasing from $25.00 a year to $1400, and improving spiritually, and numerically. The supervisors have been: Mrs. Ransom, 1924-1928; who organized the children's work; Mrs. S. L. Greene, 1928-1932; and Mrs. Charlotte C. Wright, wife of Bishop Wright, who came back from Africa full of information. Under her leadership the conference branch has taken on new life, Conference study courses have been organized, the Christians gifts of $5 for each minister's child, have been inaugurated. Mrs. J. Y. Tantsi of South Africa was brought to visit us by Mrs. Wright, and Mrs. Josie Carr now Mrs. Pruitt, wife of Rev. W. E. Pruitt; Mrs. J. W. Hall, wife of Rev. J. W. Hall, and Mrs. A. F. Davis, wife of Rev. A. F. Davis, were sent to the fiftieth anniversary convention of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, in 1943 in Chicago, being the only conference branch delegate to that convention from the AME Church. We have paid our mission preachers, sent money to the connectional treasury, helped young men and women in school, helped poor widows and orphan children, contributed to the School of Religion and the Good Will Service Center. Mrs. H. A. Luster, served many years as conference superintendent and district superintendent of the YPD. Mrs. Josie C. Pruitt, was made president in 1947, at the suggestion of Bishop Wright, and given a beautiful testimonial at St. Andrews Church on her birthday, December, 1947. The present officers are:

In the Connectional WMS, the following are officers elected in 1947: Mrs. Grace W. Kyle, Parliamentarian, and editor of the Youth Journal, and Mrs. Janie H. Cottman, chairman of the connectional committee on Christian Social Relation.

WOMAN'S MITE MISSIONARY SOCIETY (NOW WMS) THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE BRANCH, was organized April 12, 1897 at Wytheville, Virginia by Bishop J. A. Handy; assisted by Rev. H. B. Parks, then secretary of missions; first officers elected were: district president, Mrs. Mary P. Handy, the Bishop's wife; state president, Mrs. Carrie J. Bolden; secretary, Mrs. Minnie L. Gaines; treasurer, Mrs. D. J. Beckett. Other ministers' wives in the organization were: Mrs. Mary J. Ewer, Mrs. Carrie J. Williams and Mrs. Martha P. Mackey. For three years, the Virginia Conference Branch met at the time of the annual conference. Other presidents who have served are: Mrs. Sarah Augustus, Mrs. Minnie L. Gaines, Mrs. Martha Hunt, Mrs. Hattie Johnson, Mrs. M. J. C. Nottingham, Mrs. Jennie Day, Mrs. Fannie Reynolds, Mrs. Jennie M. Hunter, Mrs. Lillie E. Cotten, Mrs. S. Blanche Nottingham and Mrs. Georgia E. Roberts, who is now serving as president. The Conference Branch has always been active from its organization in raising funds for foreign fields and doing much for home missions as well. Some of the activities supported by Virginia have been: educating Miss Amanda Mason, a student of West Africa, at Kittrell College and Wilberforce University; and also assisting with the education of other students of the state; contributing $500.00 toward the electric plant at Kittrell College; contributing $200.00 toward the episcopal residence in West Africa; donating to Bishop Brooks $150.00 for Monrovia College in West Africa; $100.00 to Mrs. Nora F. Taylor for her work, giving a liberal amount to Dr. E. H. Coit for the Mission House, and whenever called upon by Dr. L. L. Berry for any assistance, helping in furnishing linens and other necessities for Kittrell College. The first three years of our organization, we reported around $350.00. At the last meeting of the quadrennial convention Virginia reported having raised over $9000.00 for all purposes for the quadrennium. Mrs. Georgia E. Roberts was the first superintendent of the YPD, followed by Mrs. Gertrude Hatcher and Mrs. Mabel B. Young. One-day conferences are held in various sections of the state where they make a complete study of missionary work. The officers of the Branch are: president, Mrs. G. E. Roberts; first vice president, Mrs. M. G. Stewart; sceond vice president, Mrs. M. W. Sanders; recording secretary, Mrs. R. L. Arnold; assistant recording secretary, Mrs. J. M. Shields; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. I. Threadgill; conference branch treasurer, Mrs. M. M. Major; superintendent of Mission Study, Mrs. M. N. Smith; assistant superintendent of Mission Study, Miss Ora C. Churchill; secretary-treasurer, YPD, Mrs. M. B. Young; contingent treasurer, Mrs. M. P. Mackey; members of the executive board are: Mrs. A. O. Davidson, Mrs. E. C. Williams, Mrs. H. T. Benjamin, Mrs. C. B. Brown, Mrs. M. J. Henry, Mrs. A. C. Scott and Mrs. P. H. Bassette. District presidents are: Miss M. L. Jones, Mrs. C. J. Easterling, Mrs. A. B. Thorogood, Mrs. L. M. Thompson, Mrs. S. C. Stuks, Mrs. R. T. Anderson, Mrs. Britania Hill. Some of the workers who have given much to the extension of our work in Virginia and who have been called to their reward are: Sisters Josephine Norcum, M. E. Davis, A. E. Bowden, K. T. Bolling, Mary Haywood, Millie Baker, Carrie Williams, A. H. Davis, Mary J. Ewer, Nora B. Taylor, Louise Wright, Lucinda Morris, Adeline Spratley. Other workers who have gone to other sections of our church are: Mrs. B. A. Berry, M. L. Morris, E. V. Walker, A. H. Thorpe, W. J. Miller and Gertrude H. Floyd.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES—See Women's Missionary Society.

MISSISSIPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE, THE NORTHEAST, was organized December 3, 1915, by Bishop J. M. Connor, then presiding Bishop of the 8th Episcopal District, at Greenville, Miss., with the following named Districts and Presiding Elders: Johnstown District, Dr. F. R. C. Durden, Presiding Elder; Clarksdale District, Rev. J. E. Brown, Presiding Elder; Moorehead District, Rev. W. B. Q. Byrd, Presiding Elder. The first Annual Conference of the Northwest Mississippi Conference was held at Jonestown, Mississippi, Bethel AME Church, Bishop W. H. Heard. P. B.; Rev. J. B. Battle, pastor; Rev. J. T. Reese, Chief Secretary. At this session the Conference raised over $3000.00 Dollar Money. Over $2000.00 for Campbell College was raised. The following named persons were ordained deacons and elders. Brother Wm. A. Holmes, J. H. Martin, J. W. Anderson, Rev. K. D. Jennings. Second session of this conference was held in Oneal Chapel AME Church, Sunflower, Miss., December 5, 1917, Bishop W. H. Heard, presiding. Rev. J. L. Montgomery, P. C.; Rev. J. T. Reese, Chief Secretary. At this conference for general purposes over $4000.00 was raised. Third session of this conference was held in Allen Chapel AME Church, Marks, Mississippi, Bishop W. H. Heard, presiding; Rev. J. C. C. Toole, P. C.; Rev. J. T. Reese, Chief Secretary. During this conference over $4500.00 was raised for general purposes and several new churches brought into conference. (Darlings, Hinch, Cliff, Falcon, Penton, Crenshaw and Mainette. Fourth session of this conference was held in Friendship AME Church, Clarksdale, Mississippi, December 6, 1919, Bishop W. H. Heard, presiding; Rev. J. T. Reese, pastor; Rev. R. W. Meanes, secretary. The Presiding Elders of this conference were: W. P. Byrd, Jonestown District; F. R. Durden, Clarksdale District; J. E. Brown, Morehead District; M. Ball, Tunica District. Following named persons were elected delegates to the General Conference: Drs. F. R. C. Durden, J. E. Brown, W. B. B. Byrd, J. T. Reese, and E. S. H. Ousley. The following persons were ordained elders: Rev. Wm. A. Holmes, H. M. Farmer, E. A. Melvin. At this conference over $6000.00 was raised for the general purposes and many members added to the various churches.

Fifth Session of this conference was held in Oneal Chapel AME Church, Sunflower, Mississippi, December 6, 1920, Bishop W. W. Beckett, presiding Bishop; Rev. G. I. Jackson, P. C.; Chief Secretary, Rev. J. T. Reese. On account of the depression this conference fell off to about half of its usual quota. It became necessary for this session to close two days short of the regular session. Sixth session of this conference was held in Bethel AME Church, Tutwiler, Mississippi, Bishop Beckett, presiding; Rev. H. R. Rayford, P. C.; Chief Secretary, Rev. J. T. Reese; December 6, 1921. Raised for general purposes, $3,200.00. Presiding Elders from this conference were: Drs. Durden, Brown, J. T. Reese, and M. Ball Seventh session of this conference was held December 4, 1922, in Bethel AME Church, Phillip, Mississippi, Bishop W. W. Beckett, presiding; Rev. J. L. Montgomery, P. C.; Chief Secretary, Rev. R. C. Perry. Elders ordained: Rev. S. J. H. Martin, J. H. Perkins. During this session over $3400.00 was raised for general purposes. Eighth session of the conference was held in Friendship AME Church, Clarksdale, Mississippi, December 3, 1923, Bishop W. W. Beckett, presiding; Rev. W. T. Strong, pastor. He raised over $3600 for general purposes. Several new churches were built during the year. Delegates elected to the General Conference: F. R C. Durden, W. T. Johnson, J. E. Brown, W. T. Strong, J. L. Montgomery. Ninth session of the conference was held in Allen Chapel AME Church, Bishop W. W. Beckett, presiding; Rev. H. N. Sanford, P. C.; Rev. R. C. Perry, December 3, 1924. Over $3700.00 was collected for general purposes. Tenth session of the conference was held in Oneal Chapel AME Church, Sunflower, Miss., December 2, 1925, Bishop Beckett, presiding; Rev. W. T. Johnson, pastor; Chief Secretary, Rev. W. T. Johnson. Over $4000 raised for general purposes. Eleventh session of the conference was held in Wilson Chapel AME Church, Coahoma, Mississippi, November 29, 1927, Bishop W. H. Heard, presiding; Rev. W. T. Strong, pastor; Chief Secretary, Rev. W. T. Johnson; $3500.00 was raised for general purposes. Following delegates were elected to the general conference: F. R. Durden, W. T. Johnson, J. E. Brown, R. C. Perry, W. T. Strong. Thirteenth session of the conference was held in St. John AME Church, Drew, Miss., December 2, 1928, Bishop Wm. D. Johnson, presiding; Rev. L. A. Haymore, pastor; Chief Secretary, Rev. W. T. Johnson. $4000.00 was raised for general purposes. The Fourteenth session was held in Lee Chapel AME Church, Moorehead, Mississippi, November 28, 1929, Bishop Wm. D. Johnson, presiding; Rev. A. Z. Fox, pastor; Chief Secretary, Rev. R. C. Perry; $3500.00 was raised for general purposes. Fifteenth session was held in St. Peter AME Church, Tunica, Mississippi, December 2, 1930. Bishop Wm. D. Johnson, presiding; Rev. Wm. McCloud, pastor; Chief Secretary, Rev. J. E. Crowe; $2000.00 was raised for general purposes. Sixteenth session of the conference was held in Friendship AME Church, Clarksdale, Mississippi, December 3, 1931, Bishop Wm. D. Johnson, presiding; Rev. E. M. Smith, pastor; Chief Secretary, Rev. J. E. Crowe; $2500.00 was raised for general purpose. Delegates elected to the General Conference: W. T. Johnson, E. M. Smith, C. S. Jones, J. E. Crowe, Wallace Jones. Seventeenth session of this conference was held in Oneal Chapel AME Church, Sunflower, Mississippi, December 4, 1932, Bishop S. L. Greene, presiding; Rev. J. E. Hill, pastor; Chief Secretary, Rev. C. G. Scriven; $1200.00 was raised for general purposes. Eighteenth session of this conference was held in Wilson Chapel AME Church, Coahoma, Miss., November 28, 1933, Bishop S. L. Greene, presiding; Rev. J. L. Montgomery, pastor; Chief Secretary, E. S. H. Ousley; $1800.00 was raised for general purposes. Nineteenth session was held in Allen Chapel AME Church, Marks, Miss., December 2, 1934, Bishop S. L. Greene, presiding; Rev. J. E. Hill, pastor; Chief Secretary, Rev. Rev. M. R. Mozee. $2000.00 was raised for general purposes. Twentieth session of the conference was held in Friendship AME Church, Clarksdale, Miss., Bishop S. L. Greene, presiding; Rev. M. R. Mozee, pastor, November 29, 1935; Chief Secretary, Rev. J. H. Weir. Raised for general purposes $2200. Delegates elected to the General Conference: F. R. Durden, M. R. Mozee, J. L. Montgomery, H. B. Brown, E. Montgomery. Twenty first session in Lee Chapel AME Church, Moorehead, Mississippi, Bishop S. L. Greene, presiding; Rev. C. S. Stewart, pastor, December 3, 1936; Chief Secretary, Rev. M. R. Mozee; $2500.00 was raised for general purposes. Twenty-second session of the conference was held in Bethel AME Church, Jonestown, Mississippi, December 3, 1937. Bishop S. L. Greene, presiding; Rev. I. W. Williams, pastor; Chief Secretary, Rev. M. R. Mozee. $2700.00 was raised for general purposes. Twenty-third session was held in Oneal Chapel AME Church, Sunflower, Mississippi, December 28th, Bishop S. L. Greene, presiding; Rev. A. Taylor, pastor; Chief Secretary, Rev. M. R. Mozee; $2750.00 was raised for general purposes. Twenty-fourth session was held in Friendship AME Church, Clarksdale, Miss., November 29, 1939, Bishop S. L. Greene, presiding; Rev. M. R. Mozee, pastor; Chief Secretary, Rev. A. B. Brown; $2900.00 was raised for general purposes. Delegates elected to General Conference. F. R. C. Durden, M. R. Mozee, W. L. Debro. Twenty-fifth session of this conference was held in Lee Chapel AME Church, Moorehead, Miss., November 29, 1940, Bishop S. L Greene, presiding; Rev. L. Hooper, pastor; Chief Secretary, M. R. Mozee. Amount raised for general purposes, $3100.00. Twenty-sixth session of the conference was held in Wilson Chapel AME Church, Coahoma, Mississippi, November 28, 1941, Bishop S. L. Greene, presiding; Rev. Wm. A. Holmes, pastor; Chief Secretary, Rev. S. L. Murphy. Amount raised $3200.00 for general purposes. Twenty-seventh session of this conference was held in Allen Chapel AME Church, Marks, Mississippi, December 2, 1942, Bishop S. L. Greene, presiding; Rev. I. H. McInnis, pastor; Chief Secretary, Rev. E. S. H. Ousley. Amount raised for general purposes $3800.00. At present the conference is composed of the following Districts and Presiding Elders: Clarksdale District, Rev. M. R. Mozee; Sunflower District, Dr. F. R. C. Durden; Jonestown District, Rev. Wm. A. Holmes. The membership is approximately 2000 with a group of fine laymen and laywomen, namely: Ben Williams, A. Peterson, B. D. Dubard, G. J. Murphy, L. Palmer, C. A. Johnson, H. Thermand, G. J. Jackson, W. W. Nelson, S. L. Mangham, J. S. Cumming, L. J. Lofton, J. A. Williams, L. A. Green, T. M. Maccenburg. Laywomen: Mrs. I. S. Durden, L. B. Mozee, L. Holmes, C. D. Montgomery, B. L. King, E. Dillon, S. W. Wilson, S. M. Wilson. Pastors, Rev. S. S. L. Jones, S. L. Murphy, L. Hooper, A. T. Hall, F. Lampton, Durden, Joe Jones, J. H. Martin, J. H. Brown, I. H. McInnis, O. S. Spearman, E. S. H. Ousley, G. W. Fisher.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE. The banner of African Methodism was planted west of the Mississippi River by Bishop William Paul Quinn between 1840 and 1844; the report of his work in this western region to the General Conference of 1844 was a distinct event in the history of our church. This work did not develop in a regular manner, but was developed from two widely separated localities, St. Louis, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif. The General Conference of 1852 ordered a division of the Indiana Conference because of its vast territory, and set apart the MISSOURI ANNUAL CONFERENCE, embracing all the slave-holding States of the West and Southwest. The Committee reported the boundary should be all of Missouri; all of Illinois, south of longitude 38, running in a straight line from the Mississippi River to the Wabash River; all Kentucky, west of the Kentucky River; Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama. On September 13, 1855, at 9:00 A. M., in the city of Louisville, Ky., Bishop William Paul Quinn and Daniel A. Payne called this conference to order. Bishop Payne gave the opening address, and John M. Brown, New Orleans, La., was elected secretary. At the organization this new conference had 1698 members and reported $67.43 as contingent money. The seed sown by the original members of the Missouri Annual Conference bears fruit until this day. Out of this territory many Annual Conferences have been carved. Today the state of Missouri has three annual conferences: The Missouri, the North Missouri and the Southwest Missouri conferences. The mother conference (Missouri) at present reports $5,500.00 Dollar Money, and $8,576.25 for all purposes with 9,000 members. The largest churches in the old Missouri Conference are St. Paul (The Mother); St. James and Wayman Temple, all in St. Louis. The four oldest churches are St. Paul, organized 1841; Olive Chapel, organized 1847; St. Peters, organized 1864; Quinn Chapel, organized 1869; the conference has 45 churches within its boundary and 45 Sunday schools.

Distinguished personalities of the Conference, most of whom have passed to their reward: B. F. Watson, Secretary-Treasurer, Church Extension Department; J. Frank McDonald, Editor, Western Christian Recorder; J. D. Barksdale, Editor, Western Christian Recorder; Julian C. Caldwell, General Secretary, Allen C. E. League; George C. Martin, President, The Bishop William School of Religion; elevated to the Episcopacy from the conference were Noah Wellington Williams, 1932; Frank Madison Reid, 1940; others having served in the conference and later elected bishops were: W. T. Vernon and W. Sampson Brooks; also J. H. Wilson, editor, Western Christian Recorder and Fred H. Hughes, editor of the Western Recorder.

HISTORICAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS OF THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

	WHERE HELD	WHEN	PRESIDING BISHOP	SECRETARY
1.	Louisville, Ky.	Sept. 13, 1855	D. A. Payne	J. M. Brown
2.	Louisville, Ky.	Aug. 2, 1856	D. A. Payne	J. M. Brown
3.	Louisville, Ky.	Sept. 5, 1857	D. A. Payne	J. M. Brown
4.	St. Louis, Mo.	Aug. 4, 1858	D. A. Payne	John Turner
5.	St. Louis, Mo.	Aug. 27, 1859	D. A. Payne	John Turner
6.	Louisville, Ky.	Aug. 25, 1860	D. A. Payne	John Turner
7.	St. Louis, Mo.	Aug. 31, 1861	W. P. Quinn	John Turner
8.	St. Louis, Mo.	Aug. 28, 1862	W. P. Quinn	John Turner
9.	St. Louis, Mo.	Aug. 28, 1863	W. P. Quinn	John Turner
10.	Louisville, Ky.	Aug. 27, 1864	W. P. Quinn	John Turner
11.	New Orleans, La.	Oct. 20, 1865	J. P. Campbell	
12.	St. Louis, Mo.	Aug 23, 1866	J. P. Campbell	W. B. White
13.	Nashville, Tenn.	Aug. 30, 1867	J. P. Campbell	W. B. White
14.	Louisville, Ky.	Aug. 30, 1868	W. P. Quinn	
15.	Leavenworth, Kans.	Aug. 12, 1869	W. P. Quinn	T. W. Henderson
16.	St. Joseph, Mo.	Aug. 18, 1870	W. P. Quinn	T. W. Henderson
17.	Lexington, Mo.	Sept. 7, 1871	W. P. Quinn	T. W. Henderson
18.	Hannibal, Mo.	Sept. 19, 1872	A. W. Wayman	T. W. Henderson
19.	St. Louis, Mo.	Sept. 1, 1873	A. W. Wayman	G. W. Gaines
20.	Kansas City, Mo.	Sept. 2, 1874		T. W. Henderson
21.	Glasgow, Mo.	Sept. 22, 1875	T. M. D. Ward	T. W. Henderson
22.	Columbia, Mo.	Sept. 20, 1876	J. A. Shorter	T. W. Henderson
23.	Macon City, Mo.	Aug. 23, 1877	J. A. Shorter	T. W. Henderson
24.	Jefferson City, Mo.	Sept. 18, 1878	J. A. Shorter	T. W. Henderson
25.	Springfield, Mo.	Sept. 17, 1879	J. A. Shorter	T. W. Henderson
26.	Louisiana, Mo.	Sept. 30, 1880	T. M. D. Ward	T. W. Henderson
27.	Columbia, Mo.	Sept. 30, 1881	T. M. D. Ward	
28.	Boonville, Mo.	Sept. 5, 1882	T. M. D. Ward	
29.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Sept. 5, 1883	T. M. D. Ward	
30.	Independence, Mo.	Oct. 15, 1884	John M. Brown	J. F. McDonald
31.	Lexington, Mo.	Sept. 1, 1886	John M. Brown	J. F. McDonald
32.	Sedalia, Mo.	Oct. —, 1886	John M. Brown	W. B. Brooks
33.	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 23, 1887	John M. Brown	E. T. Cottman
34.	Springfield, Mo.	Aug —, 1888	T. M. D. Ward	W. B. White
35.	Jefferson City, Mo.	Sept. 4, 1889	T. M. D. Ward	E. W. Lewis
36.	Kansas City, Mo.	Sept. 11, 1890	T. M. D. Ward	W. B. Brooks
37.	St. Louis, Mo.	Sept. 10, 1891	T. M. D. Ward	E. W. Lewis
38.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Sept. 7, 1892	J. A. Handy	E. W. Lewis
39.	Boonville, Mo.	Sept. 27, 1893	J. A. Handy	E. W. Lewis
40.	Independence, Mo.	Sept. 12, 1894	J. A. Handy	C. N. Douglass
41.	St. Louis, Mo.	Sept. 19, 1895	J. A. Handy	E. W. Lewis
42.	Springfield, Mo.	Sept. 24, 1896	B. T. Tanner	W. B. Brooks
43.	Kansas City, Mo.	Sept. 15, 1897	B. T. Tanner	E. W. Lewis
44.	Lexington, Mo.	Sept. 22, 1898	B. T. Tanner	E. R. Vaughn
44.	Lexington, Mo.	Sept. 22, 1898	B. T. Tanner	E. R. Vaughn
46.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Oct. 3, 1900	C. T. Shaffer	E. R. Vaughn
47.	Kansas City, Mo.	Oct. 2, 1901	C. T. Shaffer	E. R. Vaughn
48.	Sedalia, Mo.	Sept. 24, 1902	C. T. Shaffer	E. R. Vaughn
49.	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 7, 1903	C. T. Shaffer	E. R. Vaughn
50.	Popular Bluff, Mo.	Oct. 5, 1904	A. Grant	E. R. Vaughn
51.	Higginsville, Mo.	Oct. 18, 1905	A. Grant	C. A. Williams
52.	Kansas City, Mo.	Oct. 10, 1906	A. Grant	C. A. Williams
53.	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 9, 1907	A. Grant	C. A. Williams
54.	Charleston, Mo.	Oct. 14, 1908	A. Grant	J. T. Smith
55.	Independence, Mo.	Oct. 13, 1909	A. Grant	W. B. Brooks
56.	Joplin, Mo.	Oct. 12, 1910	A. Grant	L. H. Harris
57.	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 11, 1911	H. B. Parks	Wm. H. Burnette
58.	Kirkwood, Mo.	Oct. 9, 1912	H. B. Parks	Wm. H. Burnette
59.	Jefferson City, Mo.	Oct. 15, 1913	H. B. Parks	J. D. Barksdale
60.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Oct. 14, 1914	H. B. Parks	J. D. Barksdale
61.	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 13, 1915	H. B. Parks	J. D. Barksdale
62.	Popular Bluff, Mo.	Oct. 18, 1916	H. B. Parks	J. D. Barksdale
63.	Kirkswood, Mo.	Oct. 17, 1917	H. B. Parks	J. D. Barksdale
64.	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 9, 1918	H. B. Parks	J. D. Barksdale
65.	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 15, 1919	H. B. Parks	J. D. Barksdale
66.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Oct. 6, 1920	H. B. Parks	Wm. H. Burnette
67.	De Soto, Mo.	Oct. 19, 1921	H. B. Parks	Wm. H. Burnette
68.	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 18, 1922	H. B. Parks	Wm. H. Burnette
69.	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 3, 1924	H. B. Parks	Wm. H. Burnette
70.	Boonville, Mo.		A. J. Carey	Wm. H. Burnette
71.	Kirkwood, Mo.	Oct. 21, 1925	A. J. Carey	Wm. H. Burnette
72.	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 22, 1926	A. J. Carey	Wm. H. Burnette
73.	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 19, 1917	A. J. Carey	Wm. H. Burnette
74.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Oct. 10, 1928	J. A. Gregg	Wm. H. Burnette

75.	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 23, 1929	J. A. Gregg	Wm. H. Burnette
76.	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 29, 1930	J. A. Gregg	Wm. H. Burnette
77.	St. Louis, Mo.	Nov. 4, 1931	J. A. Gregg	Wm. H. Burnette
78.	St. Louis, Mo.	Nov. 2, 1932	J. A. Gregg	Wm. H. Burnette
79.	St. Louis, Mo.	Nov. 2, 1933	J. A. Gregg	Wm. H. Burnette
80.	St. Louis, Mo.	Oct. 31, 1934	J. A. Gregg	Wm. H. Burnette
81.	St. Louis, Mo.	Nov. 6, 1935	J. A. Gregg	Wm. H. Burnette
82.	Jefferson City, Mo.	Nov. 11, 1936	N. W. Williams	Wm. H. Burnette
83.	St. Louis, Mo.	Nov. 10, 1937	N. W. Williams	Wm. H. Burnette
84.	St. Louis, Mo.	Nov. 16, 1938	N. W. Williams	Wm. H. Burnette
85.	St. Louis, Mo.	Nov. 8, 1939	N. W. Williams	Wm. H. Burnette
86.	Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Nov. 13, 1940	N. W. Williams	S. H. Lewis
87.	St. Louis, Mo.	Nov. 19, 1941	N. W. Williams	C. L. Williams

MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE, Atlanta, Ga., was founded by the AME Church in 1881, when a resolution was passed at the North Georgia Annual Conference, assembled in Bethel AME Church, Atlanta, Georgia to erect an institution of learning for the Christian education of Negroes. The original board of trustees was: Bishop W. F. Dickerson, Reverends W. J. Gaines, A. W. Lowe, J. A. Wood, Peter McClain, Richard Graham, Andrew Brown, R. A. Hall, A. Gonickey, J. B. Warner, D. J. McGhee, W. H. Harris, A. J. Miller, W. P. Holmes, C. L. Bradwell, S. H. Robertson, G. W. Williams, J. W. Wynn, Henry Strickland, William Raven, William D. Johnson, W. C. Gaines, W. H. Powell, and James Porter. At the meeting of trustees at Bethel AME Church, February 1, 1881, a site at the corner of Houston Street and North Boulevard in Atlanta was selected and later purchased. In May, 1885, a charter was granted. In October of the same year, the institution was opened under the principalship of Mrs. Mary McCree. The first class was graduated in 1890. In 1894, the liberal arts college was organized.

The principals, presidents, and chairmen of the board are listed below:

PRINCIPALS FROM 1885 TO 1892: Mrs. Mary McCree, Mrs. Alice Dugged Cary, Rev. E. W. Lee, Mr. A. St. George Richardson.

PRESIDENTS: A. St. George Richardson, 1892-1896; James M. Henderson, 1896-1904; J. S. Flipper, 1904-1908; E. W. Lee, 1908-1911; W. A. Fountain, Sr., 1911-1920; J. H. Lewis, 1920-1928; W. A. Fountain, Jr., 1928.

CHAIRMEN OF TRUSTEE BOARD: Bishops W. F. Dickerson, 1885-1888; W. J. Gaines, 1888-1892; Abraham Grant, 1892-1896; H. M. Turner, 1896-1908; C. S. Smith, 1908-1912; J. S. Flipper, 1912-1928; W. A. Fountain.

In 1932, the college discontinued the high school; merged its commercial department with the Williams Business College; and changed its location from the original site on Boulevard to the plant formerly occupied by Atlanta University ta Tatnall and Hunter Streets, Atlanta. Through this change, Morris Brown College was enabled to cooperate closely with the other Negro colleges and the Negro graduate school of Atlanta through an exchange of teachers and students, and to use more freely the $450,000 library that had been given to all the Negro colleges of Atlanta by the General Education Board.

The moving of the college in 1932 was one of the outstanding changes made by the present administration with Bishop W. A. Fountain as Chancellor and W. A. Fountain, Jr., as President. Other contributions of this administration include: acquisition of 21 acres of land on West Hunter Street, now developed into the Morris Brown College Subdivision for low cost housing; acquisition of 14 acres of land on the present site; establishment of endowment fund; improvement of training of faculty, largely through fellowships granted by the General Education Board; increasing of faculty salaries; raising of rating of institution to Class "A"; receiving of large grants from educational foundations; increasing of College enrollment, and increasing of income from AME Church in Georgia, which for a period of fifteen years has contributed an average of $35,000 per year to the support of the College.

Morris Brown College is governed by a Board of Trustees. In the interim of meetings of this board, authority is vested in an Executive Committee of the Board which exercises immediate control of the institution. Authority in academic matters is vested in the faculty which administers that part of the work dealing with academic regulations, problems of discipline, and other phases of the work of a college.

TURNER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY began in 1894 as the theological department of Morris Brown College and was named in 1900 for Bishop H. M. Turner at that time Senior Bishop of the AME Church. The following churchmen have served the Seminary as Deans:

Revs. E. L. Chew, E. W. Lee, J. S. Flipper, W. G. Alexander, M. M. Ponton, P. W. Greatheart, J. A. Lindsey, G. A. Singleton, S. H. Giles, C. L. Hill (1933-1944).

Turner Theological Seminary is one of the recognized theological institutions of this country. The special aim of the school is to train faithful and competent ministers of the word of God for the AME Church. However, students from other Christian churches are cordially welcomed and all possible encouragement is given them in preparing themselves for ministerial work in the churches of their choice.

MORTGAGE, in law is an instrument which conveys real estate or other property to another party as security for payment of a debt. In building or purchasing or improving property if the purchaser or owner does not have funds enough, he usually borrows the necessary money from an individual or a bank, or other finance company, for a certain length of time, and pays the mortgage at the end of that time, or in installments. Mortgages usually bear interest at from 3 to 6 percent which must also be paid yearly or along with the installments. No mortgage can be put upon a church by the trustees unless they are authorized by vote of the church in a regularly called church conference. (See Discipline).

NEBRASKA ANNUAL CONFERENCE. In 1920 five counties in Kansas and the state of Nebraska were separated from the Kansas conference to form the Nebraska Annual Conference. Bishop Henry Blanton Parks was the presiding bishop. This new arrangement placed Western University and Douglass Hospital within the new conference. (Douglass is the only hospital owned and operated by our church). Bishop Parks was succeeded by Bishops Carey, Gregg and N. W. Williams. At the present time Bishops Williams and Reid reside within its confines. On the hillside of the Western University Campus, Quindaro, Kansas, are the ruins of the home of John Brown which was one of the "Underground Railroad Stations" of pre-Civil War days; here, also, is the entrance to the tunnel under the Missouri River used in slave days to pass the fleeing slaves from the north side of the river. This conference contributes $3000, dollar money; $1375.18, missionary money, and $1300.00 for education annually. The value of the Church property of this Conference is $313,118.00. There are 4354 members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in this conference; and 37 ministers.

TIME	PLACE	PRESIDING BISHOP	SECRETARY
1920	Lincoln, Neb.	H. B. Parks	S. D. Rhone
1921	Omaha, Neb.	H. B. Parks	S. D. Rhone
1922	Atchison, Kan.	H. B. Parks	S. D. Rhone
1923	Kansas City, Kan.	H. B. Parks	T. D. Scott
1924	Omaha, Neb.	A. J. Carey	T. D. Scott
1925	Leavenworth, Kan.	A. J. Carey	John Adams
1926	Lincoln, Neb.	A. J. Carey	John Adams
1927	Kansas City, Kan.	A. J. Carey	John Adams
1928	Leavenworth, Kan.	J. A. Gregg	John Adams
1929	Atchison, Kan.	J. A. Gregg	F. D. Jordan
1930	Lincoln, Neb.	J. A. Gregg	G. W. Blakely
1931	Kansas City, Kan.	J. A. Gregg	T. J. Burwell
1932	Wichita, Kan.	J. A. Gregg	E. J. Eatmon
1933	Omaha, Neb.	J. A. Gregg	T. J. Burwell
1934	Argentine, Kan.	J. A. Gregg	J. N. Goddard
1935	Kansas City, Kan.	J. A. Gregg	J. N. Goddard
1936	Lincoln, Neb.	N. W. Williams	J. N. Goddard
1937	Kansas City, Kan.	N. W. Williams	J. N. Goddard
1938	Leavenworth, Kan.	N. W. Williams	H. W. Bletson
1939	Kansas City, Kan.	H. W. Williams	H. W. Bletson
1940	Atchison, Kan.	N. N. Williams	H. W. Bletson
1941	Omaha, Neb.	N. W. Williams	E. F. Fant
1942—(Trinity)	Kansas City, Kan.	N. W. Williams	P. E. Kidd

NEGROES IN THE ARMY DURING WORLD WAR I, totaled 404,348. Of that number 1,353 were commissioned officers; 402,971 were enlisted men, 15 were nurses and 9 were field clerks. Of the total number of these troops, approximately 840 officers and 194,000 enlisted men served in the American Expeditionary Forces.

The following figures, rounded to the nearest hundred, represent the total number of Negroes who served in the Army of the United States from 1 December 1941 to 31 August 1945: Male Officers, 8,000; Female Officers, 600; Male enlisted personnel, 905,000; Female enlisted personnel, 6,400. Total, 920,000.

Negro personnel in the Army as of November 1, 1946 totaled 174,690 of which 1,773 were officers and 413 were in the WAC.—Letter from War Department 1947.

NEGRO BANKS. There are 13 Negro banks in the United States as follows: Citizens & Southern Bank and Trust Company, Philadelphia, Penna.; Citizens Trust Company, Atlanta, Georgia; Consolidated Bank & Trust Company, Richmond, Virginia; Danville Savings Bank and Trust Company, Danville, Virginia; Crown Savings Bank, Newport News, Virginia; Citizens & Savings Bank & Trust Company, Nashville, Tennessee; Farmers State Bank, Boley, Oklahoma; Fraternal Bank and Trust Company, Fort Worth, Texas; Industrial Bank of Washington, Washington, D. C.; Mechanics & Farmers Bank, Durham, North Carolina; Tri State Bank Company, Universal Life Building, 234 Hernando Street, Memphis, Tennessee; Victory Savings Bank, Columbia, South Carolina; The Douglass Bank, Kansas City, Kansas. The Citizens & Southern was founded in 1920 by Major R. R. Wright, and his daughter and son, Mrs. C. C. Clayton and Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.; its acting president now is Mr. E. C. Wright, a steward in Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Philadelphia; the Citizens Trust Company occupies a building owned by Bethel AME Church, Atlanta; the cashier of the Citizen & Savings in Nashville is Mr. Price, a member of the AME Church; the Cashier of the Tri-State is Mr. R. R. Wright, III,, a trustee of Avery Chapel, Memphis; the president of the Victory Savings is Rev. E. A. Adams, Secretary of Education of the AME Church; one of the founders of the Kansas City Bank was Bishop J. A. Gregg, of the AME Church.

NEGRO CHAPLAINS: Rev. Henry M. Turner (Commissioned 16 November, 1863). First Regiment Infantry (U. S. Colored Troops); William H. Hunter (Commissioned 10 October, 1863) Fourth Regiment Infantry (USCT); James Underdue (Commissioned 22 June 1864), Thirty-ninth Regiment Infantry (USCT); William Warring (no date given for commission), (Resigned 30 May, 1865), One Hundred and Second Regiment Infantry (USCT); Samuel Hamson (Commissioned 8 September, 1863), (Resigned 14 March, 1864), Fifty-fourth Massachusetts Regiment Infantry (Colored); William Jackson (Commissioned 10 July, 1863), (Resigned 14 January, 1864), Fifty-fifth Massachusetts Regiment Infantry (Colored); John R. Bowles (no date for commission), (Resigned 12 June, 1865) Fifty-fifth Massachusetts Regiment Infantry (colored). ("A History of the Negro Troops in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865," George W. Williams, Harpers 1888, Pages 143-44.) Another reference to Samuel Hamson of Pittsfield, Massachusetts: "He (Hamson) was refused pay as a chaplain, because of his color." (History of the Fiftyfourth Regiment of Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, 1863-1865 by Louis F. Emilio, 2nd edition, Boston Book Company, pages 149-50". Also found in the History of the Fifty-fourth Regiment by Emilio: "At a meeting of the officers on the 24th (Oct. 1864) the Rev. James Lynch, a colored man was elected chaplain of the Fifty-fourth. He was subsequently commissioned, but not mustered." In the book, "History of the American Negro" by Herbert Apetleker, International Publishers—1945: "Among those at Lexington and Concord in April, 1775, were at least, the following Negroes—Lemuel Haynes, native of West Hartford, Conn., and destined to be a famous theologian and minister for white congregations of New England (and, at long last, to have his portrait displayed in November, 1939, in the museum at Bennington, Vermont)."

NEGRO CHURCH, THE. There is no general religious body or denomination designated as the "Negro Church"; denominations are called, "Baptist", "Methodist", "African", "Primitive", "Holiness", etc., but none called "Negro." Nor is there any single local church of which I have knowledge called "Negro." Local Churches are designated as "First", "Second", "Third", etc.; or named after the Biblical characters such as "St. James", "St Paul", "St. Thomas", "St. Peter", etc.; after great Christian leaders among Negroes such as "Richard Allen", "Varick", "Brown", "Bryan", "Ward", "Turner", "Hood", "Holsey", etc.; also local characters, "Miller", "Williams", "Collins", etc. A large number bear the names of places named in the Bible such as "Mt. Zion", "Mt. Hebron", "Mt. Sinai", "Mt. Carmel", "Bethel", 'Shiloh", etc. There are in America churches with designations such as "German", "Greek", "Syrian", "Ukranian", "Norwegian", "Danish", etc. There are hundreds of other names but no "Negro Church". The term, however is a convenient way to designate a segment of the Christian Church according to the pattern of racial segregation, emphasizing the racial rather than the historical and theological background of the denomination. It may however, tend to emphasize the fact that Negroes have a more fundamental religion than is expressed by the terms Catholic, Baptist, Protestant, Methodist, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, etc. for these historic divisions had European, not African origin. Transplanted from Europe they have a history of bitterness, born of separations, misunderstandings, persecutions, and of hair splitting Biblical interpretations in which Negroes took no part. Negroes merely inherited their denominational names. As a result Negroes do not have the bitterness against Jews which millions of so-called Christians have both in Europe and America. The Africa-derived Negro has no consciousness of Jews killing Jesus, or the economic battles fought in Europe against Jews. On the contrary mutual experience of mistreatment as minorities here in America has brought Negroes and Jews into close fellowship, notwithsatnding a grave theoretical theological difference. Nor do Negro "Protestants" have suspicion and hatred against Catholics such as is held by many white churchmen; there are no wars of the Reformation, or Inquisition in their racial memory. In fact liberal views of Catholics toward Negroes is drawing Negroes daily into their fold particularly in the large cities. I have never heard a tirade against Jews or Catholics in any Negro Church.

The full story of how the pagan, American Negro slave forbidden to read and write, became Christian, is yet to be told. Suffice it to say that Negroes constitute the earliest and perhaps the largest number of so-called heathen converted to Christianity in modern times, and their conversion has been so thorough that very little is left of their original religion in their present conscious religious activities. The local church grew up among them as a place of assembly for song, prayer and preaching and general social contact.

Denominational organizations were started because Negroes wanted larger participation than the then organized churches allowed them. The first local churches were formed in the latter half of the eighteenth century. In Virginia, Philadelphia, Georgia, New York and Maryland. In 1816 the African Methodist elected a bishop to preside over the denomination, and in 1820 the African Methodist Zion Church did the same, and both patterned their organizations after the Methodist Episcopal Church of which they had formerly been members.

Three main purposes for which all Negro denominations work, bring Negroes together. (1) They worship God in their own way, a God who is the Father of Negroes also. (2) They encourage and inspire Negroes to live the good life which includes improvement in morals, social life, education, health and housing, politics, business, recreation, etc., as well as worship. In this task of better living the most dynamic idea is that of "getting to heaven", has undoubtedly been the greatest motivating force for better living on earth that has come with the Negro's mind, and opened up Negro life to its finest experiences of social life, home life, education, politics, etc. (3) The Negro church strives to have the Negro included in that Brotherhood. It does not matter what their theoretical theological differences are all Negro churches easily united to urge the rest of America to accept the Negro as a Christian brother, giving him economic, political, civic and social justice. Thus the Negro Church has laid the spirtual foundation for many fraternal, business, civic and political movements.

NEGRO CHURCH DENOMINATIONS, Statistics of all, According to the Census Report of 1936 the following is the Negro Churches:

	DENOMINATION	WHEN ORGANIZED
1.	African Orthodox Church	1921
2.	Apostolic Overcoming Holy Church of God	1916
3.	National Baptist Convention	1916
4.	Colored Primitive Baptist	....
5.	National Baptist Evangelical Life and Soul-Saving Assembly of the USA	1921
6.	United American Free-Will Baptist	....
7.	Christ's Sanctified Holy Church	1903
8.	Church of Christ, Holiness, USA	1894
9.	Church of God and Saints of Christ	....
*10.	Church of God in Christ, Holiness	1914
11.	Church of the Living God	1889
12.	Church of the Living God, The Pillar and Ground of the Truth	....
13.	Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God of the Americas	1889
14.	Free Christian Zion Church of Christ	1905
15.	House of God, Holy Church of the Living God	1918
16.	House of the Lord	1925
17.	Independent Negro Churches	1929
18.	Kodesh Church of Immanuel	1929
19.	Latter House of the Lord Apostolic Faith	1936
20.	Negro Mission of Synodical Conference	1877
21.	African Methodist Episcopal Church	1816
22.	African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	1821
23.	African Union First Colored Methodist Protestant Church	1805
24.	Colored Methodist Episcopal Church	1870
25.	Independent African Methodist Denomination	1907
26.	Reformed Methodist Union Episcopal Church	1885
27.	Reformed Zion Union Apostolic Church	1869
28.	Union American Methodist Episcopal Church	1852
29.	Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America	1843
30.	National David Spiritual Temple of Christ Church Union (Inc.)	1936
31.	Colored Cumberland Presbyterian Church	....
32.	Triumph the Church and Kingdom of God in Christ	1902
33.	United Holy Church of America, Inc.	1896
*34.	Church of God in Christ	1895

NUMBER OF CHURCHES	MEMBERS	VALUE
32	5,200	$ 36,204
200	8,000	16,000
24,575	3,111,612	93,798,181
1,009	43,897	1,643,804
176	55,897	84,459
226	19,616	468,883
34	21,504	21,215
106	7,379	305,152
213	37,084	544,270
35	5,872	116,900
8	110	130,100
119	4,838	115,426
300	6,000	146,232
36	1,934	8,442
4	200	1,500
4	302	
50	12,337	180,300
9	562	11,000
2	29	2,400
85	10,724	369,150
7,265	868,735	20,710,623
2,252	414,244	14,750,165
38	2,379	..
4,200	380,000	6,148,826
12	1,000	16,789
43	3,000	49,229
50	12,000	283,100
71	9,369	516,630
779	28,177	......,
23	3,123	6,875
307	25,000	359,125
400	30,000	1,000
502	32,000	344,722
772	31,564	1,453,128

NEGRO CONGRESSMAN. In the 79th and 80th Congress are William L. Dawson, lawyer, Chicago, Illinois and A. C. Powell, Jr., pastor of Abyssinia Baptist Church, New York. Twenty-four Negroes have been elected to the House of Representatives and to the Senate. The first was Senator Hiram R. Revels of Mississippi, an AME pastor at one time. R. H. Cain, Congressman from South Carolina, became an AME bishop. Several others were AME's. The list is as follows:

NAME	STATE	CONGRESS	YEAR
James H. Rainey	South Carolina	41st-45th	1869-1879
Jefferson F. Long	Georgia	41st	1869-1871
Hiram R. Revels	Mississippi	41st	1869-1871
Josiah T. Wells	Florida	42nd-44th	1871-1877
Benjamin S. Turner	Alabama	42nd	1871-1873
Robert C. DeLarge	South Carolina	42nd	1871-1873
Robert B. Elliott	South Carolina	42nd, 43rd,	1871-1875
Richard H. Cain	South Carolina	43rd & 45th	1873-1875 1877-1879
Alonzo J. Ransier	South Carolina	43rd	1873-1875
James T. Rapier	Alabama	43rd	1873-1875
John R. Lynch	Mississippi	43rd, 44th	1873-1877
Blanche K. Bruce	Mississippi	44th, 46th	1875-1881
Jeremiah Haraison	Alabama	44th	1875-1877
John A. Hyman	North Carolina	44th	1875-1877
Charles E. Nash	Louisiana	44th	1875-1877
Robert Smalls	South Carolina	44th, 45th, 47th 48th, 49th	1875-1879 1883-1887
James E. O'Hara	North Carolina	48th, 49th	1883-1887
Henry P. Cheatham	North Carolina	51st, 52nd	1889-1893
Thomas E. Miller	South Carolina	51st	1889-1891
John M. Langston	Virginia	51st	1889-1891
George W. Murray	South Carolina	53rd, 54th	1895-1897
George H. White	North Carolina	55th, 56th	1897-1901
Oscar DePriest	Illinois	72nd, 73rd	1931-1935
Arthur W. Mitchell	Illinois	74th-77th	1935-1943
William L. Dawson	Illinois	78th-80th	1943-1949
Adam C. Powell, Jr.	New York	79th, 80th	1945-1949

NEGRO LEGISLATORS. Negroes have been members of state legislatures ever since they have been able to vote. During the reconstruction days after the Civil War, Negroes were urged to vote by the pastors every where. Several of our ministers were also members of the state legislatures and helped to enact important laws to rebuild the South. Among them were: H. M. Turner of Georgia; C. S. Smith of Alabama; who afterwards became bishops. After the disfranchisement started in the South Negroes were eliminated from Southern legislatures, but as the Negroes migrated North they began to appear (forty (40) years ago in Illinois) in the legislatures of Northern states. Charles W. Anderson, lawyer, a graduate of Wilberforce University, an AME was the first Negro of this generation to be elected to a Southern State Legislature, when he was elected from Kentucky in 1941, 1943, 1945. Those elected in the 1946 elections were as follows:

State Senators:
Illinois—C. C. Wimbish (D)
Indiana—Zilford Carter (R)
Michigan—Joseph Brown (D)
Ohio—Harry E. Davis (R)

State Representatives:
Colorado—Earl Mann (R)
Colorado—O. C. Abernathy (D)
Illinois—Corneal A. Davis (D)
  Fred J. Smith (D)
  Charles M. Sykes (D)
  Charles J. Jenkins (R)
  Edward A. Welters (R)
Indiana—Wilbur Grant (R)
Kansas—William H. Towers (R)
Massachusetts—Lawrence H. Banks (R)
Missouri—James M. Neal (D)
  J. C. Bush (R)
  William Massingale (D)
  J. C. Thomas (R)
New Jersey—J. Otto Hill (R)
New York—William T. Andrews (D)
  Hulan Jack (D)
  William Prince (D)
  Harold A. Stevens (D)
Ohio—William B. Saunders (R)
  Francis E. Young (R)
  David D. Turpeau (R)
Pennsylvania—Homer S. Brown (D)
  Howard M. Henry (R)
  Lewis W. Mintess (R)
  Clarence M. Smith (R)
  Edwin F. Thompson (R)
  William A. Upshur (R)
Vermont—William J. Anderson (R)
West Virginia—Fleming A. Jones, Jr., (D)

NEGROES IN METHODISM. Negroes had a very important place in early Methodism, although the historian has not always given their names. John Wesley, on November 27, 1758, baptized two West Indian Negroes, the servants of Sir Nathaniel Gilbert of Antigua, B.W.I. The first Methodist class, organized in the New World, was a class of Negroes started by the same Nathaniel Gilbert and these two Negro servants after their return to Antigua. The first woman class leader in the New World, if not in the entire world of Methodism, was the Negro women who held this class together from the time of Gilbert's death (1774) to the arrival of John Baxter at Antigua in 1778. The first class meeting held in the United States was held in New York in 1776, and Aunt Betty, a Negro servant, was one of the first members. About the same time a class was started in Maryland, at Sam's Creek, by Robert Strawbridge, the first Methodist preacher in the South, and in it was "Aunt Annie", a colored woman. Harry Hosier and Richard Allen, both Negroes, were at the first ("Christmas")* conference held in America, at Baltimore, Md., December, 1784, when the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized. Allen and Hosier became Methodist preachers. The first church property purchased by colored people was purchased by Richard Allen in 1791, and in 1794 sold to Bethel African Methodist Church, which still owns it. The first class in the United States organized by a Negro was organized by Richard Allen in 1786 at Philadelphia. The first group of Negroes to witdraw from the ME Church was in 1787, when some withdrew from St. George's Church, Philadelphia, and finally organized Bethel, Philadelphia.

There are many Negro Methodist bodies today. The United States Census of 1936 gave the following statistics of Negro Methodists:

Denomination	Churches
Methodist Church	1642
Union American Methodist Episcopal Church	69
African Methodist Episcopal Church	4078
African Union Methodist Protestant Church	40
African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church	2008
Methodist Protestant Church	38
Independent AME Church	18
Colored Methodist Protestant	1
Colored Methodist Episcopal Church	1979
Reformed Zion Union Apostolic Church	53
Reformed Bethodist Unoin Episcopal Church	23

NEGROES IN U. S. NAVY. With the exception of a comparative few, the majority of Negroes serving in the Navy during World War I were limited to the Messman's Branch. There were approximately 10,000 Negroes serving in the Navy during this period. During World War II, there were approximately 168,000 Negroes serving in the U. S. Navy. About 50% of these comprised the Messman's or Steward's Branch. Well over 75,000 Negroes served in technical fields and General Service. As of December 1, 1947 there were still 19,000 Negroes serving in the Navy—80% of whom are in the Steward's Branch. There were no commissioned officers in the Navy during World War I, approximately 60 during World War II (including 4 Nurses and 2 WAVES). To date there are 3 Negro commissioned officers and one officer Nurse.

It would be most difficult to give a further breakdown of classifications or the number of Negroes serving in the Navy in various technical fields because under the Navy's program of integration records are not kept of racial identifications. At present there are 12 Negro officer candidates in training at various Navy ROTC schools; two have recently graduated as officers in the U. S. Marine Corps.

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NEGROES IN PROFESSIONS. In accordance with the United States Census Negroes were in the following professions in 1940:

Profession	TOTAL		NEGRO	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Teachers (College)	55,123	20,097	1,408	941
Teachers (Other)	260,324	792,375	14,169	51,935
Physicians-Surgeons	157,648	7,715	3,401	129
Dentists	69,370	5,607*	1,471	140
Nurses & Trainees	8,072	361,215	126	7,065
Ministers	135,091	**	17,487	**
Lawyers and Judges	175,261	4,293	1,023	40

*—Includes female pharmacists, osteopaths and veterinarians.

**—Figures not available.

NEGROES IN WHITE COLLEGES. More than a hundred Negroes have been appointed as instructors, professors, and lecturers in so-called white colleges (which indeed are NOT "white"). Among them are St. Clair Drake, to the faculty of Social Anthropology of Roosevelt College, Chicago (1946). He is the sone of Rev. J. G. St. Clair Drake, pastor of the AME Church of Bridgeport, Conn.; Walter F. Anderson, formerly head of the Music Department of Wilberforce University, as head of the Department of Music at Antioch College; Dr. W. M. Jones, Director of the Eye Clinic in Billings Hospital, University of Chicago; Dr. Jones is a steward of Carey AME Church, Chicago; Tanner G. Duckery, in University of Southern California, he is a grandson of Bishop Tanner.

NEGRO YEAR BOOK, THE, is the chief authority for current information about the Negro and Race Relations in America, and the world. The first edition appeared in 1912 published by Monroe N. Work, who had been brought to Tuskegee Institute to set up the Division of Records and Research, in 1908. It was printed by the AME Sunday School Union. Dr. Work was an AME preacher, once a member of the Iowa Annual Conference. He edited nine editions of the Negro Year Book before he retired in 1938. Only one edition (1947) has appeared since his retirement. Division VII. this latest edition on "The Church and Religious Work Among Negroes", is written by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., an AME Bishop. The present editor is Mrs. Jessie B. Guzman, Dr. Work's successor, Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama.

NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, BETHEL AME CHURCH. All records were lost in the 1937 flood; hence information herein conveyed is traditional. Bethel Church was organized in a home and services were conducted first on Ealy and Dennison Streets with two of the oldest members, Mary Finley and Frank Carpenter in 1859. The congregation moved from there to 2nd Street and Elm, and later to the present location. 1918, Rev. Morman, at that time pastor, laid the cornerstone of edifice as it now stands; improved the same from time to time; among its oldest members were and are: Mary (Aunt Plly) Finley, Sarah Grundy, Kate Mitchem, Mollie Carpenter, James Carter, Sr., and Willis Ellis, Sr., Mary Elizabeth Keller, and many others. Bishops were: Grant, Turner, Coppin, Gaines, Carey, Parks, and Gregg. Presiding Elders were: Thompson, Lewis, Coleman, Upthegrove, Bradford and others. Here are some of its pastors: Father Lewis, J. Clay, E. P. Baker, C. C. Townsend, Sr., Grigsley, Gregor, Milton Sparks, Craven, F. Patterson, C. H. Morman, French, Mitchell, R. Boyd, F. Gibson, Hill and T. S. Henderson. Each of the above contributed to its spiritual, material and financial progress. So after 83 years, the connection, the congregation and the community prayerfully thank God for the rise and progress and present condition of Bethel. The present officers are: Rev. T. S. Henderson, pastor; Rev. J. E. Bradford, presiding elder; stewards: Nat. Mitchem, S. Carpenter, Mae Olden; trustees: Ed. Richardson, G. Morrill, Nat. Mitchem, E. Hill, Sarah Gibson, Charles Grundy, Theo. Smyser; secretary, Mae Olden; clerk, Mer. Mitchem.

NEW JERSEY AME ANNUAL CONFERENCE, THE, formerly a part of the Philadelphia and New York Conferences, was set up as a separate conference in 1872. At the general conference of that year the following resolution, offered by the Rev. Joshua Woodlin, was adopted:

Resolved, "That the State of New Jersey become a Conference District".

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Boundaries, which reported under "New Conferences," that "The New Jersey Conference include the entire state of New Jersey".

The first session was held in Trenton, June 25, 1872; Bishop Shorter, presided, assisted by Bishop Campbell. The first hymn sung in the conference was "Ashamed of Christ My Soul Disdains"; the first Scripture was the 90th Psalm; the first sermon was preached by Rev. William Watson, who along with Rev. Joshua Woodlin was made a presiding elder at that conference. At the time of the organization there were 22 traveling elders, 2 traveling deacons, 3 local elders, 10 deacons and 7 visitors. Two presiding elder districts were formed: West District and East District. The former district was made up of fourteen charges in what is now commonly referred to as "South Jersey". The latter District included thirteen charges in what we now know of as "North Jersey". The office of presiding elder was discontinued by vote of the conference in 1874. However, the office was restored in 1879 because as was stated, "It is evident that the churches composing the conference need more critical supervision than they have received since the abrogation of the resolution creating presiding elders. The situation has operated against the growth and progress of the church".

The oldest church in the conference from the standpoint of connectional membership is Mt. Pisgah Church in Salem. This church was organized as a united society in 1800. In 1817 a minister, Rev. Clayton Durham, was appointed by Bishop Richard Allen to serve there. Trenton, was organized by Bishop Richard Allen in 1817. A church was built in 1818. Bishop Allen, pastored here during its first year. The churches at the following places were organized as AME Churches in the following years: Salem, 1817; Trenton, 1817; Gouldtown, 1818; Rahway, 1826; Mt. Holly, 1826; New Brunswick, 1827; Burlington, 1831; Princeton, 1832; Allentown, 1835; Morristown, 1847; Bridgeton, 1854; Elizabeth, 1860; Orange, 1866. From time to time various charges have been added to the conference. The last charge admitted was St. Matthew Church of Orange which came in May, 1943. There are now 92 pastoral charges in the conference. Two men were born within the conference, who later became bishops of the church. They were Benjamin F. Lee*, born in Gouldtown in 1841, and William F. Dickerson, born in Woodbury in 1844. Three men who pastored in the New Jersey Conference who later became bishops were: Willis Nazery*, Alexander W. Wayman*, and M. H. Davis*. Rev. W. A. Dorsey was the pastor at Woodbury when he was elected manager of the Book Concern* (1940). Deans G. F. Woodson* and C. S. Spivey of Payne Theological Seminary were also members. Rev. W. A. Rice, founded Ironsides Normal Institute in 1886. This institution was taken under state control in 1894 and later became known as Bordentown Training and Industrial School. Two other AME ministers who have been closely interwoven in the development of this institution for a number of years are: Dr. I. W. L. Roundtree and Dr. Solomon Porter Hood, once minister and ambassador to the Republic of Liberia. The presiding elders of the Conference are: Revs. H. A. Garcia, M. M. Ward, J. Francis Vanderhorst, and R. C. Ransom, Jr.

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NEW TESTAMENT. The 27 books of the New Testament are accepted by the AME Church as inspired revelation of God and the basis of Christian teaching. The books are: 1. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, (the first three are called Synoptics); 2. The Acts of the Apostles, historical; 3. The 13 Pauline Epistles: to the Romans, Corinthians I and II, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians I and II, Timothy I and II, Titus and Philemon; 4. General Epistles: Hebrews, James, I and II Peter, I, II and III John, Jude; and 5 Revelation. The books were all written during the first and second century, the earliest being the epistles of Paul, followed by Mark, Matthew, Luke, Acts, with other books coming at a much later date. These books were received one by one by different churches and did not become Scripture as we know it, or a part of the Canon until the fourth century, A.D.

NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE was organized on June 8, 1820, by Bishop Richard Allen. It was set apart with 8 churches and 727 members, embracing the territory of the New England states and New York state. On June 10, 1852 at New Bedford, Mass., the New England Annual Conference was organized; Bishop Daniel A. Payne, presided; the Rev. T. M. D. Ward served as its first secretary. The Second Episcopal District of the AME Church was set apart in 1852 with two conferences, the New York and the Baltimore under Bishop Willis Nazrey. In 1828 a petition for a pastor was sent to Philadelphia Conference from the New York Conference. Rev. Jeremiah Miller was sent appointed by the New York Conference in 1832 to carry on the work in Canada. Rev. Richard Williams, the first missionary to Canada, was appointed to the New York Conference in 1837. Rev. William Paul Quinn was transferred from the New York Conference to the Western Conference as an itinerant preacher. He was elected Bishop in 1844. Rev. N. C. W. Cannon was appointed missionary to New England by the New York Conference in 1840. The General Conference met in New York City on May 3 to 20, 1852; the Rev. M. M. Clark was secretary; Revs. Willis Nazery and Daniel A. Payne were consecrated bishops on May 13, 1852 in New York City. The General Conference met in New York City from May 6 to 18, 1936; the Rev. R. S. Jenkins was secretary; Revs. Richard R. Wright, Jr., and E. J. Howard were consecrated bishops on May 17, 1936 in New York City. Bishop Willis Nazrey was converted in 1837 in New York City; licensed to preach in New York City in 1838; admitted to the conference in New York City in 1840. Bishop William F. Dickerson was converted in 1861 in New York City; was a pastor there when consecrated bishop. In 1817, recognizing the need of placing missionary workers in New York, Bishop Richard Allen commissioned a licentiate of the Philadelphia Conference, William Lambert, to foster a mission there. The first AME Church in New York City was held in a small school room on Mott Street in a section now known as Chinatown. There were 20 members when the Rev. Henry Harden arrived from the Philadelphia Conference the following year, 1818 to take charge of the New York Church. In 1818 there were 700 members in New York. In 1846 the New York Annual Conference provided for a Preachers' Aid Society. In 1868 the conference met at Newark, New Jersey. In 1882 the tri-cennial anniversary of the election of Daniel A. Payne to the bishopric was held in the Sullivan Street AME Church, New York City, from May 11 to 13. In 1884 the second conference of church workers among colored people was held in New York. At the General Conference in New York City, in 1936, the Department of Religious Education was established. The Missionary Department of the AME Church is located at 112 West 120th Street, New York City. June, 1946 the Bishops's Council removed Bishop D. H. Sims from supervision of the New York Conference, and appointed Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. Bishop Sims contested the right of the Council to remove him, but the Supreme Court of New York upheld the Bishops' Council. Rev. D. Ward Nichols, pastor of Emanuel Church, was elected bishop in 1940.

NEW YORK CITY, the metropolis of the United States and the birthplace of Methodism in the United States, founded by the Dutch in the 17th century and named New Amsterdam; taken by the English in 1664 and named New York. Population in 1910 was 4,766,883, of which 91,709 were Negroes, population in 1940 was 7,454,995, of whom 484,444 were Negroes. In 1766 the first Methodist meeting was held in Philip Embury's house, there being present Philip Embury and Barbara Heck. The first Methodist church was built in 1768 and a parsonage in 1770. Negroes were always members of the Methodist Church here. In 1796 the first colored congregation withdrew and afterward became the mother of the AME Zion churches. In 1818 the "Bridge Street Church" in Brooklyn withdrew and joined the AME Connection. In 1820 the Bethel AME Church was started on Sullivan Street, New York. Other churches established among Negroes in these early days were: Abyssinia Baptist in 1809; St. Phillips Protestant Episcopal about 1810; the Shiloh Presbyterian Church, in 1822, and the Congregational Church in 1844.

BRIDGE ST. AME CHURCH, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

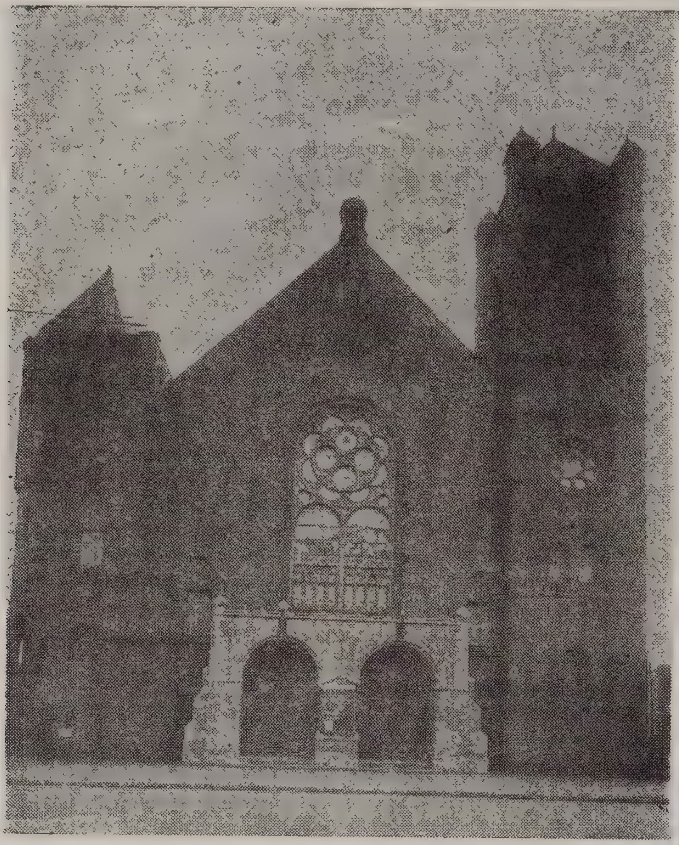
Church	Pastor	No. of Members
Bethel	C. E. Stewart	2500
Greater Bethel	J. A. Portlock	450
Emanuel	G. N. Davis	600
St. Lukes	W. L. Freeman	670
*Metropolitan	H. D. Floyd	134
Trinity	J. Major	60
St. John (N. Y.)	Jas. Capers	45
Ebenezer (N. Y.)	W. R. Bayne	29
Lincoln Memorial	G. J. Gooding	12
Washington Heights	P. D. Duhart	10
Bridge Street (Brooklyn)	R. C. Henderson	2192
* St. John, (Brooklyn)	R. E. Peters	38
Wrights Memorial	J. McMillian	48
Exodus (Brooklyn)	H. L. Smith	33
Allen Memorial (Brooklyn)	J. W. Morse	42
Macedonia, (Flushing)	B. A. Golloway	526
Allen (Jamaica)	W. M. Dawkins	450
Bethel (Far Rockaway)	D. B. Barton	215
St. Marks (Corona)	K. A. Collins	175
Bethel (Averne)	R. A. Riddick	75
Carter's Community	J. A. Carter	45
		8289

P. S.—* Churches that were in litigation.
8289 in about one person in every 50 is an AME

MT. ZION AME CHURCH, NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.
Rev. A. J. Simmons, Pastor

NEW YORK, MT. ZION AME CHURCH, 116th Street and Madison Ave., acquired under the leadership of Rev. L. M. Carper, pastor for two years. This massive stone structure with lecture rooms, and an auditorium seating approximately 500 persons, is reported to be worth $100,000. Rev. Carper was appointed pastor of Mt. Zion in June, 1941, at Buffalo, N. Y.; served three years. His first year was spent in a store front, seating about 60 persons. In a few months the membership and congregation grew so rapidly they were forced to seek a larger place. By August, 1942, the pastor and members raised $1000 and in December, 1942, were able to purchase this building. Rev. was succeeded by Rev. N. T. Garrison, Rev. H. N. Walker, and the present pastor, Rev. A. J. Simmons.

NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, THE, was organized in Wilmington, N. C., in 1868 by Bishops Payne and Shorter, and was constituted by ministers from North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, South Carolina and Georgia. Among the ministers composing the organization were Revs. Cornelius Sampson, W. H. Bishop, Scipio Souls, Richard Waters, Henry Epps, Robert Lucas, Jacob Hornes, George Hunter, Harry Pope, Mingo Crooms, Bryant Rudd and Henry Tucker. The bishops who have served the North Carolina Annual Conference since its organization are: Payne, Wayman, J. M. Brown, Campbell, Turner, Dickerson, W. J. Gaines (two terms), Handy, Lee, Coppin (two terms), and J. A. Johnson, A. L. Gaines, M. H. Davis and J. H. Clayborn. The growth of the North Carolina Annual Conference was so marvelous that in November 19, 1892, it became necessary to organize the Western North



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Carolina Annual Conference. Rev. J. W. Telfair, D.D., deceased, was among the leaders of the North Carolina Conference soon after its organization.

OATHS. See Swearing.

OBLIGATION OF CHRIST. "The offering of Christ once made, is that perfect redemption, propitiation, and satisfaction for all the sins of the whole world, both original and actual; and there is none other satisfaction for sin, but that alone. Wherefore the sacrifice of masses, in the which it is commonly said that the priest doth offer Christ, for the quick and the dead, to have remission of pain or guilt, is a blasphemous fable and dangerous deceit." See articles of Religion.

OFFICIAL BOARD, consists of the pastor with the officers of the church: class leaders, exhorters, deaconesses, stewards and stewardesses. The pastor is chairman and there is a secretary (who should be a steward) and a treasurer. The meetings should be for stations once a week, and for circuits and missions twice a month; but the pastor can call the board at any other time. The official board receives all monies from class leaders, the Sunday collections for stewards and other funds; sees that pastor's and presiding elder's support is provided; receives reports concerning conduct of members, sickness and death, class attendance, etc.; it can declare withdrawn those members who have failed to attend church for six months or who unite with other churches without certificates; it can appoint a committee to investigate rumors about members, and have members come before it for explanations; but the official board cannot try or expel a member. Almost any question bearing upon the spiritual life of the church and the community can come before the official board. The secretary should keep the records in a well bound Official Board Record. He should also have an auxiliary Church Record for births, baptisms, marriages, death, etc.; and historical data about the church, such as its founding, early members, various pastors, big revivals, visits of the Bishop, entertainment of annual conferences, etc. No official board can over-rule the pastor just as the President's Cabinet cannot overrule the President of the United States, or as the presiding elders cannot overrule the Bishop.

OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE, THE, the fourth Conference in the AME Church, was organized in 1830, when it was set apart as a "conference district". A nine days' session was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1833 presided over by Bishop Morris Brown with Rev. Lewis Woodson, secretary. There were 15 members present, 7 itinerants: Revs. John Boggs, Wesley Reynolds, Austin Jones, Jeremiah Thomas, William Paul Quinn, Thomas Lawrence and James Bird, itinerants, and 8 locals: Bros. Lewis Woodson, Samuel Johnson, Abram D. Lewis, Samuel Collins, Samuel Enty, Pleasant Underwood, George Coleman and Samuel Clingman. Twenty-four churches were reported for the 5 circuits into which the "Ohio Conference District" was divided, while several points were not given. The circuits were: Pittsburgh circuit, including Pittsburgh, Washington and Uniontown, Pa., having 306 members; Zanesville circuit with 205 members including Captina, Mt. Pleasant, Smithfield, Steubenville, Ohio and Wheeling, W. Va.; the Columbus circuit with 166 members including Columbus, Urban, New Lancaster, Circleville and Springfield, Ohio; the Chillicothe circuit with 193 members, including Chillicothe, Big Bottom, Jackson and Gallpolis, Ohio; and Hillsborough circuit with 126 members including Hillsborough, Wilmington, Zand, Dayton, Hardin's

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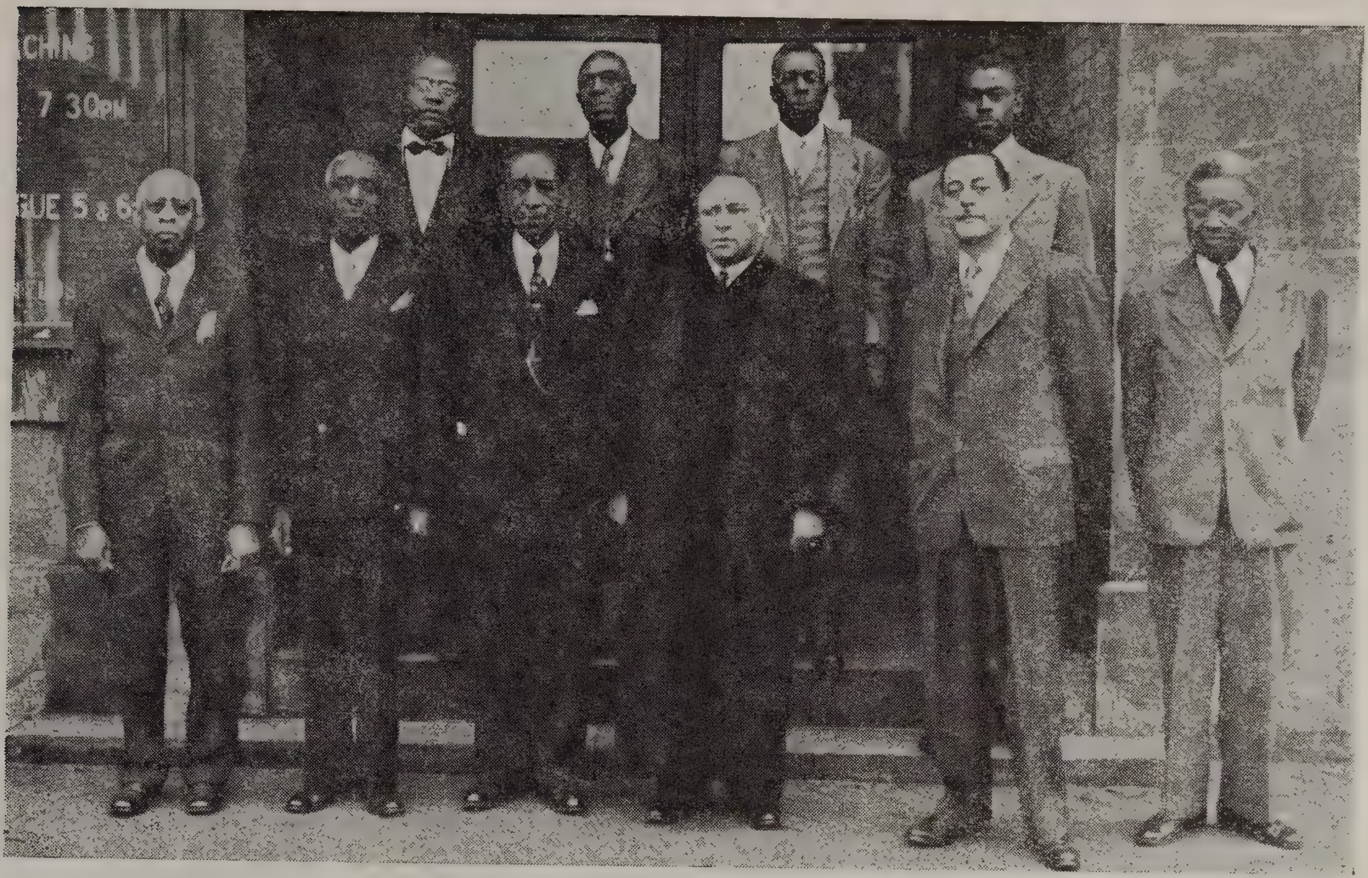

STEWARDS BOARD, ST. JOHN AME CHURCH Norfolk, Va.

Creek, and White Oak. Total members however, were reported at 1194. The Ohio Conference was the first Conference to take a definite stand for education and temperance. The following resolution introduced by Lewis Woodson, was adopted:

"Resolved, As the sense of this conference, that common schools, Sunday school, and temperance societies are of the highest importance to all people; but more specially to us as a people, that it shall be the duty of every member of this conference to do all in his power to promote and establish these useful institutions among our people". This seems to have been the awakening of a sentiment that has crystallized into the present education system of our church. Eleven years after when the conference met in Columbus, Ohio, Rev. Mathew T. Newsom "proposed the idea of selecting a suitable location for a seminary to educate young men for the ministry". In pursuance of this object a committee was appointed to secure a site somewhere in the State of Michigan. At the next session of the conference, which also met in Columbus, this committee reported as follows: "We, your commtitee appointed by the Ohio Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, met in the city of Columbus, September 17, 1844, to select a tract of land for the purpose of erecting a seminary of learning, on the manual labor plan, for the instruction of the youths among us in the various branches of literature, science, agriculture and mechanic arts, and also for those who may desire to prepare tor the ministry. Being destitute of means to pay our traveling expense to the State of Michigan to seek its location, we have selected one in Franklin County, State of Ohio, 12 miles west of Columbus and 2 miles north of the National Road, containing 172 acres of land, which can be purchased for $1,720, to be paid in installments. Signed, M. T. Newsom, Lewis Adams and Thomas Lawrence, committee."

OHIO CONFERENCE, THE, in its original boundary with additions made as the church expanded included Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and a part of Kentucky, and Wheeling, W. Va. The same cause that extended the limits of the Ohio Conference, the expansion of the Church, resulted in division of the original conference until it was confined to Ohio alone. In 1878 at the 48th session in Bethel Church, Circleville, Ohio, the following resolutions were offered: "Whereas we, the members of the Ohio Annual Conference, perceive that the conference has made such rapid growth in the last two years as to become a burden; Whereas it would greatly reduce the expenses of the members of said conference by dividing said conference into two parts; and Whereas it would diffuse new life into the work, by causing the members of said conference to look after the mission work and create a rivalry that will result in good to the Church: Therefore be it Resolved, That the bishop appoint a committee to take the statistics of said conference, and report such division as may seem just and equal with reference to appointments and territory". The bishop appointed the following committee: R. G. Whitman, J. P. Underwood, R. A. Johnson, P. Tolliver, J. G. Stansbury. The committee made no report nor was the matter mentioned until at the fifty-first session of the conference, at Middleport, Ohio. In 1881, Rev. J. P. Underwood brought it up again by a resolution asking for a committee on revision of the conference The following committee of five was appointed: J. P. Underwood, R. A. Johnson, T. H. Jackson, J. W. Steward, B. W. Arnett. When this committee reported for division there was a minority report opposing the plan of the majority for substantially the reasons: (a) There is no demand for it; (b) Detrimental to the work; (c) Dividing line not properly drawn; (d) Pressure of business too great to consider the matter properly. The minority report was lost and the report of the ma-

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jority was adopted. From that time Ohio has been divided into two conferences. The majority report recommended that the conference be divided by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, beginning at Bellaire and running through Columbus to Cincinnati. The following statistics are for the last year of the undivided conference and for the last two sessions of Ohio Conference (it might be well to note that the other conference is known as the North Ohio Conference):

	1881
Members of Conference	84
Full members of churches	5,530
Probationers	230
Contingent money	$86.26
Pastor's support	$20,910.28
Traveling expense	$848.27
Dollar money	$1,256.42
Missionary money	$172.47
Value of churches	$287,289.00
Value of parsonages	$12,600.00

William Paul Quinn, subsequently Bishop Quinn, was one of the organizers of the Ohio Conference. Rev. Lewis Woodson was the first secretary. Rev. David Smith commenced to proclaim the Gospel first of our preachers. Bishop James A. Shorter, as an itinerant minister, in the year 1857 was transferred to the Ohio Annual Conference. Bishop B. W. Arnett was received on probation April 16, 1867, by the Ohio Annual Conference at Lexington, Ky. Bishop B. F. Lee was ordained elder in 1872, in the Ohio Annual Conference. Rev. George Henry Shaffer and Bishop Cornelius Shaffer, brothers, enlisted in the United States Army, September 16, 1864, and were assigned to the One Hundredth United States Infantry. Grafton H. Graham and Phillip Tolliver were known as the silver-tongued orators. Rev. Edward A. Davis was the first principal of Union Seminary. Rev. R. A. Johnson was endorsed by the conference of 1879 for financial secretary. Rev. W. J. Johnson introduced the resolution. Rev. T. H. Jackson, one of the first graduates of Wilberforce University, is distinguished as a pastor and successful teacher. Rev. John G. Mitchell, late dean of Payne Theological Seminary, and Rev. S. T. Mitchell, late president of Wilberforce University, were brothers and were both noted for ripe scholarship. Bishop I. N. Ross was admitted to the Ohio Conference in 1880 at Columbus, Ohio. Rev. R. C. Ransom was admitted to the Ohio Conference at Cincinnati, in 1886, and transferred to the Pittsburgh Conference. Rev. Joshua H. Jones was elected president of Wilberforce to succeed the late S. T. Mitchell, and in 1912 was elected one of the bishops of the AME Church.

OHIO, NORTH, ANNUAL CONFERENCE, was organized in St. Paul AME Church, Lima, Ohio, September 6-11, 1882, Bishop James A. Shorter, presiding; Rev. Thomas H. Jackson, chief secretary; Rev. William H. Coleman, host pastor. There were 26 traveling elders, 8 traveling deacons and 7 local deacons. Some of the leaders were: John G. Mitchell, W. T. Maxwell, Thomas H. Jackson, Oliver P. Ross, George R. Blount, D. F. Caliman, Primus Alston, Isaac Ross, Daniel W. Butler, Charles Bundy, George W. Maxwell, B. H. Lee, Wm. H. Coleman, John Coleman, Watson T. Artis, Henry W. Toney, Jesse Henderson, and John W. Garzaway. Approximately 43 churches comprised the conference; membership of the church totaled 3,082; the largest memberships were on North Street AME Church, Springfield (450), St. John AME Church, Cleveland (210), and St. Paul AME Church, Urbana (160). The conference had 215 converts during the year, the greatest number coming from North Street, which reported 45 converts; dollar money was $805.69; churches leading in dollar money were North Street, with $153.35 and St. John, Cleveland, with $47.00. As the conference was drawing to a close Bishop James A. Shorter said that it was the best conference he had ever held because not one unpleasant remark had been heard; the next annual conference was at Labanon, September 5-10, 1883, Bishop Shorter, presiding; Dr. Jackson, secretary; Rev. N. M. Mitchell, host-pastor. The reports showed commendable progress. Bishop Campbell held the next conference at Cadiz, September 24, 1884. A plea for support of Wilberforce was made. Next conference was at Newark, Ohio, September 23 28, 1885 when the North Ohio conference had 8 presiding elder districts, and each district from 3 to 6 churches. There was a Preachers' Aid Society which paid a sick minister $15.00 per year. It was organized in 1880, presumably in the Ohio Conference. In the initial stages of the conference the dollar money roll was generally called The Roll of Honor. In 1885 the dollar money was $517.22, pastor's support $12,209.19, presiding elders' support $683.86; membership 3,255; 55 churches; probationers 64, local preachers 74, exhorters 20. Bishop Campbell was considered an inspirational preacher and logician. He served the 3rd Episcopal District until the coming of Bishop Daniel A. Payne.

The conference witnessed a great Christian educator, disciplinarian, literary lantern and gentleman in Bishop Payne. He was a man of small stature but deep in thought, rock ribbed in conviction and a sterling character. He was considered in his time the intellect of the bench of Bishops. The annual conference of 1890, which convened at Bethel, Lockland, was presided over by Rev. C. D. White due to the illness of Bishop Payne; however, his successor to be, Bishop B. W. Arnett, helped him in making the conference a success. From the beginning of Bishop Payne's term to his passing on November 29, 1893, many memorable things were said and accomplished; at the 12th session held at Urbana October 4-8, 1893: (1) The conference voted to make the Historical and Literary Society a permanent feature of the conference, and to award prizes for the best literary production; (2) Bishop Payne announced symposium for 1894. (3) The publishing of the History of the AME Church by Bishop Payne at a cost of $2,000.00, the cost of printing being defrayed by the conference. (4) A resolution read by Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom commending the great services of Bishops Payne and Arnett, at the World's Fair Congress of Religion at Chicago, Ill. (5) Bishop Payne decried the word "lady" and claimed the word "woman" was far more significant. (6) Bishop Payne lauded the work of Dr. W. B. Derrick in Haiti. The Bishop further stated that the 3rd Episcopal District had sent more than $2,000.00 to help the work in Africa. (7) Bishop Arnett introduced Mrs. R. C. Ransom to the conference. "She made a fiery, enthusiastic speech on the rise of the WMMS". (8) The unequaled division of the two presiding elder districts, Cleveland and Springfield, which originated at the Piqua Conference of 1892 was brought to the attention of the conference for arbitration. These two districts composed the North Ohio Annual Conference. In the Springfield District there were 28 churches—1,739 members, 137 full probationers, 133 conversions, dollar money collected $398.15. In the Cleveland District there were 23 pastoral charges including 41 appointments, 1,823 members, 78 probationers, 54 children baptized—adults 49, dollar money collected $440.03. (9) The Springfield and Cleveland Districts submitted their reports as to their churches' endorsement of organic union with the AME and AME Zion denominations. All except one church in the Cleveland District disapproved.

At the 13th session held in Paul Quinn Memorial Church enthusiastic of the progress of the AME Church in education for the 72 years, called the roll by dividing it into three classes, so as to prove the type of college men the conference had, as well as to prove the work of the AME Church toward a trained ministry. The division of the roll was as follows: Class A Graduates of Wilberforce: S. T. Mitchell, '73; John Coleman, '75; G. W. Prioleau and W. H. Coston, '84; R. C. Ransom and B. W. Arnett, '86; Charles Coleman, '93; William Byrd and M. E. Davis, '94. Some Class B Students: B. M. Carson, '69 and '70; John Hamilton, '72 and '73; W. T. Anderson, '81 and 83; C. D. White, '74 and '75; G. W. Maxwell, '76 and '77. Some Class C Students, which comprised those students who attended other schools: B. H. Lee, Howard University; D. W. Butler, Wittenberg College; H. F. Fox and W. H. Coleman, Clermont Academy.

In his address to the conference President S. T. Mitchell said, "The class of 1886, in which Miss L. L. Clark, B. W. Arnett, Jr., J. A. Kirk, T. D. Scott, R. C. Ransom, John Hurst and W. A. Anderson were in, represents Wilberforce as strong, if not stronger, than any previous class. Each one holds positions of striking value". Some of the highlights of the conference were: (1) That Wilberforce University sent out the first editor in the person of Bishop Lee. (2) That Reverdy Cassius Ransom had written a larger number of books and pamphlets than any other student and that his organization of the YMCA was the prelude of the most successful revivals that St. John's, Cleveland, ever witnessed. (3) The granting of a Payne Seminary Scholarship to Mr. M. F. Sarkie, a South African and the adoption of him as a son of the conference, and, that he be known as the Payne student in memory of Bishop Payne. (4) Bishop Arnett exhorted the conference to encourage and to affiliate with the following organizations: YMCA, WCTU, and Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. (5) The Cleveland District had the honor of having within its bounds the great International Convention of the YPSCE comprising 20,000 delegates with 100 colored delegates, two-thirds of whom were from AME Churches. (6) Recognition paid to the women of the North Ohio Conference who led the connection in the support of the WMMS, that the women of the Cleveland District led the North Ohio Conference. (7) Recognition of the talents and ability of Mrs. R. C. Ransom, editor of the Woman's Light and Love for Heathen Africa, by Mrs. L. A. Collins, president of the WMMS in her annual address. (8) The origin of the WMMS in the AME Church was in 1874. (9) The president asserted that the 3rd Episcopal District had three annual conferences and with 180 different points and 130 active ministers, including probationers, more than 10,000 members.

In 1895 the 14th Annual Session of the North Ohio Conference was held at North Street AME Church, Springfield, Ohio, Bishop B. W. Arnett, presiding; R. C. Ransom, secretary; Ira A. Collins, pastor. The following year Bishop B. F Lee was assigned to the Third District and held his conference at St. John, Cleveland. He served the district until 1899. Appointed to the district for the second time was Bishop B. W. Arnett for whom Arnett Hall at Wilberforce has been so named. His services terminated in 1903 and he died on October 7. 1907. From 1904 to 1911 Bishop William B. Derrick, was presiding bishop, and 1907 at St. Paul, Lima, when the conference learned of the bishop's intended departure to Africa a well filled purse was presented to him by Rev. W. T. Maxwell on behalf of the pastors of the Cleveland District. Rev. Maxwell was the father of James H. Maxwell, better known as "Harry" Maxwell, the presiding elder of the Cleveland District as of December 1, 1947. The conference of 1907 saw a change in the renaming of the presiding elders districts to Eastern and Western, respectively, and the contemplation of the erection of a girls' dormitory at Wilberforce University. 1912-1917 Bishop Cornelius T. Shaffer, presided. A few noteworthy events in the North Ohio Conference during the administration of Bishop Shaffer were: (1) In 1914 the Wilberforce Centennial Founders' Day Association was accelerated and Rev. C. H. Young was renamed to serve as secretary. (2) The 35th Anni-September 25-30, 1894 in Steubenville, Ohio, Bishop Arnett. versary Celebration of the Preachers' Aid Society at St. John, Cleveland, September, 1915. (3) Observance of the 44th Annual Session of the North Ohio Sunday School Institute held at 2nd AME Church, Dayton, Ohio, July 17-20, 1917, at which time Rev. William H. Coleman, its founder and president, was the recipient of a gold headed cane, a token of the institute's esteem. (4) The Dedicatory Service and Laying of Corner Stone of St. Paul AME Church, Lima, Ohio, August 12, 1917 at 3:30 p. m., Rev. R. R. Downs, pastor and Rev. J. A. Collins, presiding elder, Springfield District, of the North Ohio Annual Conference. Bishop Joshua H. Jones, presided from 1918 to 1928. It was said of him that he loved Wilberforce and gave to that famous institution of learning much of his strength and finance. His administration was noted for the raising of large sums of money for the maintenance of Wilberforce, and rebuilt Shorter Hall which was destroyed by fire in 1922. During his administration he organized the South Ohio Annual Conference, thereby allowing Ohio to have three annual conferences, which hithertofore had only two conferences. As late as 1925 the South Ohio Annual Conference was still functioning. Bishop William H. Heard, presided 1928 to 1932. No outstanding achievement was noted during his supervision except that in 1928 he merged the South Ohio Conference with the two other existing conferences and set anew their boundaries.

The conference envisaged a new day in the appointment of Bishop Reverdy Cassius Ransom in 1932. Known throughout the nation as an orator, poet, writer, preacher, statesman and thinker, he brought to the conference and to the entire Third Episcopal District the fundamentals of organization.

His first conference was held at St. Paul, Canton, Ohio, October 26-30, 1932, Rev. William H. Todd, secretary; Rev. E. L. Liggins, host pastor. Comparing the spiritual, financial and numerical growth of the past quadrennium with that of the present there was no retarding or let up in the goals that were achieved, despite the fact that the administration encountered a terrific depression and recession subsequently to face the glow of recovery. Some of the epochal distinctions that reverberated in this and other conferences were: (1) The Tawawa School of Religion and Seminar at Wilberforce, Ohio, (2) The Emma Ransom Memorial Fund for needy students, (3) The Blue Ribbon Award for pastors who excelled in their work, (4) The North Ohio Conference Layman's Organization, (5) District Development Fund, (6) Ministers' Wives Alliance and Daughters of Conference. The latter organization was in existence at the two St. Paul Churches of Lima and Columbus long before its introduction in the conferences of the district, (7) The appointment of Bishop Ransom by Governor Davey on the Board of Parole, 1937. He was appointed in 1941 as a member of the National Defense Council by Franklin D. Roosevelt, (8) The North Ohio Conference raised more than $350,000.00 for the maintenance of Wilberforce, the liquidation of its mortgage debt and for local and connectional contingencies in 1946 that all previous administrations since the advent of Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, (9) The secretary of the conference of 1943, for the first time in the history of the conference, recorded the conference sessions in table form. (10) In 1944 the appointment of Mrs. Myrtle Teal Ransom, the wife of Bishop Ransom, as the Regional Directress of the women's missionary work in the Third Episcopal District, (11) It was recommended by the conference that parents and children read the book, Domestic Education, written by Bishop Daniel A. Payne in 1885, (12) The endorsement of a call for a special session of the General Conference, October 4, 1946.

The venerable Bishop R. C. Ransom, closed the 66th Annual Conference at Warren AME Church, Toledo, Ohio—Rev. A. C. Sumpter, host pastor—on October 12, 1947, keen in mind, determined in purpose and loyal to his God.

By G. L. Addell.

OLD TESTAMENT is made up principally of the books of the Jewish Bible, the Torah, which was written originally in Hebrew, translated into Greek, (the Septuragint) There are 39 books the oldest being Genesis, and the latest possibly Esther. They were written by numerous authors, over a period of 1200 years or more. The earlier books record a tradition that existed long before the age of writing, and are compositions rather than original writings. The Old Testament depicts the history of the Jews, their religion, cosmogony, law, philosophy, worship, prophecy, and the unfolding of the purpose of God, including the expectation of the Messiah. Many Bible students look upon the Old Testament as the prelude and preparation for the New Testament. The books of the Old Testament are: 1. The Pentateuch or "the 5 Books of the Law"; Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy. 2. Historical Books: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I and II, Samuel, I & II Kings, I & II Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah. 3. Poetry: Esther, Job, Psalms. 4. Wisdom Literature: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, 6. Prophets, Major: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel; Minor: Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obediah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi.

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, AVERY AME CHURCH was organized a few months after Oklahoma City was opened for settlement in 1889. This church has the distinction of having a steady growth through these years until at present it has a membership of about 1250, reporting more than $1000.00 for Dollar Money each year. During the pastorate of Rev. James A. Johnson in 1903, the present location, First and Geary Streets, was purchased and the present building was erected. The building was substantially enlarged during the pastorate of Rev. W. D. Miller, who served as pastor for 11 years. Sunday, June 20, 1943, the mortgage on the property was burned, clearing up all indebtedness against the property under the administration of Rev. S. E. Kolen, who served 7 years and added 300 members to the church during his pastorate. Rev. J. S. Johnson is present pastor. Avery has long been noted for her missionary activities; Rev. C. R. Tucker, Rev. T. H. Wiseman, and Rev. J. E. Toombs, dynamic leaders who raised Avery to the status of a first class station. During this period a missionary society was organized. Mrs. C. L. Toliver, Mrs. Rosa Lindsay-Wade served as presidents, and Mrs. Florrie D. Pugh-Irvan (deceased) as secretary. This organization was named later the Laura L. Turner Missionary Society. Mrs. Etta L. Smith, president, was elected during the pastorate of Rev. T. M. Greene in 1924. Mrs. Ida A. Trammell was elected secretary. Mrs. Smith has seen the program grow from small donations to the sick and needy, and assessment of $35, to the large missionary enterprise, and an annual assessment of $205.00. Current year's budget $425.00. Through divine guidance and leadership of later pastors, Rev. F. Divers, Rev. J. T. Jordan, Dr. W. D. Miller, Dr. S. E. Kolen, and the present pastor, and the faithful service of Mrs. Smith, the president, the society, now, has five units, and a well organized Young People's Department. Mrs. A. Wadkins is secretary, and Mrs. P. Phillips is treasurer. Captains of the units are: Madames S. E. Sparks, M. Pratt, A. E. Hubbard, Arizona Irving, Celesta Stinnett. Mrs. L. Gibson, is supervisor, Mrs. Thelma P. Williams, president; Mrs. Thelma Johnson, secretary, of the Silver Star Missionary Society of the Young People's Department. Mrs. E. M. Miller, former Secretary-Treasurer of the Connectional YPD was elected from the Laura L. Turner Missionary Society. Members of the society who hold offices in the Oklahoma annual conference and the Oklahoma City District Conference are: Mrs. A. V. Williams, Mrs. S. E. Kolen, Mrs. L. C. Tatum, Mrs. L. E. Cox, Mrs. M. E. Shannon, Mrs. K. B. Hardin, Mrs. M. M. Ewery, Mrs. S. E. Sparks, and Mrs. Etta L. Smith. Mrs. Evelyn M. Miller.

AVERY CHAPEL AME CHURCH, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, REV. J. S. JOHNSON, PASTOR.

MRS. ETTA L. SMITH

Veteran president of the Laura L. Turner Missionary Society, Avery Chapel AME Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Member of the Executive Board of the State and Conference Missionary Societies. Elected to life membership of the Oklahoma Conference Branch Society in 1941.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, ST. JOHN CHURCH was organized in 1867 in the Lewis Hotel located on Capitol Ave., between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets in Omaha, Nebraska. It remained on a circuit for some time, the Reverend Mr. Foche serving as the first minister. Later the congregation moved to a school-house donated for a meeting-place on Eighteenth and Webster Streets. There, the Rev. Mr. Rickets laid the first foundation of old St. John's. The church remained at the Eighteenth and Webster site, however, until the pastorate of the late Rev. W. C. Williams, who in 1919 brought the congregation out to Grant Street between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Streets. The first unit of the present edifice was completed in 1922 at a cost of $42,000 and has served as St. John's church home since. In 1931, during the administration of the Rev. I. S. Wilson, the side walls of the superstructure were begun. The work on the second unit was resumed and completed by the Rev. E. F. Ridley. The church has the following boards and organizations: Stewards (Junior and Senior); Stewardesses (Boards 1 and 2); Trustees, Senior Choir, Junior Choir, Phyllis Wheatley Woman's Mite Missionary Society, Sunday School, Allen Christian Endeavor League, Usher Board, Sunshine Charity Club, Kitchen Club, Progressive Twenty-Four, Cheerful Builders, Happy Thought Club, Willing Workers, Junior Matrons, St. John's Methodetts, St. John Guild, Opportunist Club, St. John's Crusaders, Flower Club, Pastor's Aid Club. Its members number over 700, and constitute one of the largest Negro church congregations in Omaha.

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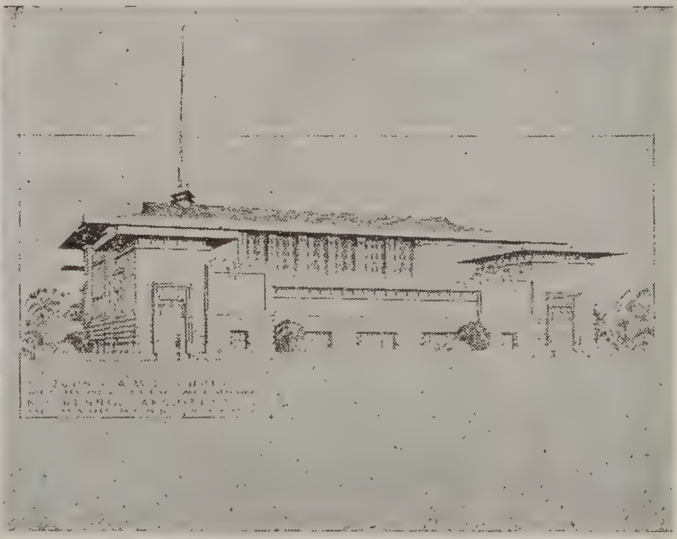


Proposed, St. John's AME Church, Omaha, Neb.

ONTARIO CONFERENCE, See Canada.

ORANGE, N. J., St. Matthew's AME Church, (The Little Cathedral). A small group of public spirited citizens, known as the J. Garfield Tynes' Men's Club was organized on May 14, 1941 to render a more efficient type of Christian service in the community. On June 12, 1942, the ladies united with the men and formed the unity Circle. In the fall of 1942, the club, having 40 members, decided to form a new church in the "Oranges", to the glory of God and the African Methodist Episcopal Church. By November 9, 1942 a place to worship, a speaker secured and the new church was named St. Matthew, and on November 15, 1942, the first service was held in the St. Luke's Hall, 148 Central Place, Orange, N. J., Rev. Thomas L. Puryear was the speaker. Approximately 100 persons attended and 6 united; the collection was $42.98. Soon larger quarters were necessary, and on December 31, 1942 the Masonic Temple, Parrow Street, Orange was secured for worship. An application was filed for admittance to the 71st Session of the New Jersey Annual Conference on March 2, 1943. The same was accepted at the conference in Atlantic City, May 6, 1943, Rt. Rev. D. H. Sims, presiding. The delegates and members attending the conference were given the right hand of fellowship by the members of the New Jersey Conference. Rev. Thomas L. Puryear, was appointed pastor on May 9, 1943. The church has a membership of 184, a Sunday school of 95 members and officers. It is incorporated under the state laws of New Jersey.

ORANGIA CONFERENCE—See South Africa.

ORDER OF WORSHIP is set forth in the discipline for the guidance of our churches, and for uniformity, so that our members may be at home at worship any where in the connection. The order laid down is as follows: 1. Voluntary by Choir; 2. Scripture Sentences, "I was glad", etc; 3. Hymn from AME Hymnal; 4. Prayer; 5. Music by Choir; 6. Scripture Lesson by minister and congregation, reading alternately; 7. Scripture, by minister; 8. Singing;

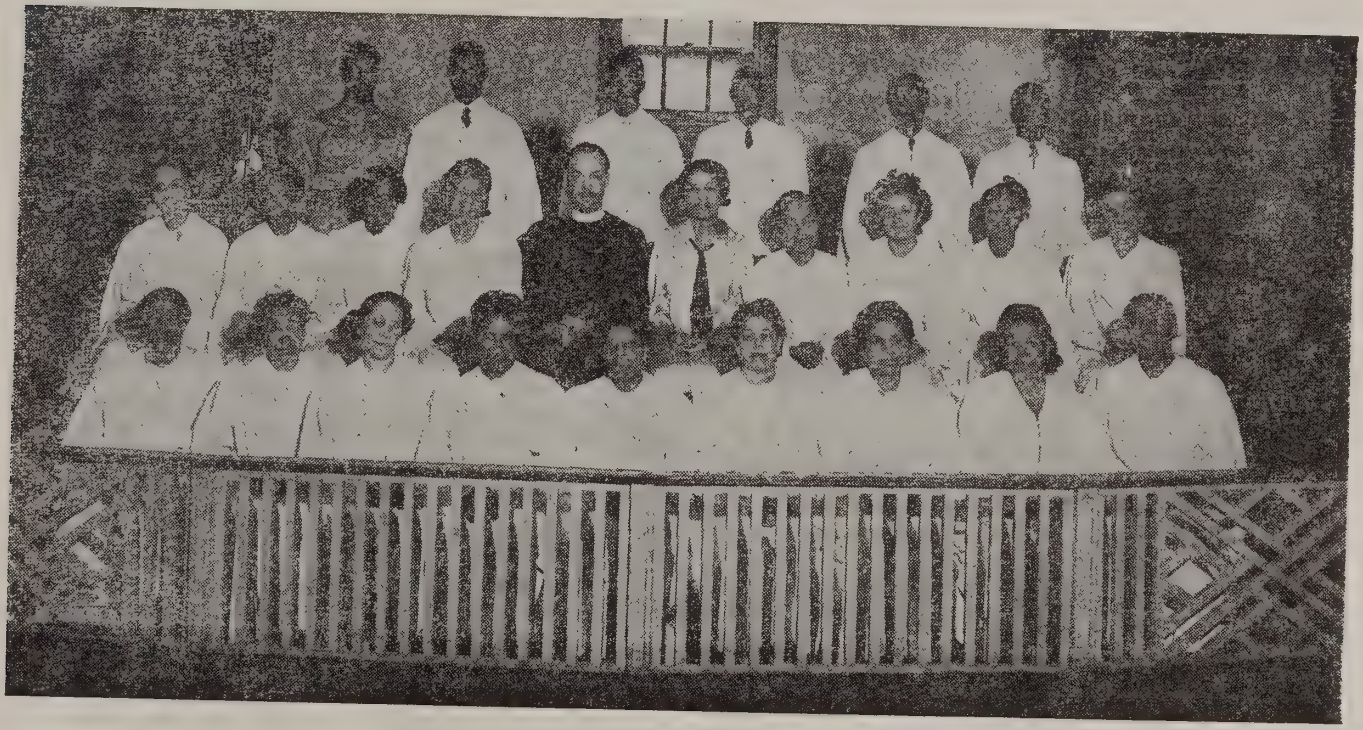
9. Decalogue by minister, people responding; 10. Announcements; 11. Singing; 12. Sermon; 13. Lord's Prayer, or extempore prayer; 14. Invitation for members; 15. Offering; 16. Apostles' Creed; 17. Doxology; 18. Benediction.

This order may be abridged or modified to suit the occasion.

ORDINATION.

ORPHANS OF PREACHERS. Provision is made in the discipline for a portion of the pension fund to go to the hcildren (under 14 years of age) of deceased ministers.

ORGANIC UNION, means the complete union (not federation) of two bodies into one. Richard Allen in the early days of the Church sought union with the AME "Zion" churches, but to no avail. For many years afterwards the matter was discussed, but nothing has come of it up to this time. On February 12, 1908, the AMEZ, AME and CME churches met for organic union in Washington, D. C. February 9-11, 1911 the second meeting of what was called the Council of Methodist churches (AME, AMEZ and CME) was held in Mobile, Alabama and agreed to have committees for a unified hymnal and catechism, also to hold a biennial council, and to publish and not use ministers expelled for gross immorality; that a suspended minister be restored only by his church and that those coming to a church bring certificates of good standing from the church they were leaving. June 30, 1915, another meeting was held at the Methodist Publishing House, Cincinnati, and included colored members of ME Church. In the episcopal addresses of 1920, 1926, 1932, 1940 and 1944 mention was made of organic union.



Senior Choir, St. John AME Church, Omaha, Neb.

PASADENA, CALIFORNIA. The First AME Church was organized in the spring of 1888 at the home of Silas Carnahan by the Rev. J. R. McClain with a group of 12 persons who felt the need of a place of their own in which to worship. This little band worshipped amid all sorts of conditions during the first few years. In the early 1890's they moved to N. Fair Oaks Avenue where they remained for nearly 20 years. Some of the charter members were: Silas Carnahan and his wife, Henderson and Mary Boone, James Coleman, Commodore Lee, Albert Muse, Sarah Wright, Mamie Wright, Gensie Hardin, Georgia Miller and Cora Campbell. Bishop Abraham Grant was the presiding bishop, Henderson Boone was the first local preacher, Commodore Lee the first Sunday school superintendent, Georgia Miller, the first organist; Frank Prince, the first choir director; Wm. Prince, the first trustee; and Gensie Hardin, the first church secretary. In 1910 under the leadership of Rev. A. O. D. Steele of St. Louis a lot was purchased where finally under the pastorate of Rev. G. M. Tillman the first unit of the present building was completed and occupied for fifteen years, during which time the fine ministers who came to pastor and build up the work were: Revs. W. S. Dyett, J. F. C. Taylor, John H. Lewis, who was called to the presidency of Morris Brown University; and G. I. Cooper. The Rev. John M. Brown then followed and began an extensive program of expansion. The original building was enlarged and spacious educational unit added, pipe organ installed and a new parsonage purchased and a very large portion of the indebtedness paid off during his 5 years. Rev. George T. Martin and Rev. A. R. Dobbins followed. Rev. Dobbins remaining 7 years. Then came Dr. Jonathan A. Dames, scholar and organizer, who in less than 3 years completely cleared the church debt, purchased an adjoining piece of property which gave the church one of the most beautiful locations in Pasadena, facing three streets. Dr. Dames was appointed to Bethel, Detroit, in 1945.

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PASSAGE OF CHARACTER. When one's "character is passed", it means that no one has registered any complaint against it. "Passage of one's character" does not preclude charges being preferred that PERSON at a later date.

PAUL QUINN COLLEGE, WACO, TEXAS, Kealing's HISTORY OF THE AME CHURCH IN TEXAS states that it was in the Connectional High School and Institute at Austin, Texas, Paul Quinn College had its beginning. Proposals to build a college at Waco were made in 1874, and property was purchased. This property was later exchanged for the present site in East Waco. The college was originally known as "Waco College". It was given its present name by Bishop R. H. Cain. The State of Texas

TRUSTEES OF FIRST AME CHURCH
Pasadena, California

granted to Paul Quinn College a charter which was filed in the Department of State May 24, 1881. The founders and original incorporators were: Bishop R. H. Cain, and Revs. W. R. Carson, Wm. Leake, Henry Wilhite, J. V. Goins, Abraham Grant, and J. H. Armstrong. The following men have been presidents:

Bishop R. H. Cain, 1881-1883; Burgan, I. M., 1883-1891; Banks, N. A., 1891-1892; Kealing, H. T., 1892-1896; Burgan, I. M., 1896-1904; Laws, W. J. 1904-1908; Butler, D. H. 1908-1911; Burgan, I. M., 1911-1914; Williams, J. K. 1914-1924; Williams, J. F., 1924-1926; Banks, N. A., 1926-1928; Mohr, D., 1928-1932; Jackson, A. S., 1932-1939; Yancy, Y. W. 1939-1942; Davis, G. J., 1942-1944; Singleton, G. A., 1945;

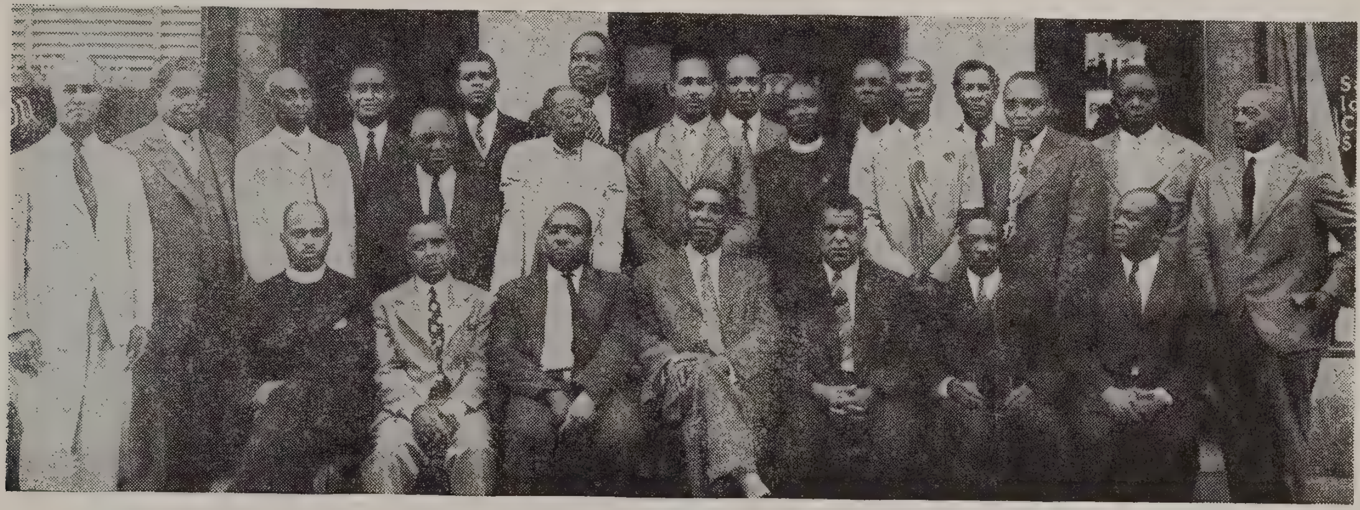
The Campus of Paul Quinn College consists of twenty-two acres, conveniently located and accessible to all forms of transportation. There are in all ten modern and well planned buildings which adequately provide for the life and activities of the college. This valuable property was freed of all indebtedness after the great mortgage rally of the Tenth Episcopal District under the leadership of Bishop G. B. Young during the summer of 1943. The mortgage on the property was burned shortly thereafter (see cut).

PAYNE COLLEGE, CUTHBERT, GA., was established about 1879 by Messrs. Needham Davenport, S. D. Ethridge and Willis Stephens, Sr., and located on Andrew Street, Cuthbert, Ga. It had as presidents: S. D. Ethridge, F. P. Pepper, S. S. Ingram, W. H. Berry, J. A. Kirk, A. D. Delaney, A. Rice, H. G. Pughsley, J. H. Lewis, J. M. Rich, J. M. Simms, P. C. Williams and A. B. Cooper. This institution was closed and its interests merged with Morris Brown College.

PAYNE COLLEGE, DANIEL, is located in the eastern section of Birmingham, known as Woodlawn, one of the highest ridges in the vicinity, a site of 27 acres of unusual natural beauty and a healthy climate. Under Bishop Wesley J. Gaines, Daniel Payne College, then Payne University, came into existence in 1889, in Brown Chapel AME Church, Selma, Alabama, with Prof. W. B. Johnson as its first president. For 58 years it has fostered Christian education and character building for Negro youth under the banner of African Methodism in Alabama. Great spirits of Allen's Church have led and charted its course through the years. The following Bishops have served as chancellors of the institution: Bishops W. J. Gaines, Abraham Grant, Turner, Coppin, Parks, Jones, Lee, Fountain, R. A. Grant, Sims, and D. Ward Nichols. Each made his distinct contribution to the institution's growth and development. Under the administration of Bishop Fountain the institution was moved in 1923 from Selma, to the present site; the grounds purchased and Fountain Hall erected. At the General Conference in 1940, Bishop Nichols was sent to Alabama to succeed Bishop Sims. Under his inspired leadership, the debt of $83,000 on the college property was completely wiped out; and all buildings renovated. He completed a girls' dormitory, converted the second story of the administration building into an auditorium, furnished it with steel chairs, built a new library and landscaped the campus and made it a beautiful network of circled driveways. The following men have served as presidents of the College and their records show each has served faithfully and well, each contributing largely to the development and growth of the institution. W. D. Johnson, Sr., W. S. Duggett, J. W. Walker, J. S. Moten, C. H. Henderson, J. M. Henderson, H. E. Archer, E. C. Mitchell, John Adams, J. B. Calhoun, J. R. Burghes, H. R. Hughes, and T. E. Harper.

PAYNE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Wilberforce University, Ohio, was organized through the efforts of Bishop Arnett, who interested Rev. John G. Mitchell and his wife, Fannie A., in the effort, and secured the option of their home. He presented the plan to Rev. James A. Handy, Prof. J. P. Shorter, Bishops W. J. Gaines, Lee, and A. Grant, who approved and heartily co-operated. Authority was secured from the trustees of Wilberforce University, June, 1890, for establishing a theological seminary at Wilberforce, to be a part of it, but to be controlled by a separate board of managers. A committee consisting of Bishops Arnett, Gaines, Lee and Grant, Revs. J. A. Handy and T. H. Jackson, Prof. J. P. Shorter, worked out a plan which was presented to the trustee board, June 18, 1891, which after some modifications was adopted. The name chosen was "Payne Theological Seminary of Wilberforce," in honor of Bishop Daniel Alexander Payne, then senior bishop of the AME Church, The institution opened October, 1891. Bishop Payne was the first dean and Dr. John G. Mitchell one of the first teachers. In 1893 Bishop Payne died and Dr. Mitchell became dean. After the death of Dean Mitchell, Bishop Tanner served as dean from 1900 to 1902, when he was succeeded by Rev. George F. Woodson, who served until he retired in 1936; from 1936 to 1943 Dr. C. S. Spivey was dean, and Rev. J. H. Lewis has served since 1943. The seminary has reached an enrollment of as many as 65 students, many coming as scholarship students from several annual conferences. Over 200 young men have graduated from the seminary and joined the active ministry. The present faculty is: Rev. J. H. Lewis, dean, Revs. J. W. P. Collier, Henderson Davis, A. W. Thomas. Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., was once a teacher in Payne Seminary. Bishops G. B. Young, Noah W. Williams, and G. W. Baber, were students at one time. A proposal has been accepted to erect a $150,000 administration and dormitory building, and over $70,000 of the amount has been raised.

PENSION DEPARTMENT, THE. For many years the AME Church had a pension fund which was under supervision and control of the Financial Department of the church. Twenty-five per cent of the Dollar Money was appropriated to this fund and each pastor was to collect ten cents per member from his charge for the fund. The Secretary of Finance distributed this among the superannuates, widows, and orphans according to the condition of the treasury. This system was an improvement on former systems, and yet it was inadequate. The superannuates received from $10.00 to $30.00 per quarter, the widows from $5.00 to $15.00 per quarter, and the orphans $5.00 annually. Some of the ministers became interested in better provision for the pensioners, and started an agitation. The leader in this agitation was the Rev. D. L. Witherspoon. After several years of arguments pro and con, the General Conference agreed with the proponents of a separate Pension Department and created such a department on May 12, 1944, in the city of Philadelphia, Penna. Rev. D. L. Witherspoon, then pastor of Avery Chapel, Memphis, Tennessee, was elected its first secretary-treasurer, and Bishop D. Ward Nichols, became the first president of the Pension Board. The office was opened in the AME Sunday School Union Building on July 12, 1944. Now superannuates are receiving from $50 to $60 per quarter, the widows from $20 to $25 per quarter, and the orphans $10 annually. Hence the proponents have been fully justified in their contention. The department receives 30 per cent of the Dollar Money and 10 cents per member from each charge. Before the Pension Department was established, the largest amount ever collected on the per capita basis (ten cents per member) was $12,004.10. Now the department receives from that source more than $50,000.00. It handles from all sources something over $180,000.00 annually. The superannuates are classified according to the years of service and the widows according to the years their husbands spent in the service. The present board is: Bishop D. Ward Nichols, president; 1st districts, Rev. M. E. Jackson; 2nd, Mr. C. W. Traynham; 3rd, Rev. C. N. Thompson; 4th, Mr. Fletcher Pegues; 5th, Rev. M. R. Dixon; 6th, Rev. H. E. Davis; 7th, Rev. J. S. Coe; 8th, Rev. A. O. Wilson; 9th, Rev. C. L. Wright; 10th, Rev. G. E. Brown; 11th, Mr. Ralph Stewart; 12th, Rev. O. Sherman; 13th, Rev. J. W. Hall; 15th, Rev. M. N. Tilo; 17th, Rev. J. M. Mokone.



MINISTERIAL FORUM, ALLEN BUILDING Philadelphia, Pa.

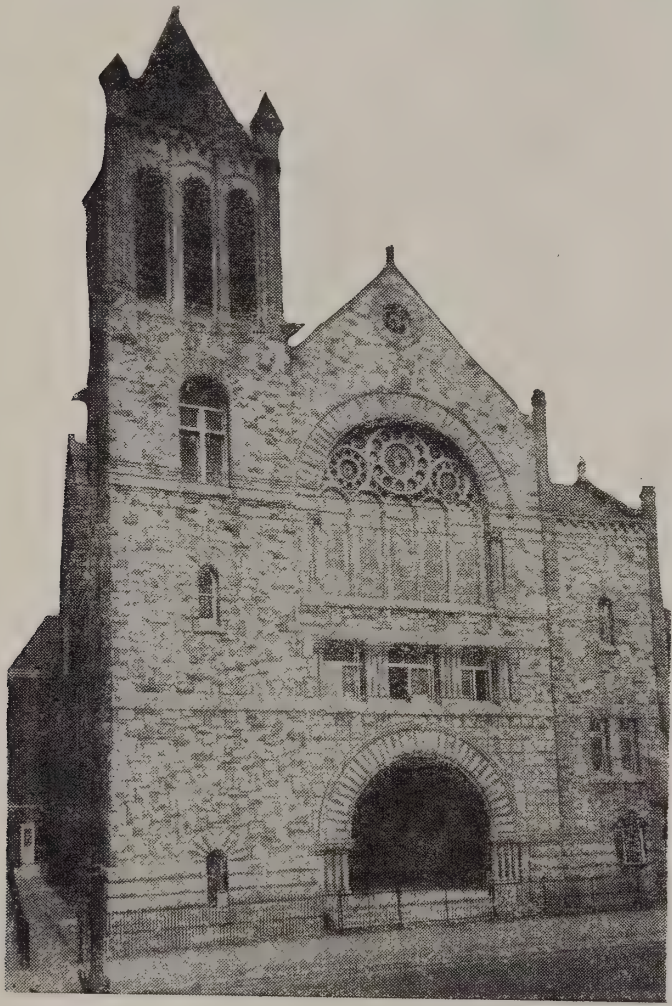
PHILADELPHIA MINISTERIAL FORUM, THE, organized in February, 1935, by a small group of preachers who felt the need of brotherhood among the ministers in the Conference, was perfected and had for their objectives the following: 1. To foster brotherhood; 2. To endeavor to raise the moral tone of the ministers; 3. To encourage the spirit of education in all its phases among the leaders; 4. To provide opportunity for discussion and debate on vital questions; 5. To promote the general welfare of the Philadelphia Annual Conference. Rev. C. W. Reid was elected as the first president and served successfully three terms. Rev. J. Winsmore Mason was chosen the second president and served five terms, completing the development of the organization was more fruitful growth to the present status. Rev. W. W. Jacobs was elected the third president and served four terms. The financial growth of the organization was more fully developed during this administration. Rev. Joseph R. Fortune was the fourth president. Rev. W. H. Owens, deceased, was the first mortuary secretary and the Rev. J. Campbell Beckett was first mortuary treasurer. Rev. John W. Caulk was the first regular fund treasurer. Rev. K. G. Keeys was elected treasurer when the regular and mortuary funds were combined, which was after the first year of the organization, and has served as treasurer ever since. Rev. Edward L. Kinzer, with exception of the first six months that Rev. W. H. Owens served, has served acceptably as secretary of the organization since its organization. The organization pays a death benefit claim. The present officers are: Revs. J. R. Fortune, president; J. R. Johnson, vice president; E. L. Kinzer, secretary; A. D. Nearn, assistant secretary; K. G. Keeys, treasurer; A. S. Jarrett, chaplain; J. Leo Pottinger, critic; J. W. Caulk and J. W. Waters, marshals; the executive committee is made up of the first five elected officers and the following who were elected: W. W. Jacobs, Hodson Waters, J. L. Mims and J. Winsmore Mason.

PERFECTION. The term "Christian Perfection" applies to the state of heart of an individual in which it is free from all sin or desire to sin, all malice, envy, jealousy or other evil tendencies, and filled with the love of God and goodwill to all mankind. Christian perfection does not mean perfection of knowledge, hence an error of judgment is not at all contrary to the possession of Christian perfection. Nor is it physical perfection, but may exist in one having an imperfect body; nor does it imply perfection of environment or the freedom from temptation, for one, even as Christ, may be tempted, but without sin. Perfection is synonymous with holiness; but not with regeneration or sanctification. Regeneration is the beginning of holiness; sanctification is the progression of holiness, and perfection is the completion of holiness.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, the birthplace of the AME Church, situated in the southeastern part of Pennsylvania on the Delaware River, only a few miles from the Atlantic Coast, was founded by William Penn in 1682. The name means "brotherly love." The first Methodist service was held in 1767 by Captain Webb, who organized in 1768 the first clas meeting. In 1769 the missionaries—Richard Boardman and Joseph Pilmoor—whom Wesley sent, came to Philadelphia and St. George's Church, on Fourth Street, was bought. In 1787 the colored people left St. George's under the leadership of Richard Allen and Absalom Jones Out of this grew Bethel AME Church and St. Thomas Protestant Episcopal Church. In 1940 Philadelphia had a population of 1,931,344 of whom 250,880 were Negroes Philadelphia is the city in which the first protest against slavery was pronounced by German Quakers in 1689; where the Declaration of Independence was adopted July, 1776 and where the Constitution of the U. S. was adopted in 1787, and was capital of the new nation.

PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE—In his "Outlines of History" Bishop B. T. Tanner informs us that the first annual conference of the AME Church was held in Philadelphia in 1817. The records however of the first conference were lost. Bishop Payne, in his semi-centenary, says: "Tradition says that besides Bishop Allen, Rev. William Paul Quinn, Rev. Jacob Tapsico, Rev. Clayton Durham were the only itinerants in the Philadelphia District." Furthermore, he claims that the people of Baltimore united with them, which persons held a conference in the year of 1818. But back of the founding of the Philadelphia Conference stood to the credit of our little quartet of ministerial leaders a period (from 1787 to 1816) of 29 years of convert making, which neither strife nor controversy could arrest. While Bishop Payne informs us that during the first year of our church's existence there were but seven ministers—three in Baltimore and four in Philadelphia, he, at the same time, informs us that Philadelphia alone had 4,000 members. A list of the members of Bethel (the mother church), in Philadelphia in November, 1794, 22 years before organic formation, showed 108 members enrolled. The total membership at that time was 1,071. Attleborough (now Langhorne, Bucks County, Pa.), the oldest preaching place outside of the mother church itself, had three delegates in the convention of 1816. According to documents, in 1822 Rev. James Johnson was preacher, Scipio Brown, treasurer and John Miller and Samuel Anderson were stewards. The class book for the year of 1827 gives the names of 32 persons, and as to monies they show the stewards in the church at Attleborough to have paid, July 8, 1822, $7.31; July 21, $1.62; July 29, $2.80. Says Bishop Tanner in the "Outlines" concerning Attleborough: "While it had but few members at that time, they were very energetic". The "Outlines" which is dated 1884 as the time of its publication, further says of Attleborough: "It now (1884) forms one of the preaching points of the Langhorne Circuit." After the founding of the conference by Bishop Allen and his assistants comes the formative period of the conference. Perhaps the first 25 or 30 years were taken up in forming the church. (a) On its administrative side; (b) As to its territorial expansion. In the first place are the contentions of Richard Allen for separate and disitnct control of the so-called African societies, the ownership of their properties without hinderance secured through the high courts of Pennsylvania; the adoption of a discipline of rules and regulations of their own. The bishops succeeding Richard Allen re-affirmed his policy of government and his interpretation of the doctrines of the church of Christ so much so that for almost a century and a half they have remained in tact and have preserved against all schism and heresy; so much so that the first century of African Methodism closes with the episcopal head of the mother conference and his associates adhering as steadfastly to the administrative policies of the fathers as they themselvse. In the matter of territorial expansion the fathers of the first half century were surprisingly aggressive. The Philadelphia Conference at one time embraced not only its present territory, but included a fair portion of what, in 1793 was known as the "the Island of New Jersey". The founders of the conference traveled extensively. They and their successors covered all of Eastern Pennsylvania, running as far west as Harrisburg, and including the entire Cumberland Valley, the entire Schuylkill region and all the State of Delaware, and at the close of the century invaded to the extent of at least one new point and a new church even in the great State of Maryland. The New Jersey Conference was established and the Delaware Conference.

PHILADELPHIA, MOTHER BETHEL AME CHURCH, 6th Street below Pine Street, is an outgrowth of the Free African Society organized by Richard Allen in 1787. Richard Allen with Absalom Jones and a number of their followers withdrew from Old St. George's ME Church because of an un-Christian attitude practiced toward them by white members of Old St. George's Church. (Be it remembered that the AME Church, is not a segregated church, but to the contrary, it is a protest against segregation). This building is the fourth church building erected on the original spot purchased by Richard Allen. The first building erected by him in 1787 was made from old blacksmith shop material. The blacksmith shop did not stand on the original spot, but was purchased by Allen and the material moved to the spot where the church was erected. In 1794 a new place of worship was built (second church). This church was dedicated, Sunday, June 29, 1794, by Bishop Francis Asbury and christened Bethel at the suggestion of John Dickens. A picture of the second church and congregation taken in 1843, now hangs on the



Mother Bethel AME Church, 6th Street below Pine Philadelphia, Pa., Dr. E. L. Blake, Pastor

wall of the historical room of Bethel Church. A picture of the third church taken in 1870 also hangs in the historical room. This building, which is the fourth, was erected in 1889. The pastor at the time the building of the fourth church began, was the Rev. Cornelius T. Shaffer. When the work was completed the Rev. William H. Heard was pastor. (Both became bishops). Mother Bethel Church's pulpit was supplied from time to time by white ministers from Old St. George's ME Church. This procedure doubtlessly applied to Mother Bethel Church for approximately the first twenty-five years of her history. Because of unfair practice of some of the elders of the Methodist Church, many litigations were fought by Mother Bethel Church in the courts of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. And by God's grace, the church won. The various litigations experienced by Bethel Church, gave birth to what is known as the "Bethel Corporation". This was done to give relief to the congregation and protect them from the unfair practices of some of the elders of the ME Church; and to guarantee the sovereignty of Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. The corporation is composed of the male members of Mother Bethel Church. The charter issued as a result of the long legal fight led by Richard Allen still holds good. In 1816 the fruitage of the efforts and planning of Richard Allen sufficiently materialized to form the organization known as the African Methodist Episcopal Church. A pulpit that Richard Allen made with his own hands now occupies a place in the historical room. The remains of the sainted Richard Allen, now repose in a tomb in the second basement of the church. This tomb is a shrine for all African Methodists and history truth-seekers. Mother Bethel Church has today 6 local preachers, 18 evangelists, 73 class leaders, 5 choirs and 51 boards, clubs and auxiliaries, a visitor and office worker. This church has been pastored by many honorable, men as follows: Revs. Richard Allen, 1787-1818; Jacob Tapisico, 1818-1824; Wm. Cornish, 1824-1825; Morris Brown, 1825-1834; Joseph Cox, 1834-1840; Richard Williams, 1840-1844; Wm. Moore, 1844-1846; Wm. Nazery, 1846-1848; John Cornish, 1848-1852; Henry Young, 1852-1853; Henry Davis, 1853-1855; Richard Robinson, 1855-1857; John Cornish, 1857-1858; Wm. D. W. Schureman, 1858-1860; Joshua Woodlin, 1860-1862; A. J. P. Campbell, 1862-1864; Wm. Moore, 1864-1865; James Hellen, 1865-1867; Deaton Dorrell, 1867-1870; J. M. Williams, 1870-1872; Theo. Gould, 1872-1875; R. F. Wayman, 1875-1877; Geo. C. Whitfield, 1877-1879; Levi J. Coppin, 1879-1884; J. S. Thompson, 1884-1886; J. W. Beckett, 1886-1887; C. T. Shaffer, 1887-1890; Wm. H. Heard, 1890-1896; W. D. Cook, 1896-1901; T. W. Henderson, 1901-1903; W. H. Thomas, 1903-1904; R. W. Fickland, 1904-1907; M. W. Thornton, 1907-1912; C. C. Dunlap, 1912-1916; R. J. Williams, 1916-1920; H. P. Anderson, 1920-1925; J. C. Beckett, 1925-1930; H. P. Jones, 1930-1942; Eustace L. Blake, May 31, 1942. Six of the pastors have been elevated to the Bishopric: Richard Allen, Morris Brown, Willis Nazrey, Levi J. Coppin, Cornelius T. Shaffer, Wm. H. Heard. John Cornish had the distinguished honor of serving two terms as pastor. The seventh and the seventeenth pastors were two men of the same name.

STEWARDS AND TRUSTEES OF MOTHER BETHEL AME CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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Back Row reading from left to right—Trustees: Alonzo Knox, Peter A. Burke, Treasurer; F. Leonard Williams, Secretary; Owen D. Dennard, Dr. Burvin Hardy, President of the Corporation; Rev. Eustace L. Blake, Pastor; Robert J. Wilson, B. W. Chappelle, Samuel F. Adams, John L. Brown, and Parris Carter. Two other trustees were absent when this picture was made. Namely: William H. Webb and John F. Rivers. Front Row reading from left to right—Sctwards: James C. Dempsey, Secretary; Harvey L. Wilson, William A. Tooks, Chairman Program Committee; Sydney E. Purnell, Churhc Clerk; Mrs. Gertrude B. Lee, Treasurer; Alva Palmer, and Sydney H. Upshur. Two other stewards were absent when this picture was made. Namely: Matthew Maner and Geo. W. Stiles.

Allen AME Church, 17th and Bainbridge Streets
Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. J. W. Mason, Pastor

Trustees, Allen AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. J. W. Mason, Pastor

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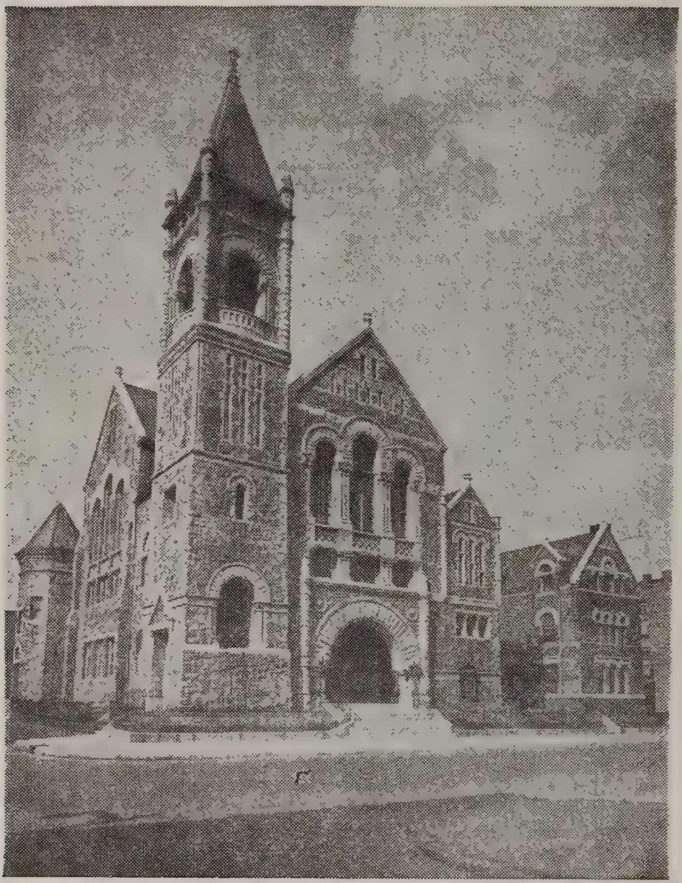
Stewards, Allen AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. J. W. Mason, Pastor

PHILADELPHIA, JONES TABERNACLE, Diamond and Woodstock Sts., was first organized as Morris Brown mission which was first located in Eulong Hall, Ridge Ave., and Jefferson St. This effort was served by visiting ministers more or less regularly until the mission moved to Vineyard and Poplar Streets and became a part of "The Philadelphia City Mission". (St. James Mission and what is now St. John AME Church, Paschall, were the other two points in this circuit). To this circuit of missions, Rev. Levi J. Coppin was appointed by Bshop Payne, 1877. In 1878 at the request of Morris Brown, Rev. Coppin was returned and Morris Brown was set apart to herself and became a mission station. By this time St. James had been dissolved, many of the members becoming identified with Morris Brown, the rest returning to Union AME Church from whence they had come. After two years under Rev. Coppin, the membership increased from 18 to 65 and the Sunday school from 30 to nearly 100; $500 placed in the Spring Garden Bank as a building fund. Morris Brown was the first church in the Philadelphia Conference to report 100% dollar money, reporting through Rev. Coppin even more dollar money than there were members. Rev. Coppin, next became pastor of Mother Bethel, was elected the 30th Bishop of our Church in 1900. June, 1885 Morris Brown moved from "Monumental Hall" to Ridge Ave., below 25th Street, and remained there until June 15, 1930, when under the pastorate of Dr. R. R. Wright, Jr., (now Bishop Wright) the edifice at 20th and Dauphin Streets was purchased. At the suggestion of Dr. Wright the church took the name of "Jones Tabernacle AME Church" in honor of Bishop Joshua H. Jones, D.D., LL.D., who gave enthusiastic cooperation in the purchase of the site. Among the original founders of the church were Rev. Theodore Gould, Mr. Telegrove, Perry D. Moore, Benjamin Moss, Stephen Nichols, Sister Harriet Jane Henry Moore (sister of the late Bishop B. F. Lee), Mrs. Sarah Butler, Laura Parker, Lizzie Wilmore Gisco, Brother Joseph Thomas. One of the first trustees was Henry O. Tanner, the world famous artist. The whole family of Bishop Tanner once attended the Sunday school. The men who have pastored Morris Brown and Jones Tabernacle are: Revs. Theodore Gould, (former business manager of the Book Concern); L. J. Coppin (late bishop); Daniel B. Chase. N. D. Tempie, Thomas W. Henderson, (late business manager Book Concern); Amos Wilson, F. Thurston, J. W. Stevenson, Solomon P. Hood (late Minister to Liberia and president of Campbell College); Christopher Jones, W. Spriggs, W. Mason, G. H. West, E. H. Norris, J. C. Beckett, W. W. Johnson, Elijah Byrd, P. P. Gaines, J. W. Harris, J. Albert Sterrett, Wm. R. Gullins, Jr., R. R. Wright, Jr. (editor of the Christian Recorder and President of Wilberforce University (now Bishop of Kentucky and Tennessee). In 1932 Rev. Wm. P. Stevenson succeeded

Old Jones Tabernacle AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. W. P. Stevenson, Pastor.



New Jones Tabernacle AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. W. P. Stevenson, Pastor.

Dr. R. R. Wright who went to the presidency of Wilberforce University. During his pastorate the membership was greatly increased, the debt paid, the church renovated and a parsonage bought and paid for. In 1946 the present church, one of the largest and finest in the city, was purchased. In the basement there is a room set apart and equipped as a First Aid Nurses' Unit and we have a very fine group of graduate practical nurses. The entire auditorium has been re-modeled providing a space for the booth for the Senior and Cathedral Choirs. The Cathedral Choir has been broadcasting over WIP every Sunday morning at 8:15 for two and a half years. There are new pulpit furnishings, modern design, a baby grand piano, new carpeting and draperies and pews for the entire church. The pipes of the organ have been done with gold leaf and chimes for the organ have been given by the Senior Choir. The present membership is 914 at least, half of whom have joined under the present pastor during the past 13 years the Sunday school's attendance is among the largest in the city. Dollar Money has been increased from $265 to $914. Annual contributions are made to the United Campaign, Douglass Hospital of which our pastor is a member of the Board of Directors, the Philadelphia Federation of Churches, the Federal Council of Churches and the Philadelphia Sunday School Council. Not only have the basement and auditorium been improved but the grounds have been enclosed with non tarnishable wire fence, (the money for which was raised by the North Carolina Club under the very capable leadership of Mrs. Alberta Wilson. This year the altar has been furnished with flowers the entire summer. There is a church office with all modern facilities. A service flag was donated by Mr. George Simkins of the Simkins Funeral Home. An amplifying system and new chairs in the basement make it possible for the Sunday overflow audience to enjoy the service in comfort. The purchase price was $35,000. A Thanksgiving Jubilee celebration freedom from debt was observed.

MINISTERIAL FORUM
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Seated left to right: W. P. Stevenson, W. W. Jacobs, K. G. Keeys, Bishop D. H. Sims, J. R. Fortune (president); J. R. Johnson, E. L. Kinzer. Standing left to right: E. H. Booker, E. E. Tyler, J. L. Brown, W. A. Flamer, J. W. Caulk, W. W. Clark, J. W. Mason, G. H. Crayton, D. V. Kyle, R. L. Lowe, J. L. Pottinger, J. A. Holmes, C. W. Reid, M. H. Nutter, W. J. Townsend, J. L. Mims, H. A. Ivey. Members not in picture—N. A. Hylton, W. R. Gullins, E. E. Henley, Hodson Waters, E. K. Nichols, A. S. Jarrett, E. D. Ford, J. S. Benn, A. Coble, A. D. Nearn, S. T. Boyd, W. L. Johnson, I. N. Patterson, W. H. Smallwood, R. O. Napper, J. W. Waters, E. L. Blake, G. C. Hall.

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Choir, LaMott AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa. (1943) Dr. D. V. Kyle, Pastor

Trustee Board, Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. E. H. Booker, Pastor

Sunshine Club, Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. E. H. Booker, Pastor

Sunday School, Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. E. H. Booker, Pastor

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Class Leaders, Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
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Parsonage Aid Club, Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. E. H. Booker, Pastor

Stewardess Board No. 2, Mt. Pisgah AME Church
Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. E. H. Booker, Pastor

Ushers Board, Mt. Pisgah AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. E. H. Booker, Pastor

Inter-racial Committee, Mt. Pisgah AME Church
Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. E. H. Booker, Pastor

St. Matthews AME Church, 57th and Summer Streets
Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. Mahlon M. Lewis, Pastor

PHILADELPHIA, UNION CHURCH, situated on 16th Street below Fairmount Avenue, is the outgrowth of a mission started in 1809 by a group of 18 persons who had been members of Zoar ME Church. They decided they could better develop themselves religiously under their own vine and fig tree. A lot was purchased on Fairmount Avenue below Fifth Street and the first wooden structure erected in 1816. In 1836, the first brick structure was erected. In 1817, the church was deeded to the African Methodist Episcopal Connection. From then until 1848, the pulpit of the mission was supplied from Bethel Church. In 1848, after a long, hard struggle, the Union Mission was

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UNION CHURCH

Union AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rev. E. E. Tyler, Pastor.

Interior, Union AME Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

chartered as the "African Methodist Episcopal Church" and Rev. Willis Nazrey was appointed its first regular pastor. The church was remodeled under his pastorate.

In 1866, the indebtedness of the church was completely liquidated. Shortly afterward, a new venture was made by the installation of a pipe organ. Much opposition was met by this innovation and it had to be carefully guarded while being built to prevent the older members from tearing it down. In 1871, the Church was found to be too small to accommodate the membership, therefore again the old structure was remodeled under the pastorate of the late Rev. Theodore Gould. In 1876, the choir of the church, was organized. This was a new departure in Methodist Churches in Philadelphia.

January 13, 1884 will be memorable as the date on which the congregation moved from the old location to the present edifice under the pastorate of Rev. T. G. Steward, the tide of migration having tended westward. The trustees who presented the keys of the Church at this time were: Walter P. Hall, William T. Simpson, Henry E. Brooks, John R. Thomas, E. H. Scott, Smith T. Wright, John Fisher, William T. Bryan.

Union Church boasts of a line of progressive pastors, who have kept the church alive spiritually and financially. Among them were: Revs. John W. Beckett, 1881-1883, and 1888 to 1890, known as "Singing Preacher" and held some of the greatest revivals in the AME Church, crowding Union to capacity and having as many as 100 converts during a revival; William H. Yeocum, John M. Palmer, and J. L. H. Watkins; B. W. Arnett, Jr., 1910 to 1912, H. H. Cooper, 1912 to 1917, who introduced the envelope system; L. J. Witten, 1917, to 1921, and during whose pastorate the entire church was remodeled, and a new organ installed at a cost of $3000; J. Campbell Beckett, one of "Union's sons," 1921 to 1925, and 1933 to 1936, in his first administration cancelled the debt of long standing and burned the mortgage of $10,000; J. A. Browne, 1925 to 1928, and during whose pastorate the church was remodeled, re-furnished and a new heater installed at a cost of $13,000; C. S. Spivey, 1928 to 1930, later dean of Payne Theological Seminary; E. K. Nichols, 1930 to 1933; C. H. Fountain, 1933 to 1936, paid $3,300 on the mortgage indebtedness. Bishops Willis Nazrey served Union from 1848 to 1850; Jabez P. Campbell served Union from 1854 to 1856 and 1859 to 1860; Cornelius T. Shaffer served from 1884 to 1888; John Albert Johnson served from 1892 to 1895 and 1907 to 1908.

One of "Union's sons", the late Rev. Julian C. Caldwell, was elected secretary of the ACE League in 1908.

Those entering the ministry from Union are: Revs. E. L. Kinzer, Ernest Smith, Cornelius Hentz, Walter H. Parker, Frederick G. Kelly, A. S. Jarrett, R. Sheldon Wright, John E. Golden.

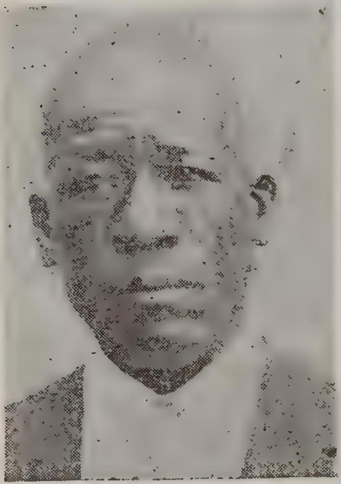
In 1940, the present pastor, Rev. Edward Ernest Tyler, was assigned to the church. During his administration many long over-due obligations have been cancelled, the second mortgage paid off, and the organ rebuilt and paid for at a cost of $1,000. A campaign for $25,000 has been inaugurated with which to liquidate the mortgage indebtedness, and renovated and modernize the entire church plant, $5,000 of which has already been raised. Rev. Tyler has done splendid work both in the church and in the community. Under his leadership, the membership has been quickened and increased, the youth given special opportunities, fellowship with other churches and organizations established, and the spirit of "peace and goodwill" spread abroad.

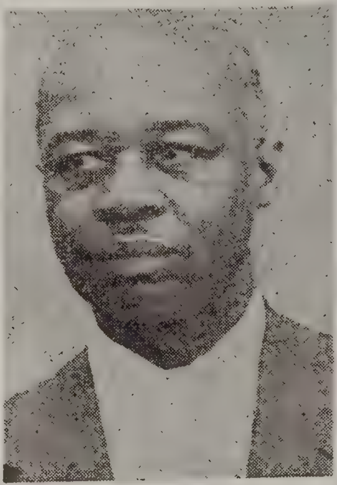
The present trustees are: Walter C. Beckett, Jesse Statesman, Lewis LaBoo, Edwin C. Matthews, John E. Staples, William Crommarty, George Gardner, Louis O. Summersett, Holsey Bryant.

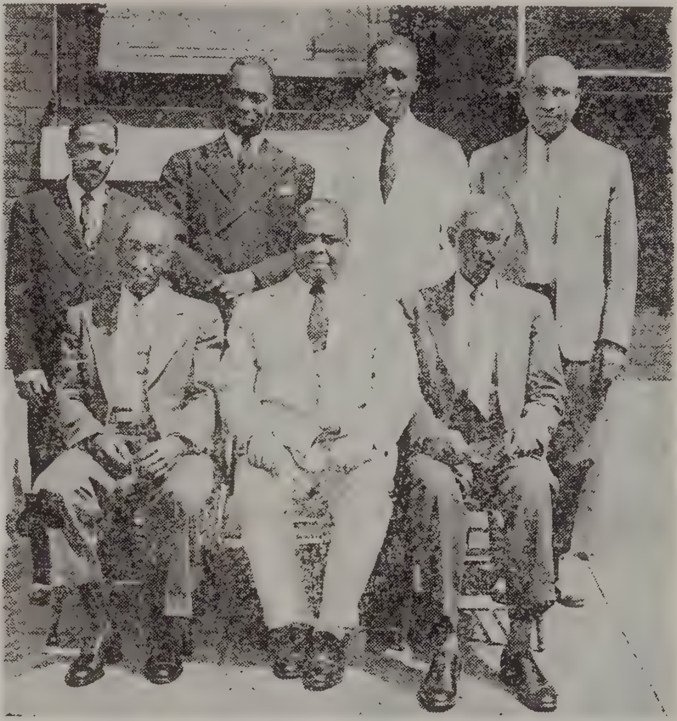
NAMES OF FOUNDERS: Peter Jones, Nancy Jones, John Lawton, Francis James, Hnery Turner, Miriam Turner, Henry Himmons, Jacob Cork, Jaffry Beulah, Michael Parker, John Shellmire, Charles Hodges, Dominick Parker, Mary Turner, John Nusume, Nancy Nusume, Isaac Turner, Mary Lawton.

Following are some of the members who joined Union, while it was still located on Fifth St. and Fairmount Ave.: Margaret Johnson, Margaret Moore Robinson, Kate Chain Shadd, Mary E. Chase, George W. Jackson, Mary Pratt Turner, Margaret Wilkins, Samuel Boston, Alexander Bell, Jennie Polk Jacobs, Maggie Johns Bayard, John E. Elzey, William S. King, Anna Taylor, Susan Banks, Rebecca Hamner.

(By Elvira F. Beckett, Historian).

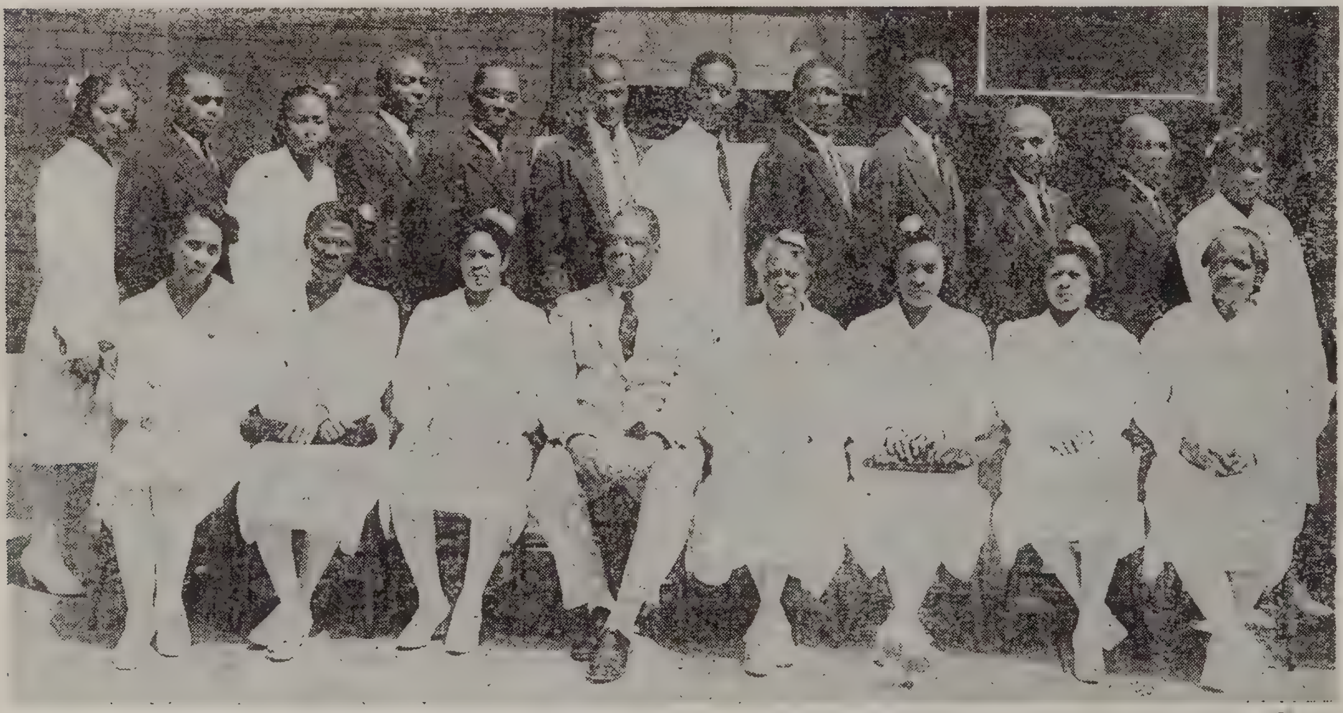






UNION AME CHURCH TRUSTEES

Standing left to right: John E. Staples, Wm. Crommarty, Lewis LaBoc, Edwin C. Matthews. Seated from left to right: Jesse A. Statesman, Rev. E. E. Tyler, James Gardner, Walter C. Beckett, missing; Lewis C. Summersett, Holsey Bryant.



USHERS AND LADIES AUXILIARY OF UNION AME CHURCH

Standing from left to right: Etta Richardson, Arnett Walls, Pearl Pressley, Elmer Webb, Wm. Crommarty, Jas. White, Lewis LaBoo, Phillip Thompson, Briscoe Wyson, Noal Petaford, Ed. Wilkins, Marie Small. Seated from left to right: Martha Dunston, Annie B. Atkins, Irene White, Rev. E. E. Tyler, Lulu Robinson, Janie Cathey, Viola Richardson, Hester Dyson.

STEWARDESS BOARD A OF UNION AME CHURCH
Standing from left to right: Mable Fisher, Susie Smith, Alberta Pinkett, Ethel Jackson, Annabelle Benson, Rosa Warrick, Ella Hopkins. Seated from left to right: Claudia Carter, Sarah Dixon, Ina Gosley, Rev. E. E. Tyler, Louisa Banks, Amanda Thompson, Ella Goodwin.

STEWARDESS BOARD B UNION AME CHURCH
Standing from left to right: Katherine Jarrett, Rosa Tate, Ruth E. Staples, Mabel Potts, Florence Harris. Seated from left to right: **Ethel Robinson, Rev. Ed. E. Tyler,** Irene Davis, Lula Hill.

CHRISTIAN PROGRESSIVE CLUB OF UNION AME CHURCH
Standing from left to right: James Bostic, Helen Reed, Robert Cooley, Susie Watts, Leonora Mitchell, Mary K. Laboo, Mabel Fisher. Seated from left to right: Ethel Nixon, Rosa Warick, Rev. Ed. E. Tyler, Helen Green, Clara Davis, Marilda Grant.

UNION AME CHURCH, SENIOR AND JUNIOR STEWARDS
Seated from left to right: Abram Sims, Horace A. Dennis, Rev. Ed. E. Tyler, James E. Tate, Eli Watts. Standing from left to right: Ed. W. Robinson, Sr., Walter Richardson, J. D. Arline, Robert E. Cooley, Herbert Arline,

PHILADELPHIA, WARD AME CHURCH, was founded in 1891 by Isaac Scott, a local preacher of Mt. Pisgah AME Church, under the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Stansbury. It was organized in the home of Mrs. Rachel Whales, 718 Lydia Street, now June Street. Among others associated with Mrs. Whales in the founding of the church were: Mrs. Elizabeth Keys, Mrs. Ellen Holland, Mrs. Mary F. Thomas, Mrs. Mary Turner, Mrs. Mary Harris, Auntie Bell, Brothers E. Cropper and Greenbury Brown. The first pastor was Rev. R. L. Patterson, from 1891 to 1895; he was succeeded by Rev. E. T. Bruce. Under his administration a site was purchased and a building erected on

WARD AME CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

LADY USHERS OF WARD AME CHURCH
Philadelphia, Pa.
Reading left to right: Seated—E. Cottman, Rev. E. K. Nichols, S. Singleton. Standing, 1st row—E. Williams, I. Walker, D. Morris, L. Epps. 2nd row—R. Clayburn, M. Ross, M. Allen, L. Buchanan.

Pastor
SCHOOL

CHOIR, WARD AME CHURCH, 46th & ASPEN STREETS Philadelphia, Pa.

North 46th Street above Fairmount Avenue. He served four years and later returned to serve another term. Since Rev. Bruce's first administration, the following named ministers have served as pastors: Revs. J. H. Young, G. R. Coverdale, E. M. Harper, J. R. Reed, D. W. Wisher, Hodson Waters, W. H. Edwards, W. J. Oliver, M. H. Davis, J. G. Robinson, who later became editor of the AME Review; T. J. Askew, C. C. Dunlap, H. F. Tyree, R. R. Wright, Jr., who was then editor of the Christian Recorder, now Bishop of the Thirteenth Episcopal District; George Dorce, H. Y. Arnett, who, like Rev. Bruce, served two terms at different times and was for a number of years presiding elder in the Philadelphia Conference; N. B. Parks, J. L. Brown, M. W. Thornton E. K. Nichols, and W. W. Jacobs. The present church site was purchased under the administration of Dr. J. G. Robinson. Major (Chaplain) P. C. Williams, and Chaplain Douglass L. T. Robinson, of the U. S. Army are products of Ward. The following have served as presiding elders: Revs. F. T. M. Webster, W. H. Bryant, J. P. Sampson, N. D. Temple, T. Gould, W. H. Davis, W. B. Williams, Elijah Byrd, E. T. Bruce, W. L. Johnson, H. H. Cooper, Sr., Raymond F. Wright, I. H. Ringgold, I. N. Patterson.

PITTSBURGH, PA., TRINITY AME CHURCH

POPULATION NEGRO IN U.S.A. In 1940 Negroes numbered 12,865,518, an increase of 974,375, or 8.2 percent, over the number enumerated in 1930. This rate of increase was only a little greater than that for the total population (7.2) and was considerably lower than the rate of increase for Negroes in the preceding decade—13.6 percent. The regional and divisional patterns of Negro population increase were quite different from those for the total population. In all three divisions of the South the Negroes showed a smaller proportional increase than the total population between 1930 and 1940, while in the divisions of the North and West their rates of increase were uniformly greater than those for the total population. The Negro population increased 15.8 percent in the North during the decade just past, 5.8 percent in the South, and 41.8 percent in the West. These facts indicate that there was a large migration of Negroes during the 1930's from the South to the North and West, probably out of the rural areas in the South to the urban areas of other parts of the country. Over three-fourths of the Negro population (77.0 percent) still lived in the South in 1940, but this represents a slight decrease from the proportion of 78.7 in 1930. The North had 21.7 per cent of the total Negro population in 1940, as compared with 20.3 in 1930, and the West had 1.3 in 1940, as compared with 1.0 in 1930.

POPULATION BY RACE, FOR THE UNITED STATES:
1940 AND 1930
(A minus sign (—) denotes decrease)

Race	1940	1930	Increase 1930-194..	
			Number	Percent
All classes....	131,669,275	122,775,046	8,894,229	7.2
White	118,214,870	110,286,740	7,928,130	7.2
Native.....	106,795,732	96,303,335	10,492,397	10.9
Foreign....	11,419,138	13,983,405	—2,564,267	—18.3
Negro	12,865,518	11,891,143	974,375	8.2
Other races..	588,887	597,163	—8,276	—1.4

POPULATION BY RACE AND NATIVITY FOR CITIES OF 50,000 OR MORE: 1940 The proportion of white persons in the population of cities of 100,000 and over in 1940 ranged from 58.5 percent in Memphis, Tennessee, to 99.9 percent in Lowell, Massachusetts, Director J. C. Capt of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today on the basis of returns from the 1940 Census of Population. Memphis, Tennessee, had the highest proportion of Negroes (41.5 percent) and Sacramento, California, the largest proportion of persons of other nonwhite races (4.4 percent).

Of all the nonwhite races, the Negroes, of course, had by far the largest representation in cities of 100,000 or more. Except in a few West Coast cities, the proportion of Chinese and Japanese was not large, and the number of Indians in cities of this size group was negligible in most cases. (Mexicans, unless definitely of Indian or other nonwhite stock, were returned as white in 1940).

The foreign-born white population of the large cities decreased markedly between 1930 and 1940, although the proportion of the total population who were foreign born is still considerably larger in such cities than in rural areas or in smaller urban places.

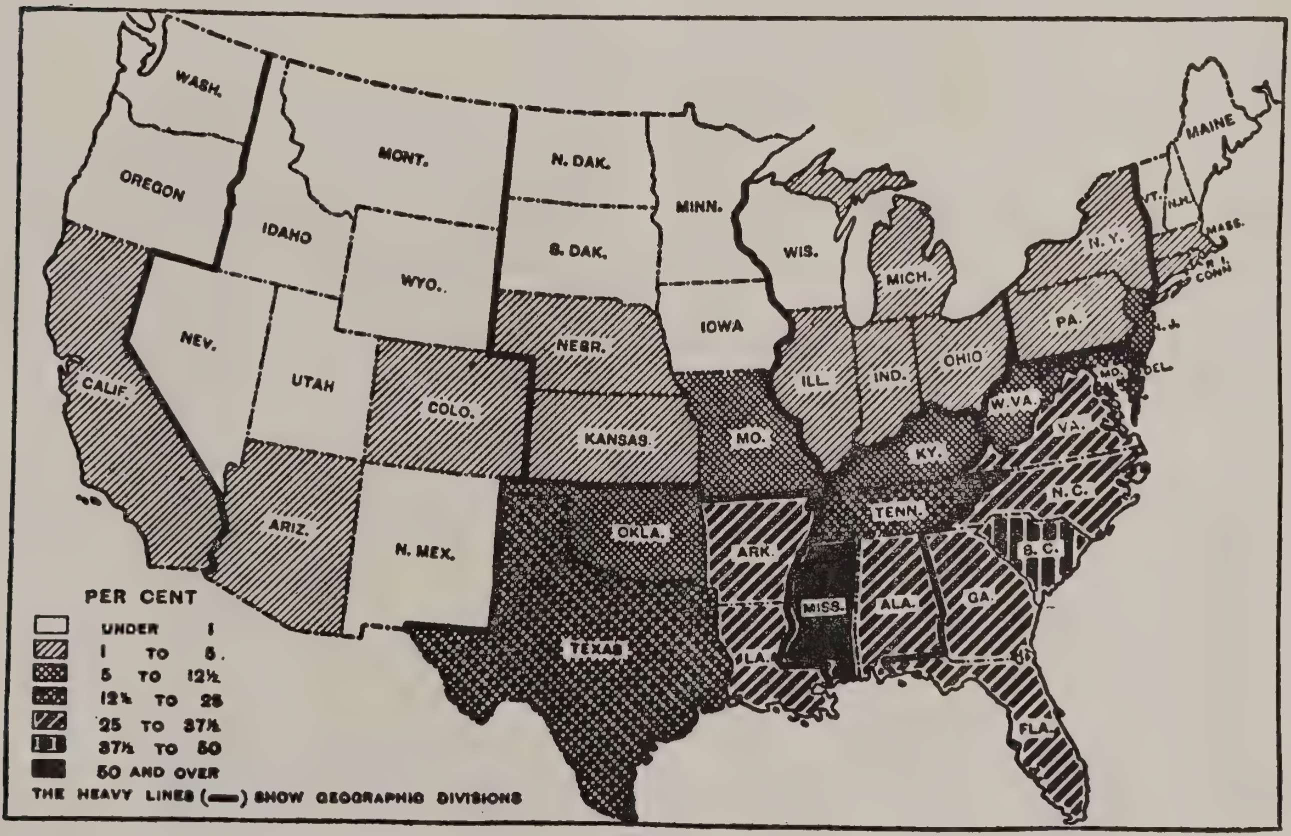
The following tables show the total population, number and percentage of Negroes in principal cities and urban places in the United States.

NEGRO POPULATION IN PRINCIPAL CITIES, U. S. CENSUS 1940

City	Total	Negro	Percent of Total Negro
Akron, Ohio	244,791	12,260	5.0
Albany, N. Y.	130,577	2,929	2.2
Atlanta, Ga.	302,288	104,533	34.6
Baltimore, Md.	859,100	165,843	19.3
Birmingham, Ala.	267,583	108,938	40.7
Boston, Mass.	770,816	23,679	3.1
Bridgeport, Conn.	147,121	3,767	2.6
Buffalo, N. Y.	575,901	17,694	3.1
Cambridge, Mass.	110,879	4,858	4.4
Camden, N. J.	117,536	12,478	10.6
Canton, Ohio	108,401	4,041	3.7
Charlotte, N. C.	100,899	31,403	31.1
Chattanooga, Tenn.	128,163	36,404	28.4
Chicago, Ill.	3,396,808	277,731	8.2
Cincinnati, Ohio	455,610	55,593	12.2
Cleveland, Ohio	878,336	84,504	9.6
Columbus, Ohio	306,087	35,765	11.7
Dallas, Texas	294,734	50,407	17.1
Dayton, Ohio	210,718	20,273	9.6
Denver, Colo.	322,412	7,836	2.4
Des Moines, Iowa	159,819	6,360	4.0
Detroit, Mich.	1,623,452	149,119	9.2
Duluth, Minn.	101,065	314	0.3
Elizabeth, N. J.	109,912	4,941	4.5
Erie, Pa.	116,955	1,375	1.2
Fall River, Mass.	115,428	402	0.3
Flint, Mich.	151,543	6,599	4.4
Fort Wayne, Ind.	118,410	2.517	2.1
Fort Worth, Texas	177,662	25,254	14.2
Gary, Ind.	111,719	20,394	18.3
Grand Rapids, Mich.	164,292	2,660	1.6
Hartford, Conn.	166,267	7,090	4.3
Houston, Texas	384,514	86,302	22.4
Indianapolis, Ind.	386,972	51,142	13.2
Jacksonville, Fla.	173,065	61,782	35.7
Jersey City, N. J.	301,173	13,416	4.5
Kansas City, Kans	121,458	21,033	17.3
Kansas City, Mo.	399,178	41,574	10.4
Knoxville, Tenn.	111,580	16,094	14.4
Long Beach, Calif.	164,271	610	0.4
Los Angeles, Calif.	1,504,277	63,774	4.2
Louisville, Ky.	319,077	47,158	14.8
Lowell, Mass.	101,389	94	0.1
Memphis, Tenn.	292,942	121,498	41.5
Miami, Fla.	172,172	36,857	21.4
Milwaukee, Wis.	587,472	8,821	1.5
Minneapolis, Minn.	492,370	4,646	0.9
Nashville, Tenn.	167,402	47,318	28.3
Newark, N. J.	429,760	45,760	10.6
New Bedford, Mass.	110,341	4,297	3.9
New Haven, Conn.	160,605	6,235	3.9
New Orleans, La.	494,537	149,034	30.1
New York, N. Y.	7,454,995	458,444	6.1
Bronx Borough	1,394,711	23,529	1.7
Brooklyn Borough	2,698,285	107,263	4.0
Manhattan Borough	2,698,924	298,365	15.8
Queens Borough	1,297,634	25,890	2.0
Richmond Borough	174,441	3,397	1.9
Norfolk, Va.	144,332	45,893	31.8
Oakland, Calif.	302,163	8,462	2.8
Oklahoma City, Okla.	204,424	19,344	9.5
Omaha, Nebr.	223,844	12,015	5.4

PERCENTAGE OF NEGROES IN THE TOTAL POPULATION, BY STATES: 1930

[District of Columbia, 27.1 per cent, not shown separately on the map]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NEGRO POPULATION IN PRINCIPAL CITIES
U. S. CENSUS—1940

City	Total	Negro	Percent of Total Negro
Paterson, N. J.	139,656	4,268	3.1
Peoria, Ill.	105,087	2,826	2.7
Philadelphia, Pa.	1,931,334	250,880	13.0
Pittsburgh, Pa.	671,659	62,216	9.3
Portland, Oreg.	305,394	1,931	0.6
Providence, R. I.	253,504	6,388	2.5
Reading, Pa.	110,568	1,905	1.7
Richmond, Va.	193,042	61,251	31.7
Rochester, N. Y.	324,975	3,262	1.0
Sacramento, Calf.	105,958	1,468	1.4
St. Louis, Mo.	816,048	108,765	13.3
St. Paul, Minn.	287,736	4,139	1.4
Salt Lake City, Utah	149,934	694	0.5
San Antonio, Texas	253,854	19,235	7.6
San Diego, Calif.	203,341	4,143	2.0
San Francisco, Calif.	634,536	4,846	0.8
Scranton, Pa.	140,404	754	0.5
Seattle, Wash.	368,302	3,789	1.0
Somerville, Mass.	102,177	262	0.3
South Bend, Ind.	101,268	3,555	3.5
Spokane, Wash.	122,001	644	0.5
Springfield, Mass.	149,554	3,144	2.1
Syracuse, N. Y.	205,967	2,082	1.0
Tacoma, Wash.	109,408	650	0.6
Tampa, Fla.	108,391	23,331	21.5
Toledo, Ohio	282,349	14,597	5.2
Trenton, N. J.	124,697	9,308	7.5
Tulsa, Okla.	142,157	15,151	10.7
Utica, N. Y.	100,518	514	0.5
Washington, D. C.	663,091	187,266	28.2
Wichita, Kans.	114,966	5,686	4.9
Wilmington, Del.	112,504	14,256	12.7
Worchester, Mass.	193,694	1,353	0.7
Yonkers, N. Y.	142,598	4,108	2.9
Youngstown, Ohio	167,720	14,615	8.7

Urban Place	Total	Negro
Alabama:		
Mobile	78,720	29,046
Montgomery	78,084	34,535
Arizona:		
Phoenix	65,414	4,263
Arkansas:		
Little Rock	88,039	22,103
California:		
Berkley	85,547	3,395
Fresno	60,685	2,002
Glendale	82,582	68
Pasadena	81,864	3,929
San Jose	68,457	291
Santa Monica	53,500	1,265
Stockton	54,714	875
Colorado:		
Pueblo	52,162	1,381
Connecticut:		
New Britain	68,685	334
Waterbury	99,314	2,015
Florida:		
St. Petersburg	60,812	11,932
Georgia:		
Augusta	65,919	27,004
Columbus	53,280	17,453
Macon	57,865	25,604
Savannah	95,996	43,237
Illinois:		
Cicero	64,712	7
Decatur	59,305	2,098
East St. Louis	75,609	16,798
Evanston	65,389	6,026
Oak Park	66,015	98
Rockford	84,637	1,190
Springfield	75,503	3,357
Indiana:		
East Chicago	54,637	6,101
Evansville	97,062	6,862
Hammond	70,184	637
Terre Haute	62,693	3,398
Iowa:		
Cedar Rapids	62,120	663
Davenport	66,039	801
Sioux City	82,364	871
Waterloo	51,743	1,498
Kansas:		
Topeka	67,833	5,679
Kentucky:		
Covington	62,018	3,154
Louisiana:		
Shreveport	98,167	35,975
Maine:		
Portland	73,643	325
Massachusetts:		
Brockton	62,343	506
Holyoke	53,750	94
Lawrence	84,323	122
Lynn	98,123	744
Malden	58,010	479
Medford	63,083	648
Newton	69,873	680
Quincy	75,810	17
Michigan:		
Dearborn	63,584	35
Highland Park	50,810	1,292
Kalamazoo	54,097	1,117
Lansing	78,753	1,638
Pontiac	66,626	2,794
Saginaw	82,794	3,315
Mississippi:		
Jackson	62,107	24,256
Missouri:		
St. Joseph	75,711	3,029
Springfield	61,238	1,804
Nebraska:		
Lincoln	81,984	794
New Hampshire:		
Manchester	77,685	23
New Jersey:		
Atlantic City	64,094	15,668
Bayonne	79,198	1,754
East Orange	68,945	5,950
Hoboken	50,115	260
Irvington	55,328	69
Passaic	61,394	2,003
Union City	56,173	29
New York:		
Binghamton	78,309	740
Mount Vernon	67,362	5,103
New Rochelle	58,408	6,228
Niagara Falls	78,029	975
Schenectady	87,549	688
Troy	70,304	612
North Carolina:		
Asheville	51,310	13,435
Durham	60,195	23,347
Greensboro	59,319	16,343
Winston-Salem	79,815	36,018
Ohio:		
Cleveland Heights	54,992	511
Hamilton	50,592	2,052
Lakewood	69,160	91
Springfield	70,662	8,293

Pennsylvania:		
Allentown	96,904	378
Altoona	80,214	735
Bethlehem	58,490	638
Chester	59,285	10,162
Harrisburg	83,893	7,263
Johnstown	66,668	1,560
Lancaster	61,345	1,503
McKeesport	55,355	2,184
Upper Darby township*	56,883	413
Wilkes-Barre	86,236	836
York	56,712	2,427
Rhode Island:		
Pawtucket	75,797	286
South Carolina:		
Charleston	71,275	31,765
Columbia	62,396	22,195
Texas:		
Amarillo	51,686	2,761
Austin	87,930	14,861
Beaumont	59,061	18,921
Corpus Christi	57,301	4,545
El Paso	96,810	2,188
Galveston	60,862	15,432
Waco	55,982	11,025
Virginia:		
Arlington County*	57,040	5,032
Portsmouth	50,745	19,338
Roanoke	69,287	12,812
West Virginia:		
Charleston	67,913	7,011
Huntington	78,836	4,498
Wheeling	61,099	1,897
Winconsin:		
Madison	67,447	365
Racine	67,195	432

* Classified as urban under special rule.

PORTLAND, OREGON, AME CHURCH
Rev. Browning C. Allen, Pastor

PRAYER BANDS. In many places, groups come together for prayer, for one another, and for the church and the community, especially the unsaved. They keep the spirit alive in many churches, and do effective evangelistic work.

PRESIDING ELDERS are ministers who have been ordained elders, who are appointed by the bishop to supervise the work of a given number of churches and ministers within an annual conference. The churches under his supervision are called his presiding elder's district. Each annual conference has one or more presiding elders' districts, averaging 12 to 15 charges, so as to enable the presiding elder to give a Sunday service to each during every quarter; some have as high as 30 charges. The presiding elder's duties are to take charge of all the preachers and exhorters in his district, to travel throughout the district, preside at quarterly and district conferences, Sunday school conventions, to see that the business of the conference is conducted according to the discipline, to change pastors in interval of the conference where investigation shows such changes necessary; to keep the bishop informed of the true status of the work of the district, and to recommend to the bishop at annual conference the appintments for the charges he has supervised. The presiding elder is a sort of sub-bishop. He represents the bishop as the manager of a department as a business represents the proprietor. He is a part of the cabinet of the bishop and should always be in harmony with the general policy of the bishop. The office of presiding elder originated in American Methodism through the necessity of having an elder to consecrate the Lord's Supper. At the beginning of the Church in 1784 there were only 12 elders among the people. These were distributed so as to aid the preachers at different points. In 1807 the churches under these elders were called districts and the elders presiding elders. In 1802 the annual conferences were divided into presiding elders' districts. In the AME Church there were no presiding elders at first, and for a long time no need of any; but as the church grew the need increased. The question of presiding elders was brought to the general conference of 1848 by a committee, of which Rev. D. A. Payne was chairman, but was defeated by vote of 48 to 33; again the consideration of the subject was defeated in 1852 by a vote of 64 to 18; in 1856 it was indefinitely postponed, but in 1868 it was permitted for such annual conferences as cared to adopt the presiding eldership. But not for many years was it adopted in all the conferences. Today it is universally used throughout the Church, yet in some sections, particularly in cities, it is not as effective as formerly, or as desirable. The presiding elder's salary is fixed by the discipline at $2,000 per year with house rent and fuel, to be paid by the churches of his district according to an apportionment made by the annual conferences. This salary, however, is not paid in full as a rule, and the presiding elder, like the pastor, gets pay according to his acceptability with the people and the strength of his district. A presiding elder's district has approximately 2000 persons.

PRIEST, is one who represents man to God, performs whatever rites are necessary to bring man in harmony with God. He hears confessions, administers the Eucharist, and performs other functions necessary for man's acceptance with God. The priesthood looms very strong in the Old Testament, and the Book of Leviticus gives many details of the priestly functions for the Hebrews. In the New Testament not much is said about the priest, except that most of the priests were against Jesus. The Book of Hebrews deals more with the priest, than any New Testament scripture. Its main theme is priesthood of Christ. His death is interpreted as the chief and final sacrifice, and makes unnecessary any other sacrifices.

Providence Circle Leaders—All paid from $5.00 to $75.00 each, May 24, 1942.

PROVIDENCE AME CHURCH GROUP
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

The church was organized in 1868. Represented in the group are among the most faithful members, Stewards, choir members of senior choir, deaconess, and Stewardess from board Nos. 1, 2, 3. Rev. A. F. Davis and Mrs. F. O. Davis have served faithfully for years under their administration the church has been cleared of all it encumbrances.

Stewards and Trustees, Providence AME Church.
Memphis, Tenn., Rev. A. F. Davis, Pastor, 1944

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES are meetings which are held in every charge once every three months, or four times every year, at a time appointed by the presiding officer. The members of this meeting are the traveling preachers (including general officers) on the circuit or station, local preachers, exhorters, stewards, stewardesses, class leaders, deaconesses, evangelists, superintendent of Sunday school and president of Allen Christian Endeavor League and missionary societies. At the quarterly conference the presiding elder is chairman, appeals are heard. licenses to preach and exhort given and renewed, written reports are made of accessions, expulsions, withdrawals, baptisms, marriage, deaths, etc., showing the status of the membership for three months; also reports showing the financial condition of the Church in all its activities, including the trustees' department, also reports of collections for general purposes and subscriptions for Church periodicals, and such other business may be transacted which in the opinion of the presiding elder and conference may be deemed necessary. Quarterly conferences are held as a rule at night during the week.

QUARTERLY MEETING, is a term applied, as a rule, to the religious service conducted by the presiding elder the Sunday before or after the business session of the quarterly conference. The presiding elder preaches, or some one designated by him; the Lord's Supper is served, members from all the points on the circuit and from nearby charges are usually present, and the time is usually one of deep, spiritual fervor.

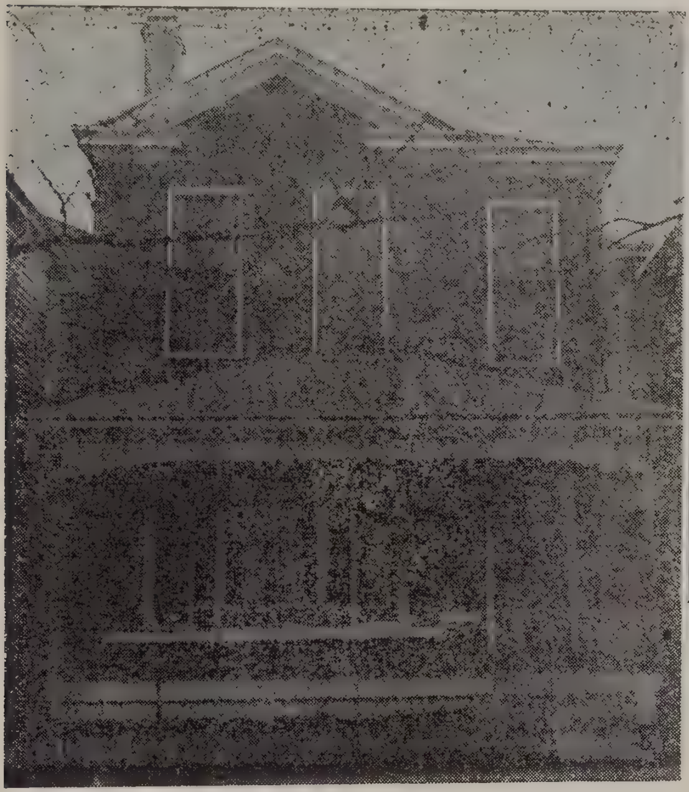
QUINN CHAPEL, CHICAGO. The present officials 1947-1948 are: Stewards: James A. Henson, James S. Jackson, Fulton J. Foote, Price Watson, Caswell W. Crews, Ather Neal, Sham Jones, Ashby B. Carter, James Mitchell. Trustees: George S. Price, Robert H. Pollard, Otis S. Giddens, Chester A. Wilkins, Benjamin V. Armstead, James W. Fisher, Aeolian Lee, William B. Lyles, Jr., Harry J. Carter, Jr.

QUINN CHAPEL AME CHURCH Louisville, Ky.

This Society was organized 1838, one of the churches that testifies to the Missionary and Evangelistic zeal and achievements of William Paul Quinn. This Society has been served by 32 Pastors. Among the former pastors that survive are the following: Dr. J. C. Anderson, during whose pastorate the present church site was purchased; Dr. Roscoe C. Henderson, Bishops Noah W. Williams, Frank Madison Reid, Dr. R. C. Ransom, Jr. The present pastor, Rev. G. Horace Jenkins is now serving his seventh year, the longest pastorate in the history of the church. This Society is out of debt, having burned its mortgage in May, 1943, operates on a strictly cash basis, aside from the Pastor, a full time Social Worker is employed, Mrs. Etta Graham at a salary of $100.00 a month.—(1944).

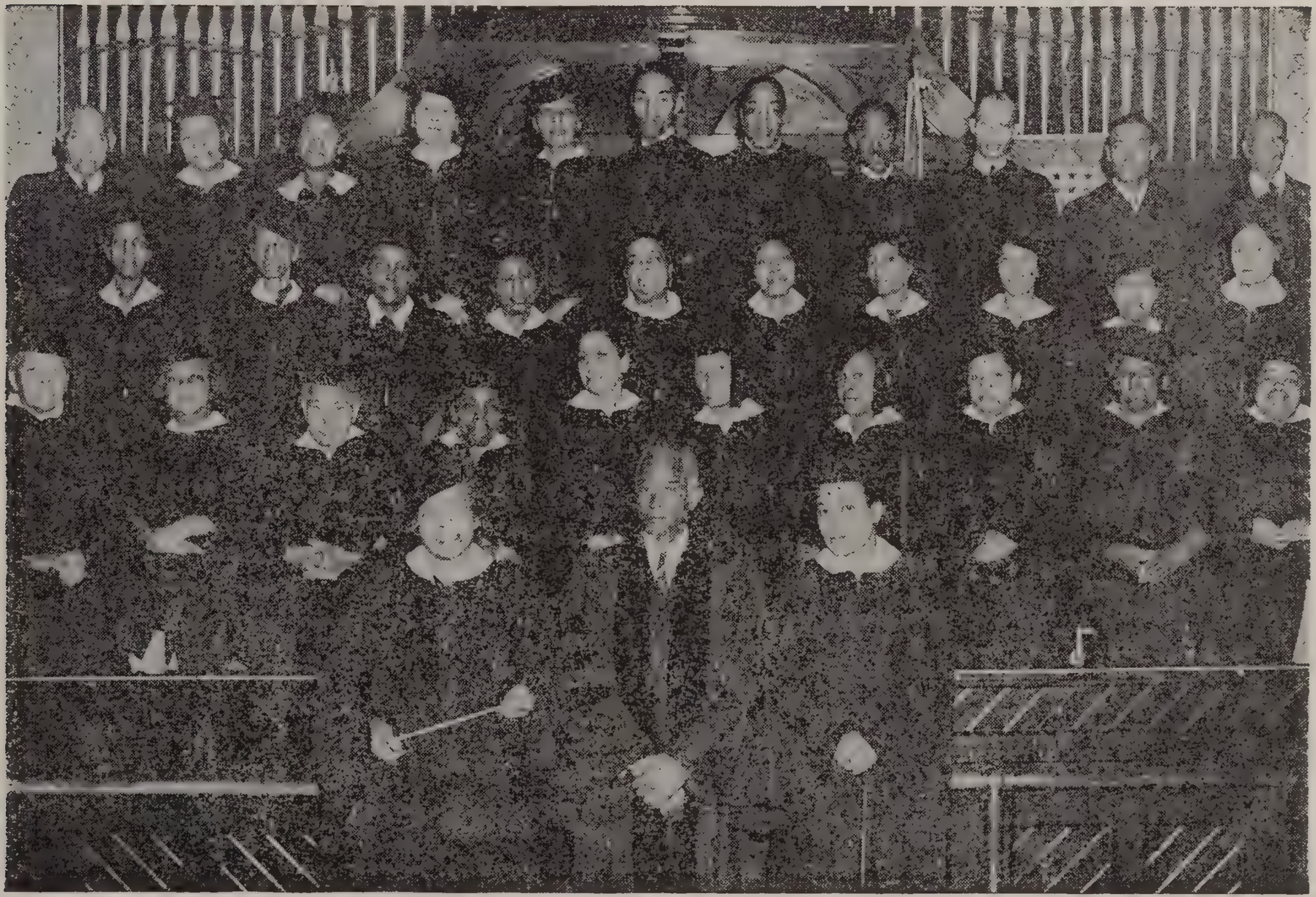
JUNIOR STEWARDESS BOARD OF QUINN CHAPEL AME CHURCH
Louisville, Kentucky.

First Row—Laura W. Payne, Secretary; Ollie Richardson, Asst. Secretary; Sylvia Haynes, Vice President; Katherine Cochran, President; Carrie L. Payne, Treasurer; Second Row—Ernestine Custard, Myrtle Jackson, Ruth Strong, Linnia Mosely, Earletta Bonner.



Parsonage, Quinn Chapel, Louisville, Kentucky.

Interior, Quinn Chapel, Marion, Ohio.



QUINN CHAPEL AME CHURCH SENIOR CHOIR
Louisville, Kentucky, 1943.

Front Row—R. Lillian Carpenter, Chorister; Rev. G. Horace Jenkins, Pastor; Ruth Odell Brown, Organist.

First Row—Left to Right—Carrie Holden, Louise Whitney, Fannie Claughton, Elizabeth Bibb, Augusta Cox, Zula Rucker, Sadie Porter, Hester Wilson, Vivian Woolridge.

Second Row—Della McFarling, Lillie Loving, Verna Steiger, Maggie Conway, Maxie Maye, Gertrude Nelson, Alice D. Rucker, Jennie Smith, Sallie Brown, Beatrice Eades.

Third Row—G. T. Diehl, Latonia Warden, Rebecca Young, Willetta Long, Alice T. McKinney, Cleo Smothers, Buford White, James Clark, Heywood Steiger, Harry Woodson, Horace Smith.

TRUSTEES OF SAINT ANDREW AME CHURCH
Memphis, Tenn., Rev. F. D. Coleman, Sr., Pastor

STEWARDS AND CLASS LEADERS, ST. ANDREW AME CHURCH Memphis, Tenn., Rev. F. D. Coleman, Sr., Pastor

STEWARDESS BOARDS, ST. ANDREW AME CHURCH
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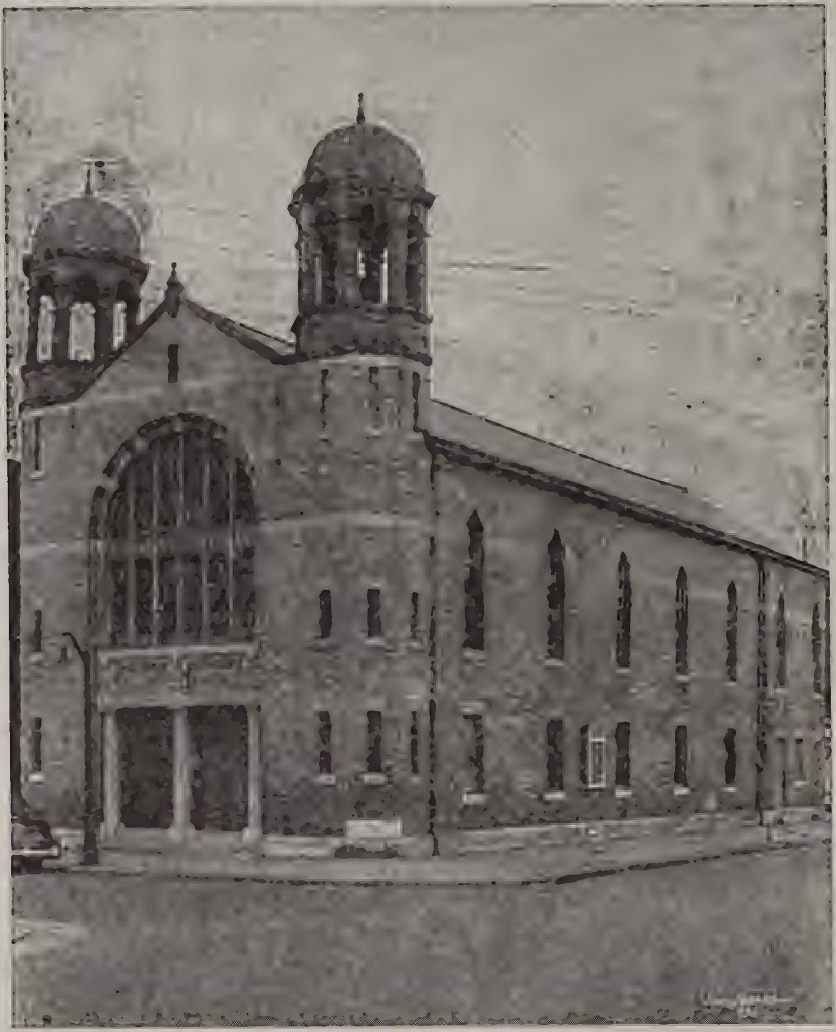

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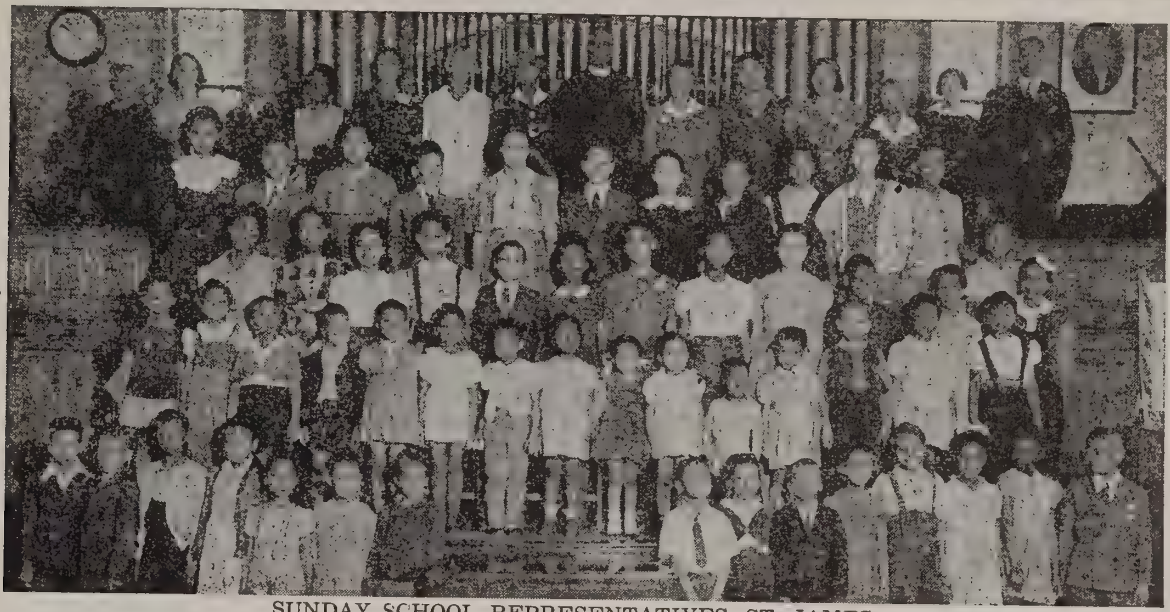
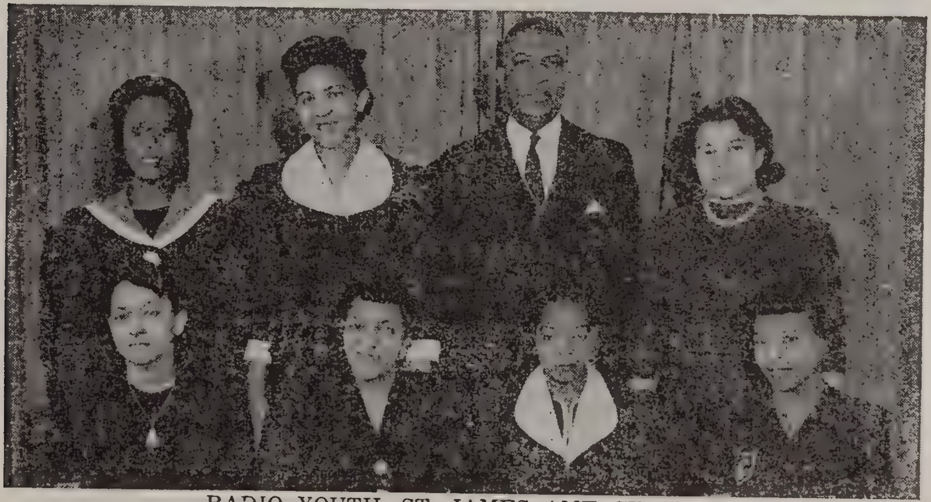


SUNDAY SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES, ST. JAMES AME CHURCH
Atlantic City, N. J.



RADIO YOUTH, ST. JAMES AME CHURCH
Atlantic City, N. J.

GOODWILL WORKERS, ST. JAMES AME CHURCH
Atlantic City, N. J.

THE BUSY BEE CLUB AND BLUE CROSS NURSES,
S. James AME Church, Atlantic City, N. J.

THE PULPIT CIRCLE, ST. JAMES AME CHURCH
Atlantic City, N. J.

BISHOP GAINES CLUB, ST. JAMES AME CHURCH
Atlantic City, N. J.

THE FLOWER CIRCLE, ST. JAMES AME CHURCH
Atlantic City, N. J.

LOYAL CHARITABLE WORKERS
ST. JAMES AME CHURCH
Atlantic City, N. J.

THE MEN'S CLUB AND WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
ST. JAMES AME CHURCH
Atlantic City, N. J.

THE DEACONESSES, ST. JAMES AME CHURCH
Atlantic City, N. J.

THE CLASS LEADERS, ST. JAMES AME CHURCH Atlantic City, N. J.

JUNIOR CHOIR, ST. JAMES AME CHURCH
Atlantic City, N. J.

STEWARDESSES, ST. JAMES AME CHURCH
Atlantic City, N. J.

THE USHERS, ST. JAMES AME CHURCH
Atlantic City, N. J.

OFFICIAL BOARD, ST. JAMES AME CHURCH, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., REV. A. CHESTER CLARK, PASTOR
(See sketch bottom of page)

RESTRICTIVE RULES: (1) The General Conference cannot "repeal or change the Articles of Religion or establish any new rules of doctrine".
(2) It cannot do away with the Episcopacy or General Superintendency.
(3) It cannot do away with the right of members to trial by committee, and appeal.
(4) It cannot revoke or change the General Rules.
(5) Furthermore it cannot appropriate the surplus of the Book Concern to any purpose other than the benefit of the bishops, itinerant supernumeraries, and superannuated preachers, their widows and orphans, without the consent of two-thirds of the General Conference.

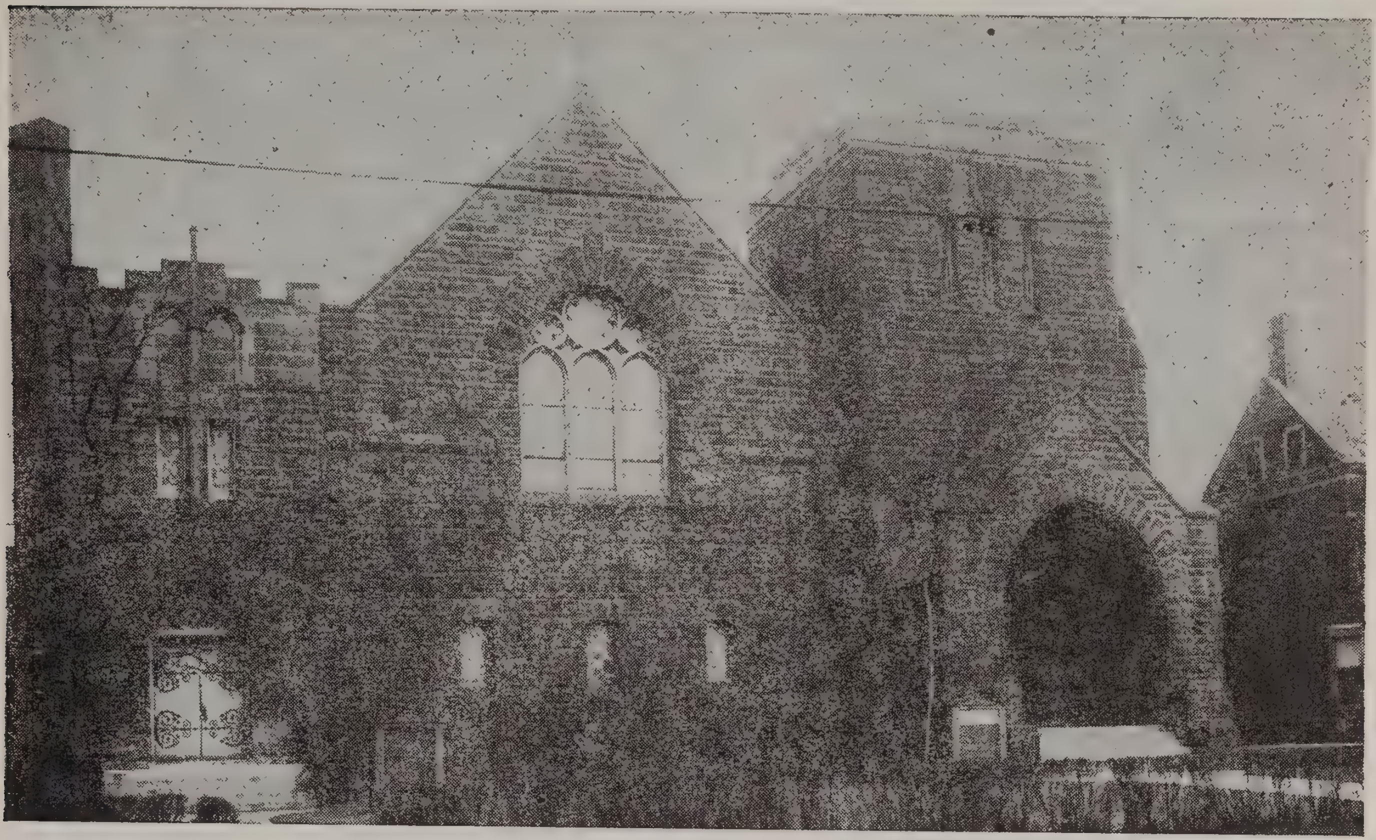
REVIEW, THE AME CHURCH, is the oldest Negro Journal, now extant now in circulation; it was first published in 1883, its first editor being B. T. Tanner, editor of the Christian Recorder, who presented the magazine to the general conference in 1884, which elected him the first editor. Having been elected bishop in 1888, Bishop Tanner was succeeded by Rev. L. J. Coppin, later bishop, who edited the Review until May, 1896, when Dr. H. T. Kealing, a layman, of Texas, was elected editor. He served till 1912, at which time the general conference elected Dr. Reverdy C. Ransom, who served until he was elected a bishop in 1924, when Rev. J. G. Robinson was elected editor, serving until 1940, when he was succeeded by Rev. Howard D. Gregg, who served 3 years. He was succeeded by Dr. Montrose W. Thornton, who was elected by the Publication Board in 1943, and served until 1944, when Dr. J. S. Brookens, the present editor was elected.

"It has always been, and is now, a vehicle of expression for the best thought of the highest scholarship of the race in every department of human knowledge"; Bishop R. C. Ransom, former editor.

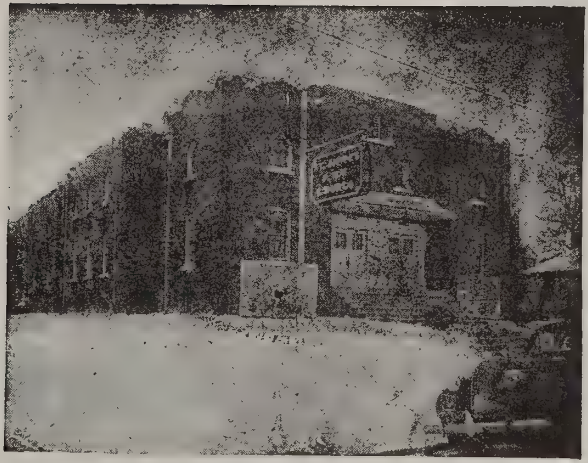
The Review is dedicated to a live, constructive, critical and synthetic presentation of the current spiritual, moral and social ideologists that permeate our ecclesiastical body; that interrelate themselves to the Negro and other minority groups; that concern our welfare nationally and internationally.

SACRAMENTS ordained of Christ are not only badges or tokens of Christian men's profession, but rather they are certain signs of grace, and God's will toward us, by the which he doth work invisibly in us, and doth not only quicken, but also strengthen and confirm our faith in Him. There are two Sacraments ordained of Christ our Lord in the Gospel; that is to say, Baptism and the Supper of the Lord. Those five commonly called Sacraments, that is to say; Confirmation, Penance, Orders, Matrimony and Extreme Unction, are not to be counted for Sacraments of the Gospel, being such as have partly grown out of the corrupt following of the Apostles and partly are states of life allowed in the Scriptures, but yet have not the like nature of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, because they have not any visible sign or caremony ordained of God. See Articles of Religion.

SAINT JAMES AME CHURCH, Atlantic City, New Jersey, was organized in 1875 by the Rev. Jeremiah H. Pierce and the ultra modern Estey Pipe Organ was installed in 1916 during the pastorate of Rev. H. P. Anderson. The present parsonage was bought in 1919 during the administration of the Rev. Dr. D. J. Brown. The current pastor of this great show place of African Methodism is the Rev. A. Chester Clark, the master pulpiteer, who, within his first year, has steam blasted the exterior of the church edifice, artistically decorated the interior with exquisitely beautiful sky effect design, pure white chancel thus, giving St. James one of the most beautiful church auditoriums and one of the most comfortable parsonages in the connection. This plus the fact that Dr. Clark rescued this now spiritually awakened congregation from the "Money Changers" and saved it for African Methodism, completes one of the master pastoral contributions of the Current Quadrennial!

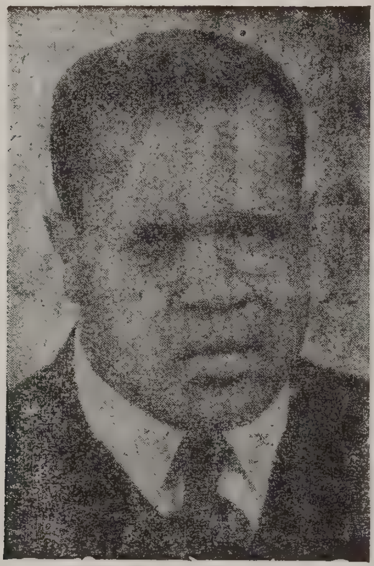


ST. JAMES AME CHURCH, CLEVELAND OHIO



HISTORIC ST. JAMES AME CHURCH, MEMPHIS, TENN.

Historic St. James AME Church is now debt free. The pastor is now making plans to put in a basement, purchase an organ, redecorate and renovate the church inside and outside; and to buy a bus. St. James is located, 600 North Fourth Street, at Saffarans Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee. The pastor is candidate for Secretary-Treasurer of the Pension Department, and is known as "The Man With The Plan."



REV. J. BENJAMIN DOVE
Pastor

STEWARDS

Mr. Ed Little—Native of Mississippi. Married Miss Elizabeth Cobblin 1919, Veteran of World War 1. Joined St. James AME Church in 1942, served as president of various auxiliaries, at present, a Steward and chairman of finance committee. The only licensed Negro Junk Dealer in Memphis and prominent business man.

Mr. Tom Flemings: Joined St. James AME Church in 1936, a Class Leader for nine years, at present, a Steward, Class Leader, and member of Finance Committee. My wife, Ethel Fleming, joined in 1936. My motto is: "May the Lord guide me, that I may keep my promise."

Mr. Johnnie Reid—The sixth son of the late Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Reid. I was born in Memphis, Tennessee, baptized in infancy at St. James AME Church; has served every office and at present a steward, vice-president of League, co-chairman of finance committee; married and have one daughter.

MRS. PEARLIE C. DOVE
Wife

Mr. Theodore Williams—Joined St. James AME Church in 1926; has given 22 years active service. Served as president of ACE League, at present, a member of the Senior Choir, also a Steward and church clerk. Married Miss Lillian Cowley 1935. Father of two daughters, Rosie Marie and LaVerne.

Mr. R. B. Thompson—Teacher city school system, class leader, Secretary of finance committee.

TRUSTEES

Mr. William Person—Born January 11, 1891, joined St. James AME Church in 1936. Has served as a Steward a number of years. A Trustee at present time. Married in 1925. He has 4 girls, 6 boys, 9 grandchildren. Wife's name is Elizabeth Person.

Mr. Joe T. Williams—A loyal and hard-working member and class leader of St. James AME Church.

Mr. Eddie Hillman—A Class Leader and member of the finance committee.

Mr. Tom A. Hearon—A class Leader and co-treasurer of St. James AME Church.

Mr. Ivory Jennings—A faithful class leader of St. James AME Church.

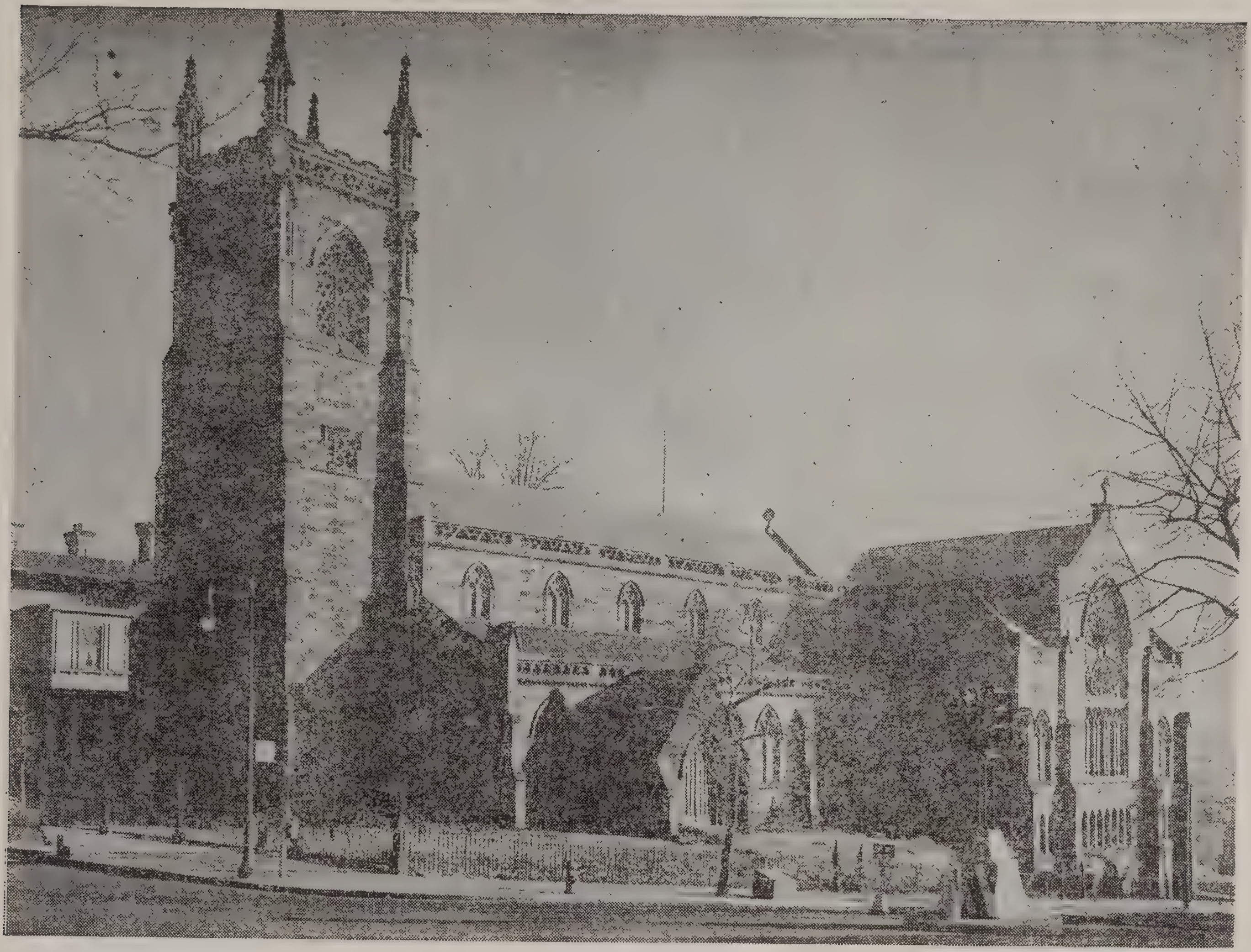
Mr. Chester White—A local class leads of St. James AME Church.

Mr. Lee R. Greene—Converted at St. Paul AME Church, November 11, 1943. Baptizer November 18, 1943 at St. James AME Church, served as a member Senior Choir, No. 1, a Trustee at present and member of finance committee.

Ed. Williams—Member of Finance Committee.

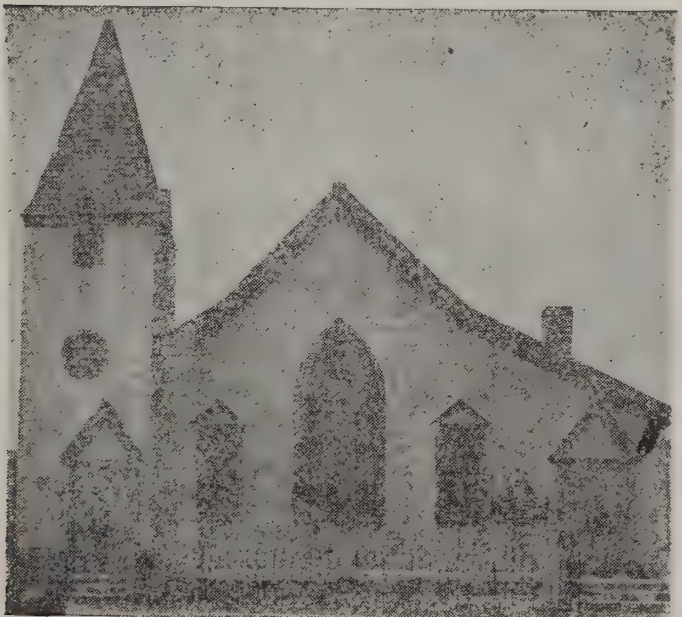
James Hannah—Class Leader and chief usher.

Sam Phillips—A faithful Steward.



ST. JAMES AME CHURCH, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY
REV. MANSFIELD E. JACKSON, PASTOR

This beautiful church edifice was purchased by the St. James congregation under the leadership of Rev. Jackson on December 20, 1944. The final payment was made December 20, 1945. This which is one of the finest and most beautiful church buildings in the entire connection was bought and paid for in full in one year. The building is said to be the finest example of gothic architecture in the East. Besides the cathedral like auditorium, the building also has a gymnasium, bowling alley, dining room, kitchen, office and recreation rooms. The membership is rapidly increasing and St. James bids fair to soon become one of the great churches of our Methodism.



ST. JOHN AME CHURCH, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK
Rev. R. E. Peters, Pastor

NORFOLK, VA., ST. JOHN AME CHURCH
Senior Usher Board No. 1

Back Row, left to right: Freddie W. Lewis, President; Lewis Lidell, Treasurer; W. S. White, Junius Fulton. Middle Row, left to right: Frank W. Merritt*, William McClennan, Dequest Allen, Laura Smith, Tanzetts Bennett, Ester Grimes, Roberta Chappell, Seabyrd Bailey, Emma Lee Simpson, Secretary of Finance; Louise Wooley. Front Row, left to right: J. H. Johnson, Bessie Douglas, Lucille Peoples, Athlee Mills Pope, Annie Barbee, Lula Fergerson, Cassie Owens, Clara Bell Grace, Annie Grimes, Alice Dudley, Vice President and Directress of the Female Division; Aaron C. Etheridge, Secretary; Eddie Owens, (front), Ernest L. Hunter, (behind) and John Pool. *Frank W. Merritt is the Norfolk District Manager of the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. These Ushers serve every first and fourth Sundays.

ST. JOHN AME CHURCH, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA
SENIOR USHER BOARD, No. 2

Left to Right: Thomasine Brown, Eunice Madison, Lola Johnson, President; Geraldine Eason, Vice President; Elizabeth Perkins, Business Manager; Thelma Pender, Sergeant at Arms; Rev. H. M. Shields, Pastor. Front Row: Freddie W. Lewis, Organizer; Olivia Joynes, Assistant Secretary; Fannie Edwards, Secretary of Finance; Florence Hendricks, Wilhemina Overton, Odessa Bowser, Julia Anderson, Treasurer. These Ushers serve every third Sunday and on other special occasions.

ST. JOHN AME CHURCH, NORFOLK, VA.
JUNIOR USHER BOARD

Freddie Lewis is the head of the Ushers at St. John, Vernice Bell, Evelyn Barnes, Sarah Jenkins, Rev. H. M. Shields, Sarah Dixon, Clara Williams, Barbara Morris, Christine Allen, Virginia Bell, Alpheus Johnson, Lawrence Burgess, William Bailey, Leonard Harris, Aaron C. Etheridge, Director of the Boys Division; John Robert Murphy. These Juniors serve every second and fifth Sunday.

THE WHAT-SO-EVER CIRCLE OF ST. JOHN AME CHURCH, NORFOLK, VA.

(See page 454)

From left to right, front row: Miss Laura Smith, Secretary; Mrs. Lillie Pritchett, Mrs. Maggie Whitner, President; Miss Viola Helms, Vice President; Mrs. Jannie Lewis, Treasurer and Miss Ida Williams. Second row: Miss Annie Benett, Mrs. William Cason, Mrs. Roberta Chappell, Mrs. Lena Dicky, Mrs. Louise Bell, Mrs. Lula Furgerson, Mrs. Guendolyn Milligan, and Mrs. Marther Smith. Rev. H. M. Shields, center, Pastor. Those who don't appear on the picture are: Mrs. Luvenia Hawkins, Mrs. Willie Mae Wiley, and Miss Alma Chambers.

The What-So-Ever Circle was organized under the Rev. Young now Presiding Elder of the Richmond District of the Virginia Conference. Under the present leader, Miss Maggie Whitner (the Circle) has been a great help to St. John Church in paying off the mortgage indebtedness as well as many other outstanding features for the advancement of the church, as well as influencing new members to join.

ST. JOHN'S STEWARD BOARDS

(See page 455)

(Senior and Junior, as indicated by S. or J.)

Front row, left to right: C. M. Wiley, (S); G. C. Walker (J.), R. L. Edmondson, (S); Wm. Elam, (S); back row, left to right: Horace Sherwood, (S); Geo. Althouse, (J); W. E. Carter, (S); Rev. E. F. Ridley (pastor), W. P. Ervin, (S); B. A. Howell, (J). Not in picture—Senior Stewards: Thos. Goodwin, R. B. Clark, L. L. McVay; Junior Stewards: Russell Reese, Thomas Porter.

ST. JOHN'S TRUSTEE BOARD

Jos. D. Lewis, Rev. E. F. Ridley (pastor); Dr. A. L. Hawkins, I. S. McPherson, Geo. W. Woods, Chas. B. Mayo, Fred W. Starms, Dr. Wesley Jones, George W. Cam- I. S. McPherson, Geo. W. Woods, Chas. B. Mayo, Fred W. per, Atty. John Adams, Jr. (former State Senator, now in armed services).

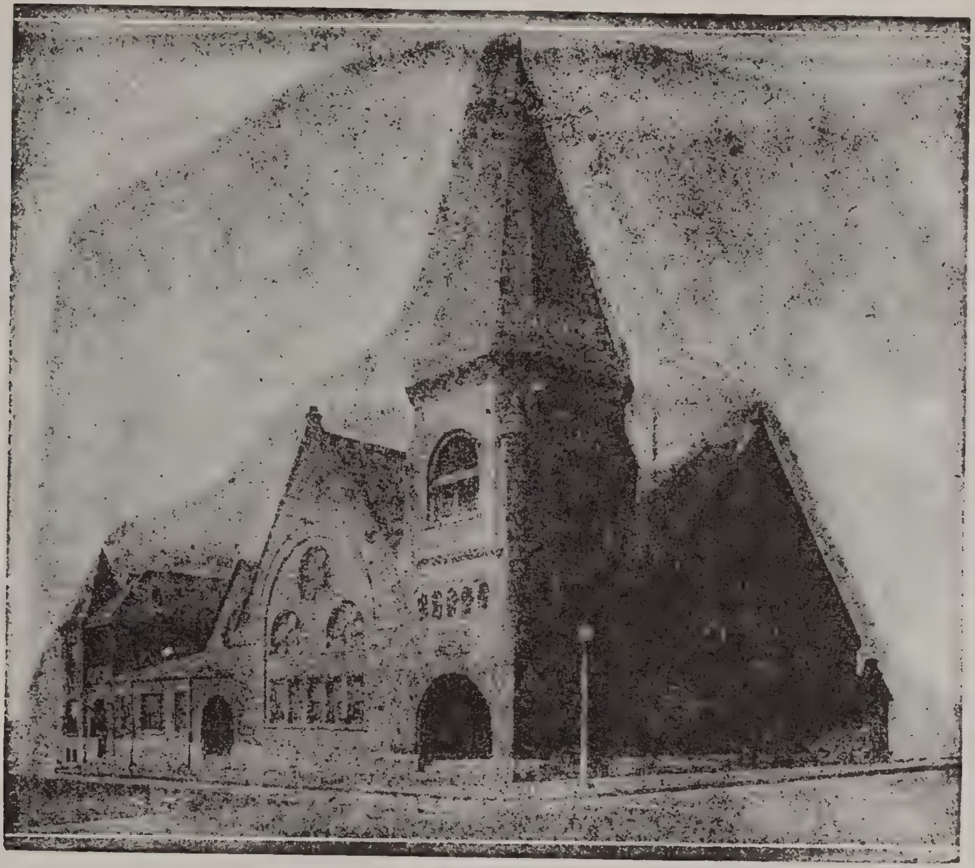
SENIOR CHOIR

Mrs. Anna Burton, Mrs. Gussie McPherson, Mrs. Cleota Reynolds, Mrs. Myrtle Hayden, Mrs. Louise Scott, Mrs. Gertrude Rafferty, Mrs. Venus Starms, Mrs. Wilmoth Houston, Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. Winifred White, Miss Bernada Williams, Mrs. Rachel Woods, Mrs. Blanche Moore, Rev. E. F. Ridley, Mrs. Pearl Gibson (directress); Mrs. Otis Jamerson (accompanist), Miss Edna Blair (accompanist,) Mrs. Mae Allen, Mrs. Meredith Harrold, Leonard Harrold, Percy Baugh, I. S. McPherson, Horace Sherwood, Roy Fouts, Thomas Porter, Mrs. Maude Ray, assistant directress, Mrs. Grace Baugh, Mrs. Pearl Hieronymous, accompanist; L. L. McVay, Bruce Napier, Mrs. Blanche Curry, Miss Frances Cole, Mrs. Christine Althouse, Jesse Carter, H. L. Preston, Homer Steele, Victor Wilburn, F. L. Spencer, William Kyles. Orchestra: Ted Adams, Wm. Countee, Jos. Drake, Hubert Glover, Wm. Lewis, Sam Turner, Wm. Howard, James Bythwood.

St. John's Senior Choir is considered one of the best west of the Mississippi River. It has been judged such, because of its diction, breath control, tone quality, harmony, interpretaton, and intense emotional expression. Not only does the choir work as a single group, but they function as a club, raising money for various needs of the church; from Easter to January, they render monthly all-request programs, rendering special cantatas at Christmas and Easter. The choir specializes in anthems and spirituals, and has wide experience in radio broadcasting. Orchestral music is arranged by Joseph Drake, clarinetist; Mrs. Pearl Gibson, directress, arranges for the voice section. Among other activities are the annual Christmas party and summer picnic.

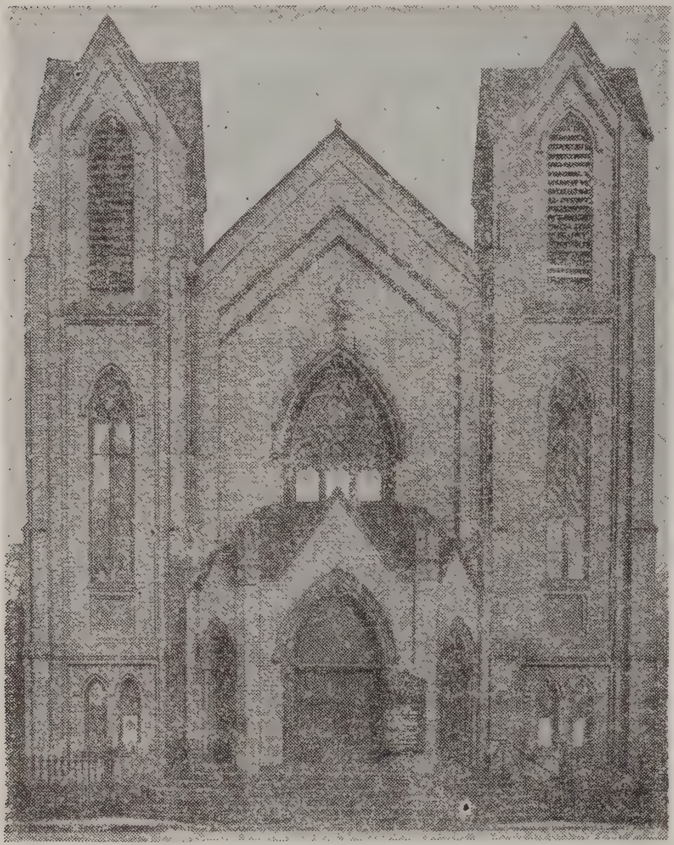
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ST. JAMES AME CHURCH. James T. White, a member of St. Paul AME Church, moved into that section of St. Louis known as Elleardsville and in the fall of 1883 gathered children together and organized a Sunday school. The next spring he sought the co-operation of their parents and received a hearty response. He reported this work to his pastor, Rev. M. W. Beckley of St. Paul AME Church, who at once, advised Rev. James A. Madison, the oversight elder. A meeting was held on the evening of July 21, 1884 in the home of Mrs. Annie George on Natural Bridge Road, after a religious service Rev. Madison invited those who desired membership, to join the new organization. Sixteen persons accepted membership, among whom was Rev. D. L. Irving, who was appointed supply pastor, and the name SAINT JAMES AME CHURCH, was selected. This work was reported to the Annual Conference in October, 1884 and Rev. Branch Hutt was appointed pastor. The present site was purchased and on the second Sunday in February, 1885, (Founder's Day), the congregation moved into its new home. Bishop John M. Brown was the presiding bishop. The present officers are: Rev. C. Wayne Love, pastor. Trustees: Wm. E. Allen, Julian B. Boyd, Geo. X. Clark, John Fowler, W. S. Gibson, A. S. Jackson, W. T. Jones, Elam King, Sr., D. T. Lawson, Perry Townsend, James Wood; Stewards: James Bailey, Oscar Barker, George Bell, James Bryant, Wiley Carr, Lewis Cloyd, J. E. Dotts, C. P. Gregg, Fred Holley, W. H. Nichols, T. H. Schaefer, Robert Session, Charles Sidner, Isaiah Smith, Leroy Thornton, Charles Woods, O. D. Woods, Andrew Young, Patrobas Robinson, Reuel Scott, Leon Burton. Our church is now in the midst of a building fund drive.

(Historical sketch by Fred A. Hughes).



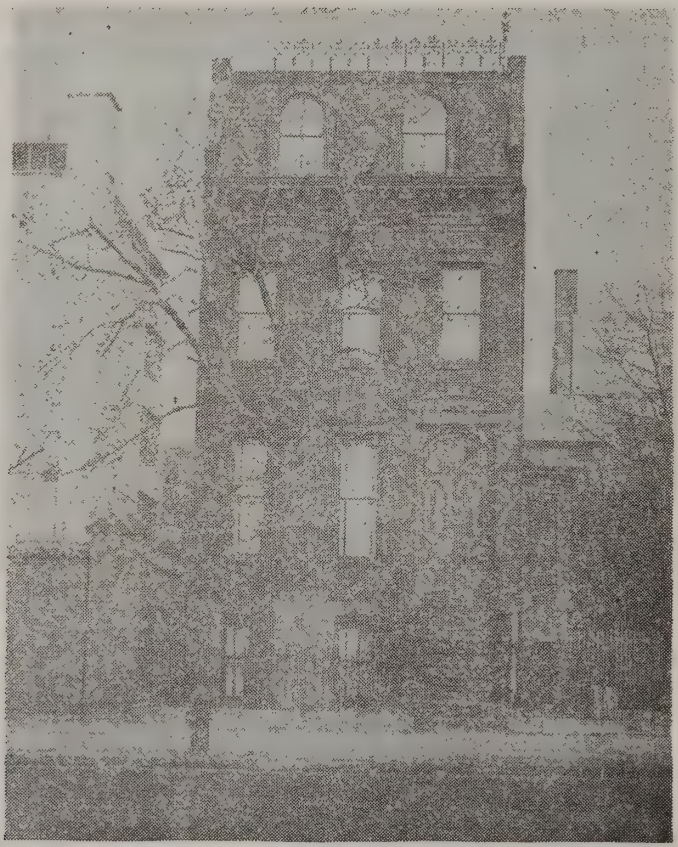
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ST. PAUL AME CHURCH
Oldest AME Church West of the Mississippi.
Rt. Rev. N. W. Williams, Bishop; Dr. Russell S. Brown Pastor. The Mother Church of 5th Episcopal District.

BISHOP N. W. WILLIAMS AND MINISTERS GREATER ST. LOUIS AT ST. PAUL AME CHURCH
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.



ST. LUKE AME CHURCH, NEW YORK, REV. WILLIAM LEE FREEMAN, PASTOR. This is the Greater Saint Luke's African Methodist Episcopal Church. 1868-1872 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City. Pastored by the Rev. William Lee Freeman. This Church was acquired by Rev. Freeman and this very fine and loyal congregation, on September 13, 1946 for $75,000.00. Along with this beautiful church, goes a beautiful eleven room parsonage. Just a few years ago, this church was a mission in the New York Annual Conference. But today it is one of the leading churches in the conference. May God continue to bless this man of God, along with his sweet little wife, to continue to lead us on at St. Luke's.

MRS. EDA MANOKEY, Church Clerk.



PARSONAGE, ST. LUKE AME CHURCH
New York City, N. Y.

ST. MARKS AME CHURCH
Corona, N. Y.

The St. Paul A.M.E. Church
Florence Alabama

ST. PAUL AME CHURCH
Florence, Alabama

Presidents and Secretaries of St. Paul AME Church, McKeesport, Pa., the Rev. F. W. Thompson, pastor—October, 1943.

Left to right—Mesdames Lucille Carter, president of the Daughters of Allen; Cora D. Rose, vice president of the Pastor's Aid No. 1; Margaret Hilton, secretary of the Daughters of Allen; Jaunita Thompson, pastor's wife and director of the Young People's chorus; Martha Lewis, president of Stewardess Board No. 1; Katie Bowens, stewardess; Theresa Francis, president of the Emergency club; Back left to right—Mesdames Vashti Pryor, president of the Pastor's Aid; Gertrude Russell, church cleck; the Rev. F. W. Thompson, pastor; Henrietta Joseph, president of the Missionary Society; Lelia Moore, vice president of the Daughters of Allen.

SALVATION BY FAITH is the state of mind in which one feels satisfied in his relationship to God brought about by his faith in Jesus Christ. The Christian theory is that man was lost or separated from fellowship with God because of sin. Jesus Christ made atonement for that sin, and by his death redeemed man, making it possible for all men who believe in Jesus to have release from the penalty of that sin and be saved. The state of mind induced causes one to follow Jesus, is the greatest privilege of life.

SALARIES OF MINISTERS. Of the 140,077 clergymen reported by the United States Census in 1940, 136,669 men and 3,308 women. 112,509 men reported that they were occupied as clergymen 12 months during 1939 and also gave their incomes in the form of salary. Of these, 90.8 percent received salaries of less than $2,500 in the year 1939. 51 per cent less than $1,200 a year. 21.4 per cent less than $600 in salary in 1939.

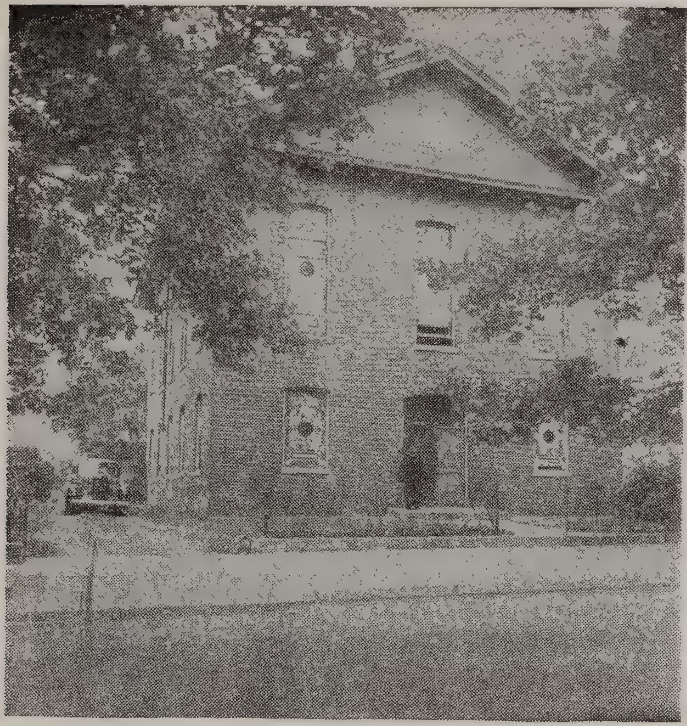
INCOME RECEIVED FROM SALARY BY MALE CLERGYMEN WHO WORKED 12 MONTHS IN 1939.

Income From Salary	Number of Clergymen	Per cent	Cumulative Per cent
$ 0 to $ 99	15,747	14.0	14.0
$ 100 to 199	1,076	1.0	15.0
$ 200 to 399	4,154	3.7	18.7
$ 400 to 599	6,450	5.7	24.4
$ 600 to 799	10,870	9.7	34.1
$ 800 to 999	9,355	8.3	42.4
$ 1,000 to 1,399	9,735	8.6	51.0
$ 1,200 to 1,399	14,157	12.6	63.6
$ 1,400 to 1,599	9,788	8.7	72.3
$ 1,600 to 1,999	11,518	10.2	82.5
$ 2,000 to 2,499	9,320	3.0	90.8
$ 2,500 to 2,999	3,386	3.0	93.8
$ 3,000 to 4,999	5,597	5.0	98.8
$ 5,000 and over	1,356	1.2	100.0
Total	112,509	100.0	

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census, Series P-16, No. 8, 16th Census.—Federal Council of Churches of Christ.

SALARIES—The early ministers in the AME Church had no stated salaries. They gave service and people gave as they were able. At the general conference in 1832 we find that the allowance made for unmarried preachers was $80 per year and traveling expenses; for married preachers, $120 and traveling expenses: for the bishop $25 for every conference held, and traveling expenses. The junior bishop got nothing but traveling expenses. Bishops also served as pastors, and received regular pastors' salaries. In 1836 the salaries were raised to $100 and traveling expenses for unmarried preachers, and to $140 and fuel and board for family and traveling expenses for the married preacher; $300 per year and traveling expenses and $25 for every conference held for the bishop. The junior bishop got only traveling expenses when he attended conferences at the request of the senior bishop. In 1840 the allowance for the unmarried preachers was raised to $125 and of married to $200 and the bishop to $500 with traveling expenses, board and fuel as before. In 1840 we have the pay for the book steward set by the general conference as $150 per year and six per cent of the sales. In 1844 the bishop was allowed the same $25 for each conference and if he did not have an appointment of a church, $200 per year if married, with board, fuel and house rent for family, and $125 and board if single. All bishops were put on the same salary basis. In 1856 bishops and married preachers were allowed $200 with board for wife and children (12 years of age), house rent, fuel and traveling expenses, while the unmarried were allowed $125. In 1880 the bishops got $1,800 and traveling expenses. In 1884 the salary of active bishops was made $2,000 annum and superannuated bishop $1,000. General officers were $1,350 per annum since 1888, except that in 1896 the financial secretary was given $1500. In 1904 the bishops were given $500 extra for traveling expenses and episcopal residences, and the salary of superannuated bishops was put at $1,200. In 1912 the effective bishop was given $2,500 and traveling expenses and the ineffective bishops $1,250. In 1916 the same salary was allowed and an allowance of $100 for each conference held, to be paid by the conference. The salary of bishops is now $4200, and of general officers $3,000 per year.

GROUP, MT. PISGAH AME CHURCH, SALEM, N. J.

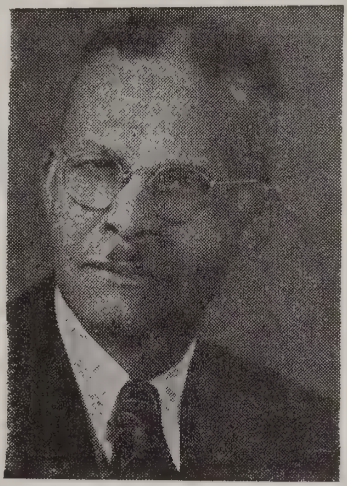


MT. PISGAH AME CHURCH, SALEM, N. J.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE. In 1940 the United States Census gave or reported 4,188,500 Negroes between the ages of 5 and 20 years, of whom 2,698,901 or 64.4 per cent attended school. This was more than twice as many as reported in 1900, when of the 3,499,187 Negroes of that age 1,083,516 or 30.0 per cent attended school.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES. The recognized educational institutions to which the department contributes are Wilberforce University and Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio; Allen University, Columbia, S. C.; Morris Brown College and Turner Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia; Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas; Edward Waters College, and B. F. Lee Theological Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla.; Shorter College and Thomas Jackson Theological Seminary, N. Little Rock, Ark.; Campbell College, Jackson, Miss.; Daniel Payne College, Birmingham, Ala.; Kittrell College, Kittrell, N. C.; Bishop Williams' School of Religion, formerly Western University, Quindaro, Kans.; The R. R. Wright. Jr., School of Religion, Memphis, Tenn. Beside these there are Wilberforce Institute near Evaton in the Transvaal, South Africa; Bethel Institute, Cape Town, South Africa; Emily Vernon Mission School, Basutoland, South Africa; West African Seminary, Girls' Institute and Bethel Institute in West Africa; Fountain High and Industrial School in South America. Beside these there are many primary schools in South Africa and in other parts of the mission field supported in part or whole by the church with the aid of the Women's Missionary Society, and the government. These institutions all have a most interesting history and have done great work. Many of our leaders in America, South America, West Africa and South Africa were trained in these schools. More than half of our bishops and general officers had training in our connectional schools. Perhaps the most daring thing in all the history of American education and certainly of the early development of Negro education, is the establishment of these colleges and universities when our people were practically illiterate. Although early AME's made very small wages, men making $1.00 to $1.50 per day and women $2.50 to $3.00 per week, they sacrificed most nobly, laboring long hours over the wash tub and in the kitchen, in the cotton-patch and cornfield, bringing their pennies, nickles, dimes and quarters to church to build schools so that their children, and the children of their neighbors might not grow up uneducated.

SEMINARIES. See Theological Seminaries.



DEAN JOHN H. LEWIS OF PAYNE SEMINARY

SERMON. A, is a discourse or address for religious purposes, based upon the Bible, usually are a single verse, called a text. The central purpose is to convert people to Jesus' Christ and to strengthen their belief, and help them to live the Christian life. Sermons are usually described as textual, when they discuss a text; topical when they discuss a topic; expository when they expound a passage of Scripture containing several verses, and general. A sermon differs from an address or lecture in that and address is an inspirational speech usually of an educational, civic, political or general nature, and a lecture is a paper or address with the intellectual approach, for the purpose of giving information or argument. Lectures are usually read.

SHORTER COLLEGE, was founded in 1886 during the administration of T. M. D. Ward, presiding bishop of Arkansas. Around him gathered a group of men, faithful, loyal and self-sacrificing, but of whose meager resources, financial and intellectual, they dared to build a great educational institution for the training of Negro youth. Shorter has stood for a half century for the ideals of Allen, Payne and Turner. In 1943 the mortgage of $40,000 was paid off; the building renovated, new equipment purchased for the library and laboratories. On June 1, 1943, Rev. John H. Lewis was elected president of the institution. Succeeding Dr. Lewis in October 1945 was Dr. I. A. Fisher. In 1946 Rev. S. S. Morris, Jr., was elected president. The curriculas are:

1. Academic: (a) Liberal Arts; (b) Home Economics; (c) Teacher Training.
2. Theological: (a) Bachelor of Divinity Course; (b) English Diploma Course; (c) Missionary (d) Leadership Training.
3. Degrees Conferred: A.B., B.S., B.D.

SIN is anything that is contrary to God's moral law. It differs from crime which is a violation of civil law, and from vice and immorality, which is a violation of the society's moral code, in that it is against God and puts man out of proper relation to Him. Sin is the opposite to salvation.

SLAVERY is the social system in which one individual may own another individual and control his life. Chattle slavery exists when the owner may sell the human being he owns just as he sells a horse or piece of furniture. Slavery is anti-Christian. Although many nominal Christians in early days held slaves, the Church has generally stood against slavery. Slavery was abolished in the British Empire in 1834, in the United States in 1863, and only exists in a few places today in Africa and Asia. One of the General Rules of Methodism forbid "the buying and selling of men", etc. See Discipline, Page 64.

SOCIAL CREEDS OF THE CHURCHES. The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America adopted a statement of social ideals unanimously in 1932. It reads as follows: "1. Practical application of the Christian principle of social well being to the acquisition and use of wealth, subordination of speculation and the profit motive to the creative and cooperative spirit. 2. Social planning and control of the credit and monetary systems, and the economic processes for the common good. 3. The right of all to the opportunity for self-maintenance; a wider and fairer distribution of wealth; a living wage, as a minimum, and above this a just share for the worker in the product of industry and agriculture. 4. Safeguarding of all workers, urban and rural, against harmful conditions of labor and occupational injury and disease. 5. Social insurance against sickness, accident, want in old age and unemployment. 6. Reduction of hours of labor as the general productivity of industry increases; release from employment at least one day in seven, with a shorter working week in prospect. 7. Such special regulation of the conditions of work of women as shall safeguard their welfare and that of the family and the community. 8. The right of employees and employers alike to organize for collective bargaining and social action; protection of both in the exercise of this right; the obligation of both to work for the public good; encouragement of co-operatives and other organizations among farmers and other groups. 9. Abolition of child labor; adequate provision for the protection, education, spiritual nurture and wholesome recreation of every child. 10. Protection of the family by the single standard of purity; educational preparation for marriage, home-making and parenthood. 11. Economic justice for the farmer in legislation, financing, transportation and the price of farm products as compared with the cost of machinery and other commodities which he must buy. 12. Extension of the primary cultural opportunities and social services now enjoyed by urban populations to the farm family. 13. Protection of the individual and society from the social, economic and moral waste of any traffic in intoxicants and habit-forming drugs. 14. Application of the Christian principle of redemption to the treatment of offenders; reform of penal and correctional methods and institutions, and of criminal court procedure. 15. Justice, opportunity and equal rights for all; mutual goodwill and cooperation among racial, economic and religious groups. 16. Repudiation of war, dastic reduction of armaments, participation in international agencies for the peaceable settlement of all controversies; the building of a cooperative world order. 17. Recognition and maintenance of the rights and responsibilities of free speech, free assembly, and a free press; the encouragement of free communication of mind with mind as essential to the discovery of truth."

SOCIAL GOSPEL is a term used to designate the preaching and teaching of Christianity as a religion which should usher in a new social order, in which all of the affairs of life will be regulated by the principles of Jesus. Whereas the gospel is to convert the individual, who may feel saved because he is morally upright, the "social gospel", emphasises the necessity to make the social order Christian: business, government, race relations, labor, industries, etc., should be regulated by the spirit of Jesus.

SOCIAL SERVICE IN THE AME CHURCH: The Social Service Commission of the AME Church was provided for in the discipline of 1940 and 1944. The purpose is to encourage the participation of the churches in social work, in order to relate their religion to the improving of actual conditions of living, and help to make a new Christian social order. The Officers are: Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., chairman of the Commission for Social Welfare; Revs. M. M. Lewis and D. V. Kyle; and two laymen.

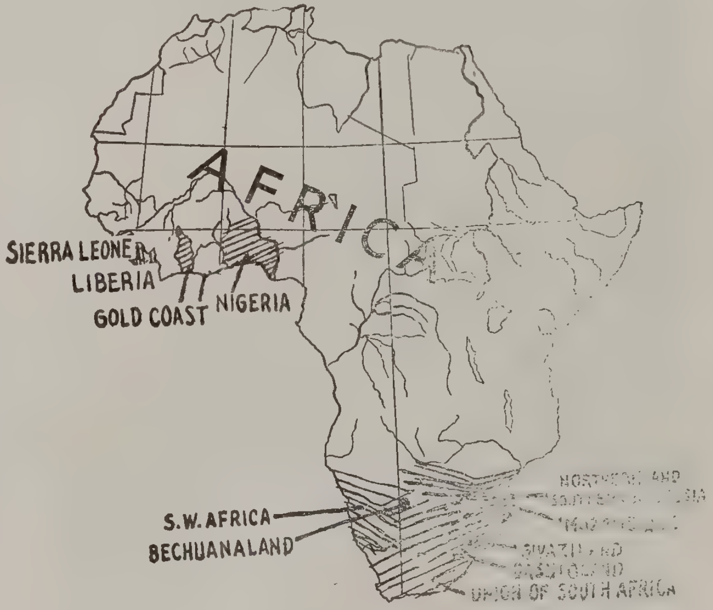
SOCIAL SURVEY—See Community Survey.

SOCIAL WORK of the AME Church. The AME Church does not differ much from the Methodist Church in doctrine. The cause for the separation from the Mother Church in 1787 was not doctrinal but social. The AME Church was thus the first denomination in America organized because of social rather than theological doctrinal differences. Because the Methodists believed in segregation and apparently in slavery, and desired equality to Negroes, the AME Church was begun. Since then it has found it necessary to do social work in order to lift the standards of living of its members. It has invested heavily in education, home missions, recreation, dramatics, music, etc., all of which were dominated by religion. The Institutional Church in Chicago was established in 1900; Trinity Mission and Culture Center in Chicago in 1904; Bethel Parish House, Chicago in 1940; Mahlon M. Lewis Community Center, Philadelphia 1945. The Goodwill Service Center in Memphis in 1945; Goodwill Service Center in Louisville and Lexington, Ky., in 1948; the Four Freedoms' Building of Union Bethel, New Orleans, 1946; Youth Center, 8th and Towne, Los Angeles, Calif.; and many others; the Douglass Hospital, Kansas City; The Crogman Clinic, South Africa; Women's Christian Alliance of Philadelphia. Hundreds of AME Churches do some social work, but are not under any general organization as in the case of educational institutions.

SOCIALISM is the order of society by which things are owned in common. In the early Christian church things were held in common. (See Acts). Modern socialism springs from Karl Marx, a German economist who sought to abolish capitalism.

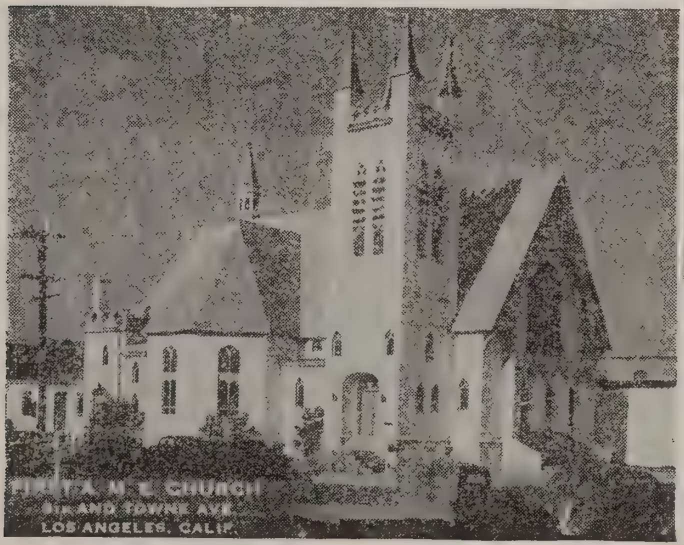
SOUL. The soul is the "ego", the self, Jesus calls it the life. When soul departs there is death.

SOUTH AFRICA.—(See Africa, South).



AFRICANS AND AMERICANS EDUCATED IN AMERICA

SOUTH AFRICAN CHRISTIAN RECORDER was started as a monthly in 1907 by Rev. Carlton M. Turner who went to South Africa with Bishop L. J. Coppin. After he left, the paper appeared only occasionally, until Bishop Wright resurrected it in 1937. It is now published quarterly as the South African Christian Recorder— The Message-Umtumywa Morumioa, at 92 Mariba St., Pretoria, Editorial offices at Lady Selborne Rev. N. B. Tantsi brother of the late Rev. J. Y. Tantsi, D.D., is managing editor, articles appear in English as well as Sosutho and Zulu.



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, FIRST AME CHURCH
Los Angeles, California.

TRUSTEE BOARD, FIRST AME CHURCH
Pasadena, California
(See 462)

Seated left to right: John R. Wright, Joseph H. Clements; Rev. Jonathan A. Dames, Frank M. Prince and Jordan Wilborn. Standing, left to right: Hugh Davenport, Chas. Simpson, Jas. A. Caldwell, William Booker and James H. Ratcliff.

STEWARDESS, FIRST AME CHURCH
Los Angeles, California.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.—Shortly after the war Bishop Payne and a few others went to South Carolina for the purpose of beginning the work of the African AME Church. The South Carolina Conference was duly organized May 15, 1865, in Charleston, S. C., it included the states of South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, and missionaries went from the seaboard to the mountains, preaching in the open, under bush arbors and anywhere else they could get a hearing, and organizing churches. The work prospered from the very beginning; and February, 1878, the conference meeting in Georgetown, S. C., Bishop John M. Brown, presiding, had grown so large and unwieldy that the bishop recommended a division. The upper part of the State took the name of the COLUMBIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE. This conference was set apart with 89 appointments, leaving the South Carolina Conference with 72 appointments. The first session (after division) of the Columbia (South Carolina) Conference was held in Miller's Chapel AME Church, Newberry, S. C., January 17, 1879, Bishop J. M. Brown, presiding, Rev. S. C. Goosely, secretary, with M. M. Mance and H. D. Edwards, assistants. T. C. Devlin, F. J. Goings, I. W. Johnson, K. H. Harris, J. G. W. Edmunds and J. D. Boston were admitted, and T. W. Haigler and J. D. Boston were ordained deacons, and Simeon Beard, elder. The following were appointed to preach at the next conference; Annual Sermon, D. S. Rice; missionary sermon, J. E. McKnight; baptimsal sermon, Rev. C. P. Nelson; on educated ministry, Felix Torrence; on Holy Trinity, S. C. Goosley. At this conference there were reported 21,331 members; 7,581 probationers; 298 local preachers; 181 exhorters; 181 churches, valued at $62,300; parsonages, 29, valued at $9,405; contingent money, $139.60; dollar money, $757.50; presiding elders' support, $3,051.60; pastors' support, $16,645.34. The second session was held in Bethel Church, Columbia, South Carolina, December 10, 1879, Bishop John M. Brown, presiding. The presiding bishops have been: Bishops Brown, 1879 (two conferences); Dickerson, 1880-1883; Shorter, 1884-1886; Campbell, 1887; Arnett, 1888-1891, 1897; Salter, 1892 1895; Embry, 1896; Grant, 1898-1899; Gaines, 1900-1903; Coppin, 1904-1907, 1913-1915; Lee, 1908-1911; Turner, 1912; Chappelle, 1916.

SOUTH CAROLINA (NORTH EAST) CONFERENCE, THE, was organized in St. John's AME Church, Marion, S. C., Rev. E. J. Gregg, pastor, December 7, 1892, under Bishop Salter, Bishop W. J. Gaines, assisting. The territory embraced the counties of Marion, Florence, Darlington, Sumter, Orangeburg and Clarendon, in which were the Marion, Florence, Sumter, Manning and Orangeburg presiding elder districts of the Columbia Annual Conference. To the districts above named were subsequently added the Wateree and the Lancaster Districts, thus providing for the formation of the Piedmont Conference. Later the Dillon District was organized. The first officers chosen were: Rev. A. J. Hunter (secretary), Rev. C. J. Nichols (recording secretary), Rev. J. P. Allston (statistical secretary) Revs. J. J. Moore and P. R. McGhee (marshals). The presiding elders and leaders were: Revs. W. M. Thomas, S. F. Flegler, then recently home from Africa; W. D. Chappelle, afterwards bishop and A. W. Heyward. The membership of that first conference consisted of 76 elders, 7 licentiates, 23 local deacons and 7 superannuates with 11,756 lay members. In November, 1915 there were 102 traveling elders and deacons, and licentiates, 3 female evangelists, 56 local elders and deacons, and 5 superannuates, with 18,430 members under their charge. The Committee on the State of the Church said in that first report, that 2,411 souls had been brought during the preceding year.

SOUTH CAROLINA: THE PALMETTO ANNUAL CONFERENCE. Bishop B. F. Lee, after a vote in 1910, of the three conferences held in 1911, for the first time five conferences, the new ones being the Piedmont and Palmetto Annual Conferences. The Palmetto Conference included the counties of Georgetown, Williamsburg and Berkley and half the county of Charleston, including half of the African Methodists in the City by the Sea. The first session of the conference was held in Morris Brown, Charleston, December 13-18, 1911, Rev. L. R. Nichols, pastor. Rev. C. W. McQueen, was elected the secretary, assisted by Revs. A. F. B. Horry and W. G. Mance. There were 99 churches in this conference, 54 pastors, 80 local elders and deacons and 6 lay delegates. There was $20,793 raised for pastor's support (1915) and $3,884 raised for presiding elders' support. The total raised for other purposes was $41,200.91.

SOUTH CAROLINA, THE PIEDMONT ANNUAL CONFERENCE.—At the call of Bishop Lee, 13 presiding elders and 13 pastors from the Columbia and Northeast Annual Conferences met, from November 17, 1909, in Bethel AME Church, Columbia, S. C., to consider the formation of the fourth annual conference of the AME Church in South Carolina. Rev. W. M. Thomas was elected chairman and Rev. D. Timothy McDaniel, secretary. This commission agreed to recommend the formation of an annual conference to be named the "Piedmont", which conference was to include the Abbeville, Greenville, Greenwood and Newberry presiding elder districts in the Columbia Annual Conference. This recommendation was accepted by the Columbia Annual Conference in session at Clinton, December 6, 1909, and the new conference was formed. The Rev. C. L. Henderson was elected secretary. Weston Chapel AME Church, Greenwood, S. C., was chosen the seat for the first session of the Piedmont Annual Conference. The territory included the following counties: Abbeville, Anderson, Greenville, S. C., Laurens, Newberry, Oconee, Pickens, and parts of Edgefield, Saluda and Spartanburg Counties. The first session of the Piedmont Annual Conference was at Greenwood, S. C., in Weston Chapel AME Church, Rev. J. C. Watkins, pastor. Bishop B. F. Lee, presided; Rev. C. L. Henderson, recording secretary; Rev. L. W. Jennings, engrossing secretary; Rev. J. B. Smith, statistical secretary. There were 150 ministerial members of the conference and of the local churches; 11,999 full members, 3,296 probationers, 16 exhorters, 126 local preachers and 32 local deacons; 123 meeting houses, 16 parsonages and 57 school houses. The finances were reported as follows: Dollar money, $3,808.70; Easter Day, $450.02; Children's Day, $276.30; Education Day, $614.54; May Day, $757.60; for bonded debt, Allen University, $4,998; making a total of $6,370.14 for education this year; contingent fund, $72.70; minute fund, $98.20; for support of district conferences and Sunday-school conventions, $228.55; Bible cause, $1.30; pastors' gift for missions, $77; for education, $77; other conferences collections, $38.73; pastors' support, $20,245.64; presiding elders' support, $3,276.05; benevolence, $994.80; mortgage debts, $3,615.30; incidentals, $3,456.70; traveling expenses, $1,907.35; total for all purposes, $44,594.57. The presiding elders for first year were: Abbeville District, D. H. Johnson; Greenville District, T. F. Harper; Greenwood District, B. J. Ramsey; Newberry District, R. E. Wall. Transferred into the conference were: Revs. J. C. Watkins, J. E. Thomas, A. E. Trapp, A. C. East, S. J. Washington, U. S. Rice, I. S. W. Ball. Transferred out: G. L. Sims to Alabama; I. S. W. Ball to Columbia Conference. With the adjournment of this session Revs. R. E. Wall and T. F. Harper retired from the Newberry and Greenville Districts as presiding elders, and the Revs. F. Y. Dendy and G. F. Lyles took the districts named.

Elder T. J. Miles preached the annual sermon from Revelations xiv 16, subject, "The Everlasting Gospel". Deaths reported at this session: Licentiate P. H. Mundy, August 28, 1910; Elder Levi Watson, September 27, 1910; Elder M. R. Mitchell, October 6, 1910. The second session of the conference was held at Anderson, S. C., November 29, to December 4, 1911, in Bethel AME Church, Rev. A. J. C. Johnson, pastor. Bishop B. F. Lee, presided.

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN RECORDER, THE, second oldest connectional weekly, published at Nashville, Tenn., Rev. E. C. Hatcher, editor, an eight page paper, four columns to a page, $2.00 per year. The Southern Recorder was approved by the General Conference of 1880 and 1884, but not established until 1886, when Bishop Turner established and operated it as his private property. He sold it for $750 to the Book Concern of the AME connection 1888, when Dr. M. Edward Bryant, of Alabama, was elected the first editor and manager for the church. Dr. Bryant died during the quadrennium and Dr. C. L. Bradwell, of Georgia, was elected to fill the unexpired term. In 1892, Dr. A. M. Green of Louisiana, was elected and served four years, from 1892 to 1895; then Dr. R. M. Cheeks, of Georgia, was elected and served four years, from 1896 to 1900. Dr. Cheeks was re-elected in 1900, but died before the adjournment of that General Conference, and Dr. G. E. Taylor, of Texas, was elected and served four years, from 1900 to 1904. Dr. G. W. Allen, of Alabama, was then elected and was re-elected to succeed himself, at the General Conference from 1908, until 1932, when he refused to stand for re-election on account of poor health. Dr. J. H. Clayborn (elected bishop in 1944) of Arkansas was elected in 1932 and served until 1940 when Rev. E. C. Hatcher of Alabama was elected. The Southern Recorder has been published wherever the editor chose to publish it, in Columbus, Georgia; Nashville, Tennessee; and Little

Rock, Arkansas. It is now under the supervision of the Southern Christian Recorder Board. The number of subscribers reported by the editor at the General Conference in 1944, was 5,601, with the largest number, 904 in Florida and 1 in South Africa. The report for 1940 to 1944 at the General Conference was as follows:

STATEMENT OF BUSINESS
June 1, 1940 to March 30, 1944
RECEIPTS

Subscriptions and Paper Sales	$16,000.00
Advertisements	2,600.00
Donations (Including gifts from Annual Conferences and personal effort of editor through conducting of preaching missions)	6,863.31
Engraving	786.69
Rent and Sale of Machinery	1,468.00
Job work (June 1940 to March 1942)	3,890.00
Loans (From Financial Department, E. C. Hatcher and C. G. Hatcher Estate.	4,958.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$36,566.00

EXPENDITURES

Office Rent	$ 602.00
Postage and Supplies	1,242.00
Headquarters expense (including lights, water, gas)	3,208.86
Office equipment	500.00
Engravers	786.69
Traveling expense	3,691.71
Stock (paper, lead and ink)	2,340.62
New Machinery	315.00
Drayage and trucking	291.39
Repairs on machinery	183.14
Salaries (printer and operators—1940-1942, clerks, secretaries and extra help)	8,333.00
Commissions	925.00
On loans	3,068.00
Insurances	216.59
Sunday School Union (for printing and mailing of paper March 18, 1942 to March 31, 1944	10,862.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT	$36,566.00

ASSETS

Value of office equipment	$ 600.00
Addressograph equipment	400.00
Due from advertising	436.00
Due from subscribers	756.00

LIABILITIES

Due to E. C. Hatcher and C. G. Hatcher's Estate	$ 1,958.00
Mrs. E. C. Hatcher on salary	532.00
Ruby Hatcher on salary	448.00
TOTAL	$ 2,870.00

SPIRIT—(See Holy Spirit).

STATE AID TO AME SCHOOLS. Since 1889 the state of Ohio has given aid to Wilberforce University, having established the "Combined Normal and Industrial Department" now known as the "Department of Education" at Wilberforce University. More than $12,000,000 have been paid. (See Wilberforce University). From 1898 to 1934 the state of Kansas gave a biennial appropriation. In Africa and the British Islands most of the AME schools have government grants. In 1934 Kansas withdrew its support and set up a Negro State College in Kansas. This state institution was closed because of lack of support; the Negroes of Kansas did not attend the segregated state college. In 1947 the State of Ohio withdrew its support from Wilberforce, and set up a segregated State College for Negroes.

STATION. A station is a charge which consists of one self-supporting church as over against a "mission" which is not self-supporting and a circuit which has two or more churches on one charge. A "mission station" in the foreign field, however, is the headquarters of the mission which may have a half dozen or more missions around it.

STEELTON, PA., MONUMENTAL AME CHURCH

STEWARDS are the officers who look after the spiritual affairs of the church. They may be three, five, seven or nine and they make up the stewards' board. They are nominated by the pastor and confirmed by the quarterly conference. They must see to it that the church has a regular church record in which all baptisms, marriages, deaths, the roll of members, and other important matters of the church are recorded. They are to look after the support of the pastor and the presiding elder, and the welfare of the sick and the poor, and take charge of the preparations for the Lord's Supper and the baptism ceremony with the assistance of the stewardesses. The stewards often designate one of their number as the "Preacher's Steward" who is also treasurer, and looks particularly to see that the pastor's needs are cared for; another as the "Presiding Elder's Steward", who looks after the Presiding Elder, sees that his assessment is collected and paid; and the "Poor Steward", whose particular work is looking after the poor, sick, etc.; and the "Holy Steward", who looks after the altar, communion, etc. Stewards take charge of all money for the church, not designated for the trustees or otherwise. In the larger churches where the collections are large the stewards pay out money by check signed by the pastor and the treasurer of the steward's board.

STEWARDESSES: A board of women from three to nine may be nominated by the pastor, and confirmed by the stewards as "Stewardesses". They assist the pastor and stewards in looking after the pulpit, preparing for baptism and the Lord's Supper, taking collections for the poor, visiting the sick, advising the young, helping to care for the pastor and his family, and being useful in general in regard to spiritual affairs of the church. In large churches there may be a Junior Board of Stewards and a Junior Board of Stewardesses, each of three to nine persons. In fact in some very large churches there are Boards A, B and C, each of nine persons. Stewards and stewardesses should be persons of irreproachable character who have the confidence of the people.

SUNDAY is the first day of the week. In modern Christian churches it has been used as the Sabbath, instead of Saturday. Because Jesus rose on the first day of the week Christians have chosen that day (originally named for the Sun god) their main day of worship. Generally Sunday is a day of rest from accustomed labor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL was established by Robert Raikes (b. 1736, d. 1811) in England about 1780, and in America about the same time. In every Sunday School free Negro children and slave children got some religious training. In 1834 the New York annual conference passed resolutions favoring establishing Sunday Schools; in 1841 Baltimore Conference reported 9 Sunday Schools, over 482 scholars and 37 teachers. In 1936, 162,233 of the 19,302 American Churches reported 18,389,001 Sunday School scholars. There were among AME's 41,120 Schools and 238,185 scholars; AMEZ, 2,059 schools and 167,362 scholars; CME, 1,976 schools and 94,668 scholars; Methodists (Central Jurisdiction) 1,390 schools and 93,661 scholars; and Baptists 21,976 schools and 1,656,638 scholars. Ninety percent of the Negro Churches had Sunday Schools, 91.4% of the AME's. There were 390,454 Negro officers and Sunday School teachers, and 2,424,800 pupils.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION OF AME CHURCH, THE, was organized August 11, 1882, at Cape May, N. J., by Bishops Payne, Wayman, Campbell, John M. Brown, Ward Dickerson, Cain and Rev. Chas. S. Smith. Bishop Payne was the first president and Rev. C. S. Smith was its first corresponding secretary and prepared its constitution. Its purpose was the organization and development of Sunday Schools. It was first located at Bloomington, Ill., and here the first publication—"Our Sunday School Review"—was published in January, 1883. In January, 1886, it was moved to Nashville, Tenn., and in April the Teachers' and Scholars' Quarterlies were published. The publication of these was followed by the Juvenile and Gem Lesson Papers in July of the same year. February 28, 1886, Rev. C. S. Smith purchased at 206 Public Square, Nashville, for $9,000, a brick and stone building, five stories high, including the basement. The Sunday School Union was then incorporated, the incorporators being Chas. S. Smith, Henry M. Turner, Evans Tyree, Green L. Jackson and Louis Winter. An outlay of printing material was bought in February, 1889, over $5,000 being expended for this purpose. In order that the work might be fostered, there was set aside a special day, known as "Children's Day", first observed in October, 1882, and thereafter the second Sunday in every June, when the whole connection rallied to the support of the Sunday School Union. From 1884 to 1900 Rev. C. S. Smith served as secretary-treasurer. In 1900 he was elected to the bishopric and Rev. William D. Chappelle, of South Carolina, was elected to succeed him and served from 1900 to 1908. Mr. Ira T. Bryant was elected in 1908 and served until 1936, when the present incumbent, Mr. E. A. Selby was elected. Bryant contested the election of Selby and the right of the general conference to put him (Bryant) out of office in the courts. He was, thus able to retain the connection's property until 1941 when the federal court ousted him. In 1936 the Sunday School Union and the ACE League combined to form the Department of Christian Education.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS are preachers who, because of long years of services and failing health, have been voted retirement, and are eligible for pensions. On June 1, 1946, there were 446 superannuated AME preachers in America, and some forty in South Africa. See Pension Department.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS are members of the annual conference who do not have appointments from the bishop, i.e. preachers above the number needed for the carrying on of the work. Their names should be recorded in the conference minutes.

SWAZILAND, one of the South African protectorates, between Transvaal and the Indian Ocean, comprises about 6704 square miles and has around 150,000 population of whom 2735 are white. King Solboza II is paramount chief. Swaziland conference embraces, Swaziland and Portuguese East Africa in the 17th Episcopal District with around 20 churches, largest at Bremersdorf built by Bishop Young in 1931.

SWEARING is forbidden by the General Rules except in a court of law.

SYNOPTIC GOSPELS. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke are called Synoptic Gospels because they have a common view—they look together—of the life of Jesus. Mark is the basis for this common view.

TAWAWA SCHOOL OF RELIGION, Wilberforce, Ohio, is the outgrowth of the interdenominational summer institute called by Bishop R. C. Ransom, and President R. R. Wright, Jr., at Wilberforce in 1934, when an invitation was given to all religous workers, of all races and denominations to spend three or four days in study and fellowship. The lecturers were: Bishop Paul Jones, Antioch College; Dr. .. .. ? professor of Religion of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; Dr. C. S. Spivey, pastor, Newark, N. J.; Dr. D. O. Walker, pastor, Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. Samuels Belborder, vicar St. Margarets Episcopal Church, Dayton, Ohio; Dr. E. W. Moore, Second Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio; Dr. Avery, Professor, Ohio State University; Dr. L. C. Ridley, Wilberforce University; Prof. C. H. Johnson, Wilberforce University; Dr. Ernest Hall, Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio and others. The present organization is confined more to the Third Episcopal District, under the title of Tawawa School of Religion and Ministers Conference of the Third Episcopal District of the AME Church. Its objectives are given as:

1. To prepare the Christian conscience and attitude of the youth for the Post-War World. 2. To emphasize

whole-hearted participation in the entire church program, especially the AME Church program. 3. To create the desire and develop ability to rebuild the social order on Christian principles. It meets in August each year at Wilberforce University. The present officers: Dr. James H. Maxwell, President of Ministers' Conference. Rev. Hubert N. Robinson, Executive Secretary. Dr. Charles J. Powell, Treasurer. Rev. Lutrell G. Long, Secretary Ministers' Conference. Rev. Frank R. Veal, Director of Religious Education, Ohio Conference. Rev. Andrew A. Hughey, Director of Religious Education, North Ohio Conference, Rev. John F. Little, Director of Religious Education, West Virginia Conference. Rev. Charles N. Thompson, Director of Religious Education, Pittsburgh Conference.

TEMPORAL ECONOMY. In order to carry on its spiritual work, the church has a "temporal economy", that is the financial arrangements. This includes support of pastors, presiding elders, general officers, bishops, pensions for superannuates, widows, orphans, and general claims. The local church provides for the pastor, the annual and district conference for the presiding elders, the general conference for bishops, general officers, pensions and general claims. See Discipline. A "temporal economy committee" at the general conference makes recommendations for the finances of the general church.

TENNESSEE, MEMPHIS, AVERY AME CHURCH.
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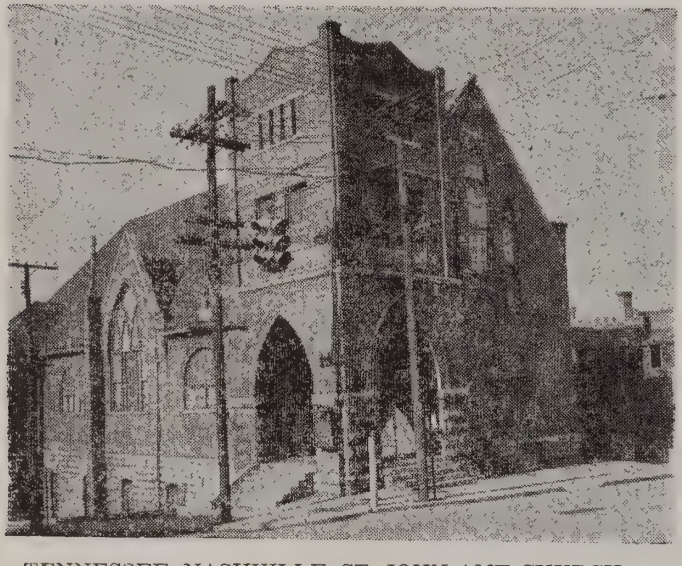
Left to right. Trustees: Seated, Rosetta Hudgins, Church Historian; L C. Byas, Rev. and Mrs. D. V. Kyle. Standing, Edward R. Kirk, David H. Lott, H. D. Whalum, W. E. Scott, Isaac Polk, A. Winston, P. Gasaway, H. A. Luster, (not on the picture). Official Board, Seated: Mrs. Harris, E. E. Kittrell, Lenora Hicks, Lydia Anderson, Grace L. Kyle, Rev. DeWight V. Kyle, Ella Mackey, A. Barksdale, Gertrude Johnson. Standing, 2nd row: W. K. Barksdale, Lucille Cofield, Mamie Valiant, Julius Kyler, D. B. Scott, Irene Fuqua, Dee Gooden. Standing, 3rd row: Annie Larry, R. M. Smith, H. Littlejohn, George W. Hegler, Avery Chapel AME Church.



TENNESSEE, NASHVILLE, ST. JOHN AME CHURCH
Rev. J. W. Witherspoon, Pastor

TENNESSEE EAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE was set 1899 under Bishop B. T. Tanner, at Warren Chapel AME Church Chattanooga with two districts, the Chattanooga and Fayetteville District had 1624 in all. The first session was held at Winchester, Tennessee, October, 1901. Bishop Tanner, presiding. While the conference was in session, the bishop received a telegram that his daughter, Mrs. Hallie T. Johnson had passed. When the announcement was made the conference recessed for a half-day. The first two presiding elders were: Revs. T. Y. Moore and J. H. Turner. Our second bishop was Bishop Lee, who held his first conference at Tullahoma, Tennessee in Shorter Chapel Church. At this conference we had three presiding elders and three districts; namely: Chattanooga, Fayetteville and the Knoxville districts. Bishop Parks, third bishop, held his first conference in 1908 at Winchester; Bishop Jones presided from 1912 to 1916 and held his first conference in Knoxville. In 1916 Bishop Lee was re-assigned. In 1920 Bishop Carey was assigned, and held his first conference at Fayetteville. Bishop Ransom, 1924-1928, held his first conference at Alcoa, Tennessee; Bishop J. Albert Johnson, (1928) held his first conference in Winchester and was thereafter called to the great beyond. In 1929 the Bishops' Council assigned Bishop Greene to finished the quadrennium. Bishop H. Y. Tookes (1932-1936) held his first Annual Conference at Fayetteville. Bishop E. J. Howard (1936-1940) held his first conference at Chattanooga, at Quinn Chapel AME Church. In 1940 Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., (1940-1948) held his first conference in Winchester. In 1901 the ministers reported 129 converts, 142 accessions and 907 full members in the Chattanooga District and 104 converts, 214 accessions and 1,044 full members. Dollar money raised in the Chattanooga District was $254.25. The Fayetteville District reported $123.85 dollar money. The total Dollar Money reported was $378.10. In 1947 the North Chattanooga District reported 98 converts; 316 accessions, 99 baptisms, 921 Sunday school scholars and 1,911 full members. The South Chattanooga District reported as follows: converts, 139; accessions, 146; 79 baptisms; Sunday school scholars, 630; and 1,763 full members. Both districts reported 3,674 full members. Total raised in the 1947 annual conference was over $7000. All funds have been practically doubled since Bishop Wright came to the 13th District in 1940.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE, WEST. The growth of the churches in Tennessee during the years of 1863-1868 was phenominal. Brave men, fearless in their preaching and indomitable in their endeavor set out to win Tennessee for Christ and the AME Church. They were sound in doctrine, earnest in delivery and compelling in force. They truly went into the highways and hedges to compel men to come. Among these ministerial giants were: Rev. C. O. H. Thomas, G. H. Shaffer, D. E. Asbury, H. E. Bryant, Nathan Mitchen, Page Tyler, A. A. Williams, G. L. Jackson, Sr., J. T. Gilmore, Lee Moore, Timothy Burden, Nelson McCavock, Gilbert Algee, Nathan Smith, H. E. Nye and J. L. Boone. These were mighty men of valor who braved the insults and abuse of enemies of the church and even ran the gauntlet of the Ku Klux in order to plant the African Methodist banner on the mountains, hill-tops and valleys of Tennessee. How well they succeeded may be seen in the fact that by 1868, the short space of five years, the delegates to the General Conference recommended the division of Tennessee into two conferences. Thus the West Tennessee Conference came into being September 7, 1868 at Memphis. The churches composing this conference were Avery Chapel, St. Andrews, and Old Tyler Mission, of Memphis; St. Peters, Clarksville; Bethel, Jackson; Brown Chapel, Union City; Quinn Chapel, Paris; and missions at Huntingdon, Waverly, St. James, Humbolt, (St. James), Fulton, and Dresden. Many of these churches have grown into strong stations, pastored by some of the most brilliant ministers in the AME connection. The first Annual Conference was held in Union City, Tennessee and opened October 4, 1869 by Bishop Wayman. Revs. C. Asbury and T. A. Thompson were secretaries; plan was set on foot to enlarge the borders of the church by intensive evangelism. Hence the gospel was preached in many places where our preachers had not gone before. Many souls were saved and many new missions were set up. On Oct. 4, 1870 the conference, presided over by Bishop Wayman met at St. Peters Church, Clarksville, November 13, 1902, Conference met at Salters Chapel, Waverly, Tenn..

Bishop Tanner, presiding and Rev. J. S. Johnson, Secretary, deacons ordained: J. R. Cole, P. E. Young, J. R. Davy, H. J. Wyden, B. R. Kimbro and W. W. Gardner. Elders: J. P. Miller, G. H. Ward, W. L. Ledford, D. A. Motley, C. B. Brumson and Z. E. Walker. November 18, 1903, conference met in St. Peter's, Clarksville, Bishop Tanner, presiding; Rev. J. S. Johnson, secretary. Deacons ordained: C. G. Gray, J. O. Dixon, E. G. Nailing and J. W. Wheeler; elders ordained: W. H. Hegler, J. S. Kelly. P. H. Greer, G. W. Kinney and W. L. Knight. November 2, 1904, Brown's Chapel, Union City, Bishop Lee, presided, and Rev. H. T. Smith, secretary; November 23, 1905, St. Andrews, Memphis, Bishop Lee, presiding; Rev. H. F. Smith, secretary; Rev. R. E. Adams was received and admitted on his credentials from the Baptist Church and obligated as an elder; November, 1906 the West Tennesee Conference met at Dickson, Tenn., St. James Church, Bishop Lee, presided. Rev. H. F. Smith. secretary. November 7, 1907, at Avery Chapel, Bishop Lee, presided; Rev. H. F. Smith, secretary. Ordained: N. I. Brutly and U. S. Waterford. October 28, 1908, at Quinn Chapel, Paris, Bishop Parks, presided; Rev. H. F. Smith. secretary. C. P. Powell, William Oliver, L. H. Huelett and W. L. Diggs were ordained deacons under missionary rule. November 3, 1909, St. Peter's Church, Clarksville, Bishop Parks, presided; Rev. H. F. Smith, secretary; Rev. J. R. Davy, recording secretary. November 2, 1910, in Union City. Bishop Parks, presided; Rev. W. H. Shelby, secretary; Rev. J. R. Davy, recording secretary. November 8, 1911, Bishop H. B. Parks, presided; Rev. W. H. Shelby, secretary, met in Providence Church, Memphis. November, 1912, St. James Church, Memphis, Bishop Jones, presided; W. H. Shelby and J. R. Davy, secretaries; deacons ordained: M. S. Strong, David Washington. Elders: S. D. Hayes, Wm. Oliver, B. R. Kibronch, W. L. Diggs, S. W. G. Wilson, J. A. Bennett, C. P. Powell, and T. C. Murcherson. The 38th Session of the West Tennessee Conference met in St. Andrews Church, Memphis, Tenn., Bishop J. H. Jones, presiding; W. H. Shelby and J. R. Davy, secretaries. Annual Sermon by Rev. J. F. Griffin. Deacons ordained: R. B. Rhodes, John D. Williams, Calvin C. Collins, R. Alexander White, and Alexander McDouwell. The 39th session West Tennessee Conference at Union City, Brown Chapel Church, November 4, 1914; Bishop Jones, presiding and W. H. Shelby and J. R. Davey, secretaries. Rev. S. D. Hayes preached the annual sermon. Deacons ordained: C. D Minto, D. P. Peoples, I. Pullman, J. H. Wamblis, M. Williams, W. E. Crenshaw, H. Bass, J. H. Womack, and T. Dandridge. Ordained as Elders were: W. H. Douglas, C. H. L. Moore, and Jones. The 40th session of West Tennessee Conference met November 3, 1915, Avery Chapel, Memphis, Bishop Jones, presided; W. H. Shelby and U. S. Waterford, secretaries; deacons ordained: Alex Knox, George Davis, A. L. Tools, J. James, H. Massey, J. H. Hunt, G. H. Voss, W. E. Miller, J. W. Warren, J. W. Dandridge; Elders: D. C. Barnard, I. H. Irvan. The 41st session of the Conference met November 8, 1916 at Providence Church, Memphis, Bishop Lee, presided; W. H. Shelby and S. D. Hayes, secretaries. Rev. W. F. Dangerfield preached the annual sermon; deacons ordained: I. S. Webster, John Brown, C. H. Jones, J. Williams. 42nd Session of Conference, Paris, Quinn Chapel, November 7, 1917, Bishop Lee, presided; W. H. Shelby and S. D. Hayes, secretaries; deacon ordained: John Nelson. 43rd Session of Conference met November 6, 1918, Bishop Lee, presided; Rev. H. C. Killebrugh and T. C. Murcherson, secretaries. 44th Session of West Tennessee Conference, November 5, 1919, Bishop Lee, presided, met in Avery Chapel, Memphis, Tenn., Rev. W. A. Smith and T. C. Murcherson, secretaries; deacons ordained: J. H. Prince, Melvin Turner, Randolph, B. M. Womack, R. Crawley, A. L. Gilmore, R. Patton, J. W. Brown, R. B. Faners, F. Pegce. M. G. Cherry, Ed. Chalmers; Elders: Jasper Warren, B. A. Lashley, J. H. Hunt, R. H. Reid, E. E. Crenshaw, J. W.Thompson, M. C. Griffin, C. H. Vance, P. D. Small, Frank Garrett, W. M. Joiner. The 45th Session met in Brown Chapel, Union City, Tenn., November 10, 1920, Bishop Carey, presided, Rev. W. A. Smith and T. C. Murcherson, secretaries; deacons ordained: Vance D. Shelto, C. C. Brown, J. B. Miller; elders ordained: Frank Garrett; annual sermon preached by Rev. T. J. Young. The 46th Session met in St. Andrews Church, Memphis, November 23, 1921, Bishop Carey, presided; annual sermon by Rev. E. J. McCooe; Revs. T. J. Young and T. C. Murcherson, secretaries; elders ordained: J. J. Davenport, S. F. Dudley, M. G. Chaney, A. L. Gilmore, J. H. Price, T. A. Dandridge. 47th Session in St. Peters Church, Clarksville, November 15, 1922, Bishop Carey, presided; Revs. T. J. Young and J. R. Davey, secretaries; Rev. S. A. Lee preached the annual sermon. November 13, 1923, the 48th Session met with Bishop A. J. Carey, presiding; Revs. T. J. Young and J. R. Davey, secretaries; elders ordained: B. F. Bradley, L. H. Porter and Isaiah Williams. The 49th Session met November 5, 1924 at Salters Chapel, Dyersburg, Bishop R. C. Ransom, presided; Revs. T. J. Young and J. R. Davey, secretaries; Rev. J. W. Pickett preached the annual sermon. The 50th Session met in Fulton, Ky., St. Paul Church, Bishop Ransom, presided. November 4, 1925. T. C. Mucherson and J. R. Davey, secretaries; annual sermon by Rev. Wm. Olliver; elders ordained: J. C. Doyle, H. Bailey, B. F. Bradley, C. H. Hines and Jones. November 2, 1926, 51st Session met in New Tyler Church at Memphis, Bishop Ransom, presided, Revs. T. C. Murcherson and J. R. Davey, secretaries. November 6, 1928 the 53rd Session met in Brown Chapel Church, Union City, Revs. T. E. West, J. R. Davey and W. E. Hardin, secretaries; Rev. G. L. Jackson, Jr. preached the annual sermon; deacons ordained: Isaac Boyd, A. Wright, J. H. Pearson, H. W. Hennings, S. E. Polk, J. H. Reid; Elders: S. Allice, M. L. Young, E. R. Rogers, C. S. Edmonson, N. D. Thompson. November 11, 1928 the Conference met in Quinn Chapel, Paris, Tenn., Bishop J. Albert Johnson, presided; Revs. J. Q. Johnson and J. R. Davey, L. J. Valentine, secretaries; Rev. J. W. Hall preached the annual sermon. The 56th annual session met in St. Peters Church, Clarksville, November 9, 1932. Bishop H. Y. Tookes, presided; Rev. H. T. Primm, secretary; deacons ordained: Aaron Fields, Nathan Norman. The 57th session of the Conference met at St. Andrews, November 8, 1933. Bishop H. Y. Tookes, presided; Revs. I. T. Jefferson, J. R. Davey, T. C. Murcherson, secretaries; Rev. C. R. Hines preached the annual sermon. The 58th session met in Quinn Chapel, Paris, November 7, 1934, Bishop H. Y. Tookes, presided. Revs. I. T. Jefferson, J. R. Davie, and T. C. Murcherson, secretaries; Rev. S. E. Polk preached the annual sermon; deacons ordained: J. L. Love, P. H. Jones; deaconesses consecrated: Lena Davis, Velma A. Sherman, Emma Harp, and Mary Stephens. The 59th Session, met in Clarksville, Tenn., November 6, 1935. Bishop H. Y. Tookes, presided; Revs. I. T. Jefferson, J. R. Davey and J. R. Reid, secretaries; Rev. J. S. Kelley preached the annual sermon. The 60th session met November 4, 1936 in Memphis, Bishop E. J. Howard, presided; Revs. I. T. Jefferson. J. R. Davey, and F. G. Garrett, secretaries. The 61st Session met in Brown Chapel Church, Union City, November 8, 1938. Bishop Howard, presided; Revs. I. T. Jefferson, J. R. Davey, and F. G. Garrett, seretaries. The 62nd Session met in Greater Bethel Church, Jackson, November 8, 1948, Bishop Howard, presided; Revs. I. T. Jefferson, J. R. Davey, A. L. Gilmore, secretaries; Rev. J. W. Hall preached the annual sermon; deacons ordained: Miller Peace, Leon White, E. J. Morgan, W. C. Wilburn, C. C. Knox, J. O. Philips. The 63rd session met in Memphis, Tenn., November 8, 1939, Bishop Howard, presided; Revs. I. T. Jefferson, J. R. Davey, secretaries. The 64th Session met in Providence Church, Memphis, November 13, 1940; Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., presided; Revs. W. T. Couch, J. R. Davey, F. G. Garrett, secretaries; Rev. C. H. Harden preached the annual sermon. The 65th Session met November 5, 1941, at Salters Chapel, Dyersburg; secretaries: Revs. W. T. Couch, J. H. Davey, F. G. Garrett, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., presided; Rev. J. C. James preached the annual sermon. The 66th Session, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., presided and Revs. W. T. Couch, J. R.

Davey, and F. G. Garrett, secretaries. The 67ht Session met in St. James Church, Memphis, Bishop Wright, presided; Revs. W. T. Couch, J. R. Davey and F. G. Garrett, secretaries.

The 68th session met in Brown's Chapel, Union City, Tennessee, November, 1944, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., presiding; Revs. I. T. Jefferson, F. G. Garrett and J. R. Davey, Secretaries. The 69th session met in Quinn Chapel, Paris, November, 1945, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., presiding; Revs. I. T. Jefferson, F. G. Garrett and G. C. Jenkins, Secretaries. Brother Major Cole was re-obligated and received as a deacon. The 70th conference met November, 1946 in New AllenChapel AME Church, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., presiding; Revs. H. W. Henning, G. C. Jenkins and F. G. Garrett, Secretaries. The 71st session of the West Tennessee Conference met in Greater Bethel AME Church, Jackson, Tennesee, November, 1947, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., prsiding; Revs, H. W. Henning, G. C. Jenkins and F. G. Garrett, Secretaries.

TENURE OF BISHOPS. A Bishop is elected for life; assigned to episcopal districts for four years, i.e. from one general conference to another. He may be moved for cause from his district by two-third (at extra session, 1946, changed to majority) vote of the Bishops' Council; may be re-assigned to the same district as long as the general conference cares to do so. There is no age limit for retirement, the general conference having complete jurisdiction. The general conference acts through an "episcopal committee" which assigns bishops. Very few bishops have retired; most of them have died while active.

TEXAS (CENTRAL) ANNUAL CONFERENCE, THE, was organized upon a motion by Rev. A. Grant, December 17, 1883, in San Antonio, Texas. The next day the boundary lines were fixed by the members of the West Texas Annual Conference, as follows: Beginning at Corpus Christi and tracing the line to Laredo, Eagle Pass and all the territory in that region not yet embraced in our mission work, thence along the Sunset Railroad to San Antonio, Texas, and all the territory and towns west of the Great Northern and Missouri Pacific Railroad; embracing Braunsfels, San Marcus Circuit, Austin, Round Rock, Georgetown, Lampasas, Taylor, Waco and all that circuit; Riflepoint, Cleburne, Hillsboro, Fort Worth and all the towns on the line of the Texas Pacific Railroad to the border of New Mexico embracing Abiline and all territory within that boundary, and also embracing the border of the Republic of Mexico, where there is an opportunity to preach or establish schools among the Mexicans. There were in the new conference 28 appointments and 20 ministers. Revs. B. W. Roberts and A. Grant were elected delegates to the general conference. The first annual session was held in Rockdale, Texas, 1884, Rev. J. H. Connor, pastor, Rev. G. E. Taylor, secretary; Bishop Wayman, presiding. In 1885 and 1886 sessions were held in St. Paul Church, Waco. From 1888 to 1892 Bishop Grant presided, and from 1892 to 1896 Bishop Lee, and from 1896 to 1897 Bishop Armstrong, Bishop Salter, presided from 1897 to 1904; Bishop Tyree from 1904 to 1912; Bishop Smith from 1912 to 1916, and the present Bishop J. H. Jones.

TEXAS (WEST) ANNUAL CONFERENCE, THE, was organized December, 1875, at Corsicana, Bishop J. M. Brown presiding. The Brazos River was made the boundary line The new conference met December 9, 1876 in St. Peter's Chapel, Columbus, Texas. The members were: Elders Johnson Reed, R. Haywood, E. Hammitt, William Leak, J. H. Johnson, Peter Townsend, Frank Green, John Hubert, John Felder, W. F. Love, C. H. Conner, Campbell Silar and W. R. Carson; deacons: Rufus McGhee, Joseph Morgan, George Conner, C. Nitus, George White, Randall Green, B. McQuirter, T. Madison, W. Buchanan, M. Wilson, A. Scott, A. W. Jones, S. Lovett, John Peterson, P. Oliver, W. F. Love, J. C. Aker, E. Johnson and Coleman Matthews; traveling preachers: J. W. Gilmore, J. Smith, Filey Johnson, S. C. Fantroy, D. J. S. Miller, Van Carmichael and J. H. Conner; local deacons: Henry Felder and Charles Long. Rev. Johnson Reed was the secretary of this conference. Where the conference met in 1877 and 1879 is not mentioned in Kealing's "History of African Methodism in Texas". In 1878 the West Texas Conference convened in San Antonio, Rev. J. Reed, pastor, Bishop Ward, presiding. There were 33 churches; 2,275 members, exclusive of probationers; 53 Sabbath schools; 2,649 scholars and $512 dollar money.

TIME LIMIT. In Methodism, the itinerant system is common; that is preachers are appointed for one year only, and may be moved. In the AME Church there was a limit to the number of years a pastor could stay on a charge. At first 2 years was the limit, then 3, 5, and 8 years. At present the time limit is abolished, and the length of time a pastor shall remain at a charge is left to the judgment of the bishop.

TONGUES, UNKNOWN—"Speaking with tongues" is utterance of unintelligible sounds by persons under intense religious excitement. This is said to be the evidence of the presence of the Spirit; for at Pentecost there were various languages said to be spoken. Our 15th Article of Religion condemns speaking in a tongue not understood by the people.

TRANSFERS. Ministers of the church may be transferred from one annual conference to another upon their request and without previous notice to the bishop, and upon three month's notice from the bishop without their consent. Lay members removing from one church to another, should get letters of transfer from their pastors. Preachers from other Methodist denominations may be transferred to the AME Church by their bishops, but are put on the supernumerary list unless prior provisions have been made. No one can transfer, however, under charges.

TRANSUBSTANTIATION is a theory of the elements of the Holy Communion which is held by Catholics, but generally rejected by Protestants. It means that the bread and wine taken at Holy Communion of the Lord's Supper are not merely symbols, but become by the consecration of the priest transferred into the real substance of body and blood of Jesus.

TRANSVAAL CONFERENCE.—(See South Africa).

TRAVELING EXPENSES of pastors may be paid by their churches; of presiding elders to their district and quarterly conferences, by the same; of bishops to churches, conferences, etc., by the same; to general conference by the Financial Department. General officers whose expenses are paid by the deparements are limited to $1000 per year.

TRIALS OF PREACHERS. A local preacher is tried by a committee of local preachers of not less than three who act as a sort of preliminary court, which can if it finds the local preacher guilty, suspend him till the quarterly conference, when he shall be regularly tried by that body and may be cleared, censured, suspended or expelled. But the accused still has the right to appeal to higher courts, just as any member. Traveling preachers are tried by a committee of traveling preachers.

TRIBE. A tribe is one of the earliest divisions of human society, and consists of a number of families or groups with a common ancestor, sharing a common language, religious economic and political life, headed by a chief. The early history of the Hebrews is a history of tribes. In Africa we have many thousand of tribes, from which the Negroes are descended.

TRIERS OF APPEALS. Each annual conference elects "five judicious and experienced elders to be known as Triers of Appeals". These Triers are the court of appeal from a decision of the bishop or a trial by the annual conference, and their procedure is regulated by the discipline.

TRINITY: that there is one God existing in three co-equal persons, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is the first Article of Religion. "There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body or parts, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness; the Maker and Preserver of all things visible. And in unity of the God-head, there are three persons of one substance, power and eternity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost".

TRUSTEES. Every Church should have a Board of Trustees, 3, 5, 7 or 9 persons who must be members of the church and twenty-one years old, except in cases of missions or in emergencies. They are nominated by the pastor—twice as many as are needed—and elected by the church members who are twenty-one years of age, unless there is a charter or state law providing otherwise. The pastor is usually chairman of the trustee board. The duties of the trustees are: to manage all temporal affairs of the church, look after the real estate, purchase or rent a house for the pastor and furnish the same, pay the coal, gas and electric bills, make needed repairs, furnish a janitor or sexton to see that the church building is kept clean and comfortable. The trustees are not owners of the church's property, but merely holders and custodians of it by vote of the members, and for only one year at a time. They are not personally responsible for any debts but on the property; for they cannot make improvements on it, or borrow money on it, or sell it or any portion of it, without having the consent of a majority of the voting members who may be present at a meeting especially called for the particular purpose of giving or withholding such consent. The trustees make plans to raise money to carry out the functions of their office. The report to the quarterly conference of which they are members.

TURNER COLLEGE, Shelbyville, Tenn., was established in 1886 and chartered in 1887. The Tennessee Conference in 1885, Bishop Turner, presiding, passed a resolution to establish the school. Revs. E. Tyree (elected bishop in 1900), T. B. Caldwell and G. W. Bryant were the committee to locate the school, which was first called Shelbyville High School. The first principal was Rev. C. S. Bowman, who also pastored the Shelbyville AME Church. Succeeding presidents have been Revs. B. A. J. Nixon, W. H. Shelby, C. H. Boone, J. H. Boone, J. A. Jones. In 1896 the institution was chartered as "Turner Normal and Industrial Institute", which was later changed to "Turner College". It had departments such as theological, English, normal, college, preparatory, commercial, music, sewing and millinery. In 1934 it was discontinued at Shelbyville and moved to St. Andrew Church, Memphis, where it closed in 1935. The property which consisted of 2 acres and 3 buildings, valued at $30,000, was sold for $9000 to pay all the debts under Bishop Howard in 1938-1940. A note from Rev. D. H. Butler was collected in 1940, and $1000 remained, after all debts were paid. This was found in the treasury when Bishop Wright arrived in 1940. The Bishop had the annual conference vote this $1000 in 1941 and agreed to give $50 per year to a student named by the Bishop alternately from Kentucky and Tennessee, as long as Wilberforce held this $1000.

TWO CENT MONEY was a fund provided for by the General Conference, first in 1844 for the purposes of assisting the general expenses of the Church and aiding the Book Concern. Each member was taxed two cents for those purposes. In 1868 "Two-cent Money" was succeeded by "Dollar Money". Two-cent money reported from 1845 to 1852, inclusive, was as follows: 1845, $870.46; 1846, $347.58; 1847, $424.91; 1848, $4.75; 1849, $722.52; 1850, $123.23; 1851, $825.62; 1852, $925.52.

UNACCEPTABILITY. No bishop shall permit a preacher to remain in a charge when he has become unacceptable, or its evident that his (the pastor's) continuance is injurious to the prosperity of the church. A presiding elder may remove a pastor who is unacceptable if a majority of the membership is dissatisfied and the official board in a writtten petition requests the removal.

UNION BETHEL AME CHURCH, NEW ORLEANS, LA.
Rev. H. T. Primm, Pastor.

UNITED STATES ARMY: World War II. (See article "Negro Chaplains). The Negro Chaplains on active duty in the U. S. Army on October, 1946 were as follows:

NAME	DENOMINATION
Anderson, Richard	Pres. USA
Barrett, Walter D. S.	AMEZ
Beasley, Louis J.	Cong. Chr.
Blackwell, Frank A.	Meth.
Blakeley, Ulysses B.	Pres. USA
Blakeney, Linson L.	Pres. USA
Blue, David C.	AME
Bowser, George D.	AME
Boyd, Cauthion T., Jr.	Ch. of God
Brewer, David L.	N. Bapt. USA
Bright, Sylvester R.	N. Bapt. USA
Borrks, Theodore H.	N. Bapt. USA
Bruce, Leonard L.	AME
Bryant, Robert A.	Bapt. Nat.
Bussey, Reuben T.	AME
Carter, Julius C.	AME
Clay, William A. L.	N. Bapt. USA
Cooper, Rufus A.	AMEZ
Crocker, William B.	N. Bapt. USA
Daniels, Theodore R.	N. Bapt. USA
Davis, Booker T.	Pres, USA
De Vaux, John A.	AME
Downs, John A.	AME
Durden, Lewis M.	N. Bapt. USA
Edden, James A.	P. E.
Ellis, Cassius M. C.	Bapt. NCA
Ellis, Leonard A.	Pres. USA
Faulkner, Matthew C.	Disc.
Felder, De DeLeon	AME
Fisher, Charles	Cong. Chr.
Ford, Drue C.	N. Bapt. USA
Ford, Theodore P.	Bapt. NCA

NAME	DENOMINATION
Gaithers, Chalmers F.	Bapt. USA
Gibson, Elmer P.	Meth.
Gibson, Ford	AME
Gibson, Mark W.	Pres. USA
Grau, William C.	Cath.
Griffin, James C.	N. Bapt. USA
Grimmett, Ervin E.	AMEZ
Hall, Douglass F.	N. Bapt. USA
Hall, Junious E.	Meth.
Handy, John W., Jr.	Meth.
Hankerson, Elijah H.	N. Bapt. USA
Harkness, Davis S.	Meth. Chr.
Harris, Ellsworth G.	Meth.
Harrison, Ernest L.	Meth.
Hayden, Gerald L.	AME
Hodge, Charles B.	N. Bapt. USA
Hogarth, Melbrune R.	P. E.
Hopson, Brannon J.	N. Bapt. USA
Hughes, Christopher C.	AME
Hunter, Charles S. H., Jr.	AME
Jefferson, Millard F.	Meth. Epis. Cld.
Jenkins, Warren J.	AME
Jenkins, Pliny W.	Meth.
Johnson, Andrew L.	AME
Johnson, Simeon T.	AME
Jones, Hubert C.	Meth.
Lewis, Alexander L.	Pres. USA
Lewis, Samuel A.	Luth. Un.
Long, Norman G.	Meth.
McWilliams, Alfred L.	Meth. Epis. Cld.
Marshburn, Furney N.	N. Bapt. USA
Maxwell, Alphonse	Meth.
Mayo, James A.	P. E.
McNair, Elisha B.	Meth. Epis. Cld.
Middleton, Joseph R.	Meth.
Morgan, Clifton	Ch. of God
Murray, James H.	PE
Owens, Theodore R.	AMEZ
Peak, Sanford N.	N. Bapt. USA
Percy, John S.	Bapt. S.
Powe, Alphonse S.	Pres. USA
Pruden, Joseph D.	N. Bapt. USA
Richmond, Clarence H.	Pres. USA
Robinson, Douglass	AME
Ross, Paul G.	AME
Saunders, Robert J.	Bapt. NCA
Scott, Osburne E.	N. Bapt. USA
Sessions, Girard F.	AME
Sideboard, Henry Y.	Meth. Cld.
Smith, Albert L.	Pres. USA
Smith, Theodore R.	Bapt. NCA
Smith, Forrest M.	AME
Stikes, James E.	Pres. USA
Stroud, Lamar A.	AME
Sutterfield, Winnett E.	Bapt. S.
Swann, Melvin C.	AME
Wactor, James W.	AMEZ
Walker, Charles C.	Cong. Chr.
Walker, James A.	AME
Warley, Exley H.	AME
White, Frank L.	N. Bapt. USA
White, Kenneth	AME
Whittington, Maxwell S.	PE
Woods, General R.	AME

Negro Chaplains who also served in World War II, but were reverted to inactive duty were as follows in October, 1946:

NAME	DENOMINATION
Albert, Theodore R.	Meth.
Alexander, Lloyd M.	PE
Alexander, Lorenzo A.	N. Bapt. USA
Alexander, Robert H.	AME
Allen, George E.	N. Bapt. USA
Anderson, Robert S.	N. Bapt. USA
Armstrong, John W.	AME
Ateca, Mitchell C.	N. Bapt. USA
Austin, F. H.	N. Bapt. USA
Austin, Ralph E.	N. Bapt. USA
Bain, John C.	Meth.
Baker, Roosevelt A.	Bapt. NCA
Bakerville, Lewis A.	PE
Bell, William L.	AME
Bennett, Lorenzo D.	AME
Blake, Charles O.	AME
Blalock, Charles W.	N. Bapt. USA
Booze, Harry C.	Meth.
Bowden, Henry J. C.	PE
Bowman, John W.	Cath.
Briggs, Emmanuel L.	Meth.
Brinkley, William S.	Pres. USA
Brown, Frank R.	AME
Brown, Julius T., Jr.	N. Bapt. USA
Brown, Lorenzo Q.	Meth.
Brown, Richard T.	N. Bapt. USA
Bryan, Joseph D.	Bapt. S.
Bunton, Henry C.	Meth. Epis.
Burt, C. Douglass	Reg. Bapt. N.
Byrd, Charles E.	Bapt. NCA
Calvin, James C.	Meth.
Carr, Joseph M.	Bapt. NCA
Cash, William L., Jr.	Cong. Chr.
Carroll, Edward G.	Meth.
Carty, Denzil A.	PE
Caution, Gustave H.	PE B
Chapman, Herman B.	Bapt. NCA
Charles, Harold E.	AME
Cherry, Charles A.	Bapt. NCA
Clanton, John H.	N. Bapt. USA
Clement, James A.	AMEZ
Clement, Theodore S.	AME
Coby, James E.	N. Bapt. USA
Cole, Joseph R.	Meth. Epis.
Colvin, William J.	AME
Conyers, William M.	Meth.
Cousin, Lee A.	AME
Covington, George E.	Pres. USA
Cox, James A.	N. Bapt. USA
Cox, Lafayette C.	N. Bapt. USA
Crawford, Robert Jr.	N. Bapt. USA
Crichlow, Luther W.	SDA
Crowell, Arthur R.	AME
Crump, Alfonso W.	Meth.
Dandridge, William H.	CME
Darnell, Milner L.	Meth. Cld.
Dickerson, William A.	N. Bapt. USA
Diggs, Franklin B.	Pres. USA
Diggs, Hyason V.	Bapt. NCA
Diggs, Thomas O.	AMEZ
Dixon, Nelson H.	AME
Dokes, Robert B.	N. Bapt. USA
Douglass, Julius T.	Pres. USA
Dungee, John R.	Pres. Un
Dunston, Alfred G., Jr.	AMEZ
Dyer, Jacob A.	N. Bapt. USA
Edwards, John H.	PE
Eichelberger, Lewis Z.	Bapt. NCA
Evans, Lorenzo J.	Disc.
Falconer, John B.	Bapt. NCA
Ferry, Russell A.	N. Bapt. USA
Fortune, Allen E.	Pres. Un.
Freeman, Edward W.	N. Bapt. USA
Frierson, Theodore R.	Meth.
Gantt, Edward W.	AMEZ
Gardner, William E.	N. Bapt. USA
Gibson, Crober C.	AME
Giles, Samuel H.	AME
Golden, Charles F.	Meth
Grady, James C.	AME
Grant, James A. G., Sr.	Cong. Chr.
Gray, William R., Jr.	N. Bapt. USA
Green, William T., Jr.	N. Bapt. USA
Greenfield, Curtis O.	AME
Greer, Samuel D.	Ch. of Chr.
Gross, Robert H.	AME

NAME	DENOMINATION
Guilbeau, Samuel F.	AME
Hacker, Colman L.	Meth. Epis. Cld.
Harrington, Joseph H.	N. Bapt. USA
Harris, Thomas J. R.	Pres. USA
Hawk, Charles N.	N. Bapt. USA
Hawkins, Howard P.	Meth. Cld.
Heacock, Roland T.	Cong. Chr.
Hendrieth, Marlin J.	AME
Hewlett, Everett A.	Pres. USA
Hicks, Elder B.	Bapt. N.
Hightower, William H.	AME
Hill, Furus L.	N. Bapt. USA
Holder, Oscar E.	PE
Holland, Simmie P.	AMEZ
Holliday, Carranza A.	N. Bapt. USA
Howard, Arthur R. Jr.	Meth.
Howard, James F.	AME
Howell, Cajus B.	AME
Hunt, Isaiah H.	AME
Hurley, James B.	AME
Jackson, Clarence E.	N. Bapt. USA
Jefferson, George W.	AME
Jenkins, John J.	AME
Jenkins, Thomas A.	Pres. USA
Jennings, Melvin L.	Assem. of God
Johnson, Darneal F.	Bapt. Nat.
Johnson, Harvey E.	Cong. Chr.
Jones, Bennie J.	N. Bapt. USA
Jones, Carl M.	N. Bapt. USA
Jones, Nathaniel S.	N. Bapt. USA
Jones, Warren C.	Pres. USA
Jones, William L.	Bapt. NCA
Jones, William O.	N. Bapt. USA
Kemp, Andrew J.	N. Bapt. USA
Kennedy, Cordell H.	Pres. USA
Kidd, Paul E.	AME
King, Ralph R.	AME
Lee, Robert H. C.	AMEZ
Lewis, George F.	Disc.
Lissimore, Joseph H.	AME
Little, Harlee H.	AMEZ
Lloyd, Gil B.	N. Bapt. USA
Lowe, Matthew A.	AME
Malone, Van Joseph Sr.	Bapt. NCA
Martin, Argalius E.	Meth.
Martin, Granville H.	Bapt. Nat.
Mattison, Ernest N.	Meth.
May, Carlos M.	AME
Mayfield, Spurgeon J.	Cong. Chr.
McAdams, Elliot L.	Pres. USA
McClellan, William E.	AME
McDonald, Isaac I.	PE
McGee, Charles L.	Pres. USA
McGee, Lewis A.	AME
McLaughlin, Elmer A.	AME
Merriweather, Moses C.	Meth.
Middleton, Richard T.	PE
Morris, James D.	N. Bapt. USA
Muldrow, William H.	AME
Murray, Allen L.	AME
Nash, Wesley B.	AME
O'Neal, Edmund J.	AMEZ
Outlaw, Guy D.	N. Bapt. USA
Owen, Samuel A.	Bapt. Nat.
Parker, Arthur W.	Bapt. Nat.
Parker, Raymond W.	Pres. USA
Penn, Robert E.	Bapt. S.
Perkins, William M.	N. Bapt. USA
Perry, Cyrus W.	Meth.
Pierce, Isaiah B.	AMEZ
Pierson, Cato H.	Meth.
Pogue, King D. S.	Pres. USA
Pointer, Ira A.	Meth.
Points, Isaac B.	Meth.
Powell, Robert B.	N. Bapt. USA

NAME	DENOMINATION
Pritcheett, Charles G.	N. Bapt. USA
Ray, Douglas M.	Meth.
Reddick, King D.	N. Bapt. USA
Reeves, John L.	AME
Rhone, Sandy D.	AME
Rice, Deual C.	N. Bapt. USA
Robinson, Edgar L.	Luth. MS
Robinson, Hughes A.	Cong. Chr.
Robinson, Luther H.	Luth. MS
Scott, William A.	N. Bapt. USA
Shaw, Alvia A.	AME
Skelton, Robert E.	Meth.
Smith, Daniel L.	AME
Smith, Frank A.	Meth. Epis. Cld.
Smith, James H.	Bapt. NCA
Smith, James L.	Pres. USA
Smith, Robert J.	Bapt. N.
Smith, William A.	N. Bapt. USA
Snoddy, Chester A.	Bapt. S.
Spears, Augustus G.	Meth.
Spears, Clifford B.	Disc.
Stanmore, Levi L.	N. Bapt. USA
Stemley, Carey D.	Meth.
Stephens, Fred E.	AME
Stewart, James E.	AMEZ
Strother, William C. Jr.	Meth.
Swisher, Marion P.	N. Bapt. USA
Tarter, Charles L.	Pres. USA
Taylor, Ennis L.	Meth.
Taylor, Paul L.	Pres. USA
Terrell, Hubert C.	AME
Thigpen, Lee A., Jr.	Meth.
Thomas, Alonzo L.	Bapt S.
Thomas, Charles W.	N. Bapt. USA
Thompson, Ernest E.	N. Bapt. USA
Thornton, Henry E.	AME
Tibbs, Albert J.	N. Bapt. USA
Truscott, David L.	Disc.
Tunstall, Charles A.	N. Bapt. USA
Walker, Henry W. B.	Bapt. Nat.
Ward, Beverly M.	Pres. USA
Washington, L. Barnwell	Pres. USA
Watkins, Charles T.	AME
Washington, Sullus B.	AME
Webb, James S.	AME
Wesley, John R.	AMEZ
Wharry, Fore C.	Meth.
White, Greene H.	AME
White, Albert M.	AME
White, Walter S.	AME
Wilkins, William A.	PE
Williams, Arthur D.	Meth.
Williams, Albert R.	Bapt. N.
Williams, Clifton S.	AME
Williams, George W.	Meth.
Williams, Kenneth R.	N. Bapt. USA
Williams, Peter C.	AME
Williams, Samuel J.	Bapt. NCA
Williams, Thaddeus E.	Bapt. NCA
Wilson, Alpheus T.	Meth.
Winthrop, Charles R.	Pres. USA
Wright, Giles R.	Meth. Cld.
Wynne, Otis J.	N. Bapt. USA
Yancey, George R.	N. Bapt. USA
Zeigler, Daniel J.	AME
Brown, James R.	AME
Parham, Thomas D. Jr.	Pres. USA

Under Orders to be Relieved:

Horne, Henry P.	N. Bapt. USA
Shaw, Frank S.	AME
Titus, Phylemon	Meth.

There were other Chaplains who served and had been completely separated before 1946.

USHERS are persons, usually young persons, who guide those coming to church to their seats, help to keep order and sometimes take the offering when it is taken by passing the baskets. There is no limit to their number; they may be organized into an "Ushers' Board" and they report to the quarterly conference. They hold their position at the pleasure of the pastor, whom they also serve.

USURY is the taking of unlawful interest on money, which is condemned by the AME discipline.

VACANCIES. When a vacancy occurs in a general office, the Bishops' Council nominates to the general board concerned a successor who may be rejected or accepted, and keeps on nominating until one is accepted.

VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE. From 1864 to 1867 all of the ministers who labored in Virginia were members of the Baltimore Annual Conference, and reported their work to that conference. On May 10, 1867, in Richmond, Virginia, Bishop Wayman organized the Virginia Annual Conference. The ministers present at the organization were: Bishop Wayman, Revs. J. D. S. Hall, George T. Watkins, R. H. Parker, J. R. V. Thomas, Isaac J. Hill, J. H. Offer, Peter Sheppard, Matthew Marshall, Aaron Pindle, Jacklin Strange, George Williams, Lewis F. Wayne, William F. Williams, Willian H. Smith, Joseph H. Plato, John W. Diggs and J. H. Hughes, who were enrolled as the first members. Revs. J. M. Brown, William H. Brown, R. A. Hill and William H. Hunter were present and took part in the proceedings, but were not members of the conference. The first appointments were: Richmond District, J. D. S. Hall, presiding elder and pastor of Richmond station; Richmond Mission, William Williams; Fredericksburg, J. K. Plato; Port Royal, to be supplied; Farmville, M. Marshal; Portsmouth District, J. R. V. Thomas, presiding elder and pastor Portsmouth Station; Portsmouth Mission, A. Pindle; Smithfield Circuit, I. J. Hill and George Williams; Norfolk District, George T. Watkins, presiding elder and pastor, St. John, Norfolk. The conference collections were as follows: Contingent, $82.33; Baltimore Association, $12; missionary from Richmond Church $7.98; total, $102.31.

VIRGINIA, DANVILLE, St. Paul AME Church, founded 1870; rebuilt 1938 by Rev. L. P. Herring, pastor; Rt. Rev. M. H. Davis, Bishop; Dr. L. H. Hemmingway, Church Extension Department.

VISITATION, PASTORAL. Every pastor is expected to visit his members, particularly those sick or in prison or in other need. He is assisted by the stewards, class leaders, deaconesses and stewardesses, who report to him.

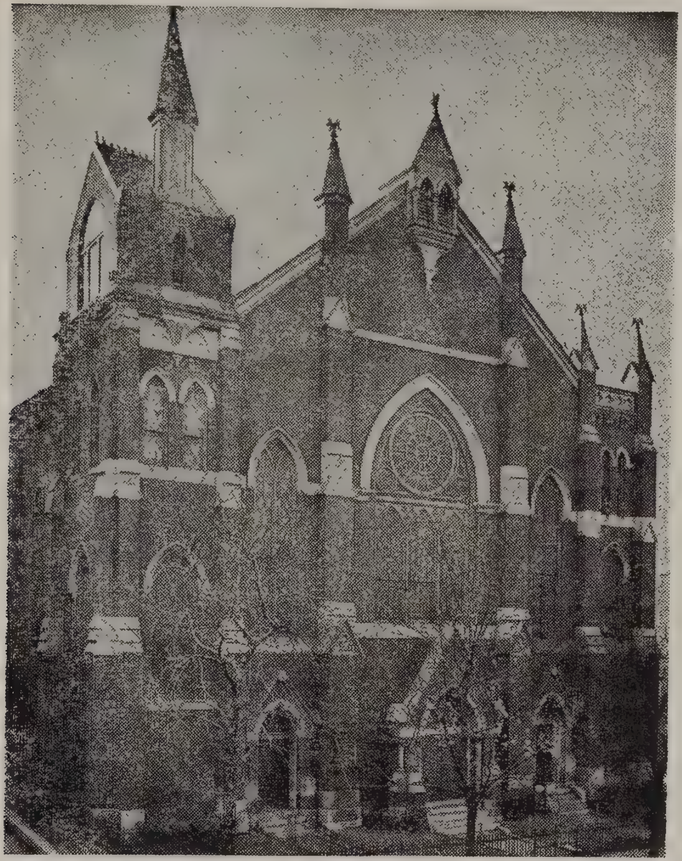
VISITATION EVANGELISM is evangelism through systematic visiting of those to be saved. The pastor appoints visitors and instructs them. They go from house to house carrying the message of the church. Persons are requested to attend church to accept Christ, to engage in Christian service. Home prayer meetings and class meetings are often organized. In this way at least once per year the church will reach every person in the community.

AME Church Parsonage, Lynchburg, Virginia
Rev. L. H. P. Herring, Pastor.

WARD ACADEMY was a small school at Natchez, Mississippi, named for Bishop Ward, supported chiefly by the Natchez District of the Mississippi Annual Conference. Rev. T. J. S. Pendleton was principal. It has closed.

WARD CHAPEL AME CHURCH, KANSAS CITY, MO.

WASHINGTON, D. C., METROPOLITAN AME CHURCH was an outgrowth of the dissatisfactions which occurred in Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church (white) on Fourth Street, near Virginia Avenue, Northeast, about 1820, and the development of separate congregations of Negro Methodists in the District of Columbia. One separation of the colored members of the Ebenezer congregation led to the organization of Israel AME Church in 1821 by



METROPOLITAN AME CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Rev. J. C. Beckett, Pastor.

Rev. David Smith, a member of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the AME Church. At first, these pioneers worshipped in Basil Sim's Rope-Walk on First Street, near Pennsylvania Avenue and subsequently Rev. Mr. Wheat's School House on "Capitol Hill" near Virginia Avenue. They finally purchased the old First Presbyterian Church at the foot of "Capitol Hill." Simultaneously with this activity in southeast Washington, a group of Negroes in Georgetown had also withdrawn from white parishes. The ranks of these Negro groups swelled steadily and a membership report revealed that in 1821 there were over 500 individuals in the District of Columbia who were affiliated with the group inclined towards membership in the AME Church. At the Baltimore Conference session of 1822, Bishop Richard Allen, founder of the AME Church, acknowledged the receipt of a petition from a group of persons in Washington requesting admission to the Conference. Bishop Allen then officially appointed Rev. David Smith to pastor this church, and with this, the District of Columbia became a part of the Baltimore Conference.

After this admission, the old First Presbyterian Church site, purchased at the foot of "Capitol Hill", became known as Israel Bethel AME Church. Scattered through the city there were other groups who assembled in private dwellings for worship. As these gatherings grew and made provisions for worship, they petitioned the Conference for a minister. As a result of this petition, Union Bethel AME Church was organized on July 6, 1838. These two churches, Israel Bethel AME Church and Union Bethel AME Church, were the forerunners of Metropolitan AME Church.

The meetings of Union Bethel, which was more directly related to the rise of Metropolitan, were held in a little house situated in the rear of the residence of one, Mr. Bolden, on L St., near Fifteenth St. Rev. Clayton Durham pastored this little mission. He was associated with Richard Allen in the organization of the Bethel in Philadelphia, also a member of the Convention of 1816 which organization the AME Church. Rev. John Cornish, pastor of Israel AME Church, assisted Rev. Durham in the organization of Union Bethel. At the Baltimore Conference of 1840, Union Bethel petitioned to be officially recognized and admitted. This petition was granted and Rev. Wm. H. Moore was appointed pastor. In this year, a small frame building was erected. Rev. Edward Waters, later bishop, was pastor from 1842 to 1843. In 1844, Rev. Adam Driver was pastor, serving for two years. Rev. Thomas W. Henry succeeded him in 1846, serving until 1848. Reverend Alexander W. Wayman, later a bishop, served as pastor from 1848 to 1849. In this year he was succeeded by Rev. William H. Moore. In 1851, Rev. Wayman returned to Metropolitan for another term of two years. His activity led to the beginning of missions in several parts of the city.

The pastorate of Rev. John R. V. Morgan during the year 1853 was a period of growth for Metropolitan Church because of his outstanding ability as an orator and pastor. He was followed by Rev. Savage L. Hammond who served as pastor during 1854 and 1855. During the year 1856 to 1859, the following pastors served one year each: Rev. William H. Waters, Rev. John J. Herbert, Rev. Michael F. Sluby and Rev. Alexander W. Wayman, who served a third term as pastor. Rev. Daniel W. Moore was pastor during the opening years of the Civil War, 1860-1861. Rev. James A. Handy, also one of the bishops, was pastor during Civil War, 1866-1867, Rev. James A. Handy, George T. Watkins was pastor for a period of six weeks and in 1864-1865, Rev. James D. S. Hall occupied the pulpit.

During the years immediately following the Civil War, 1866-1867, Rev. James A. Handy returned for a second term as pastor. Rev. Richard A. Hall served in 1868 and 1869. Rev. Daniel P. Seaton became pastor in 1870 and 1871. In 1872, Rev. Daniel Draper began an incumbency of two years. Rev. Richard Hall served for one year in 1874, making a second term for him as pastor. At this time Union Bethel had 553 members and Israel Bethel had 473. At the 53rd session of the Baltimore Conference on April 20, 1870, a request was received asking that since the Israel Church property was to be purchased by the government, in the erection of another church the congregation be permitted "to change the name from Israel AME Church to Metropolitan AME Church", and that the twenty-one Annual Conferences of the Connection be asked to contribute one hundred dollars each to the new church. This request was approved. This is the first official mention of the name "Metropolitan". Rev. Joseph Thompson became pastor of Union Bethel in 1875, serving until 1876. Rev. George W. Brodie had the unusual distinction of serving as pastor for three years, 1877, 1878, 1879, a period longer than any other pastor prior to his time. When Reverend John Stevenson became pastor in 1880, the first steps were taken towards the erection of a new building for the congregation at Union Bethel. Rev. Stevenson had been transferred from the New York Conference by Bishop Daniel A. Payne for the special purpose of leading in the erection of a new building. In spite of great difficulties, the old building was torn down and the present structure was begun. The cornerstone was laid in September, 1881, under the auspices of the Masons of the District of Columbia.

Rev. James A. Handy succeeded Rev. Stevenson, who withdrew from the Connection when he was removed by Bishop Payne in 1882 and organized the Central Methodist Episcopal Church with some of the members of Union Bethel Church. Another group of members withdrew during the same period and founded the Plymouth Congregational Church. Other members withdrew to form the Israel CME Church.

By order of the General Conference of 1872, Union Bethel became the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church. This action was affirmed by the General Conferences of 1876 and 1880. The resolution of the General Conference of 1872 recmmended "the building of a Metropolitan Church in the city of Washington, D. C., as per request of the Official Board of Israel Church of said city; and

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Mrs. Elsie P. Beckett, President

STEWARDESSES, METROPOLITAN AME CHURCH
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Seated: Fanny Daugherty, Ida Hopkins, Annie M. Lewis. Standing: Fanny Skinner, Sarah Horton, Gertrude P. Black, Florence Butler.

that each annual conference shall be requested to give at least one hundred dollars for the purpose". On account of the disaffection which had taken place in Israel Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church resulting in its withdrawal from the Connection, the General Conference of 1884 recommended that "Union Bethel Church Society be and are hereby authorized to build and erect said church".

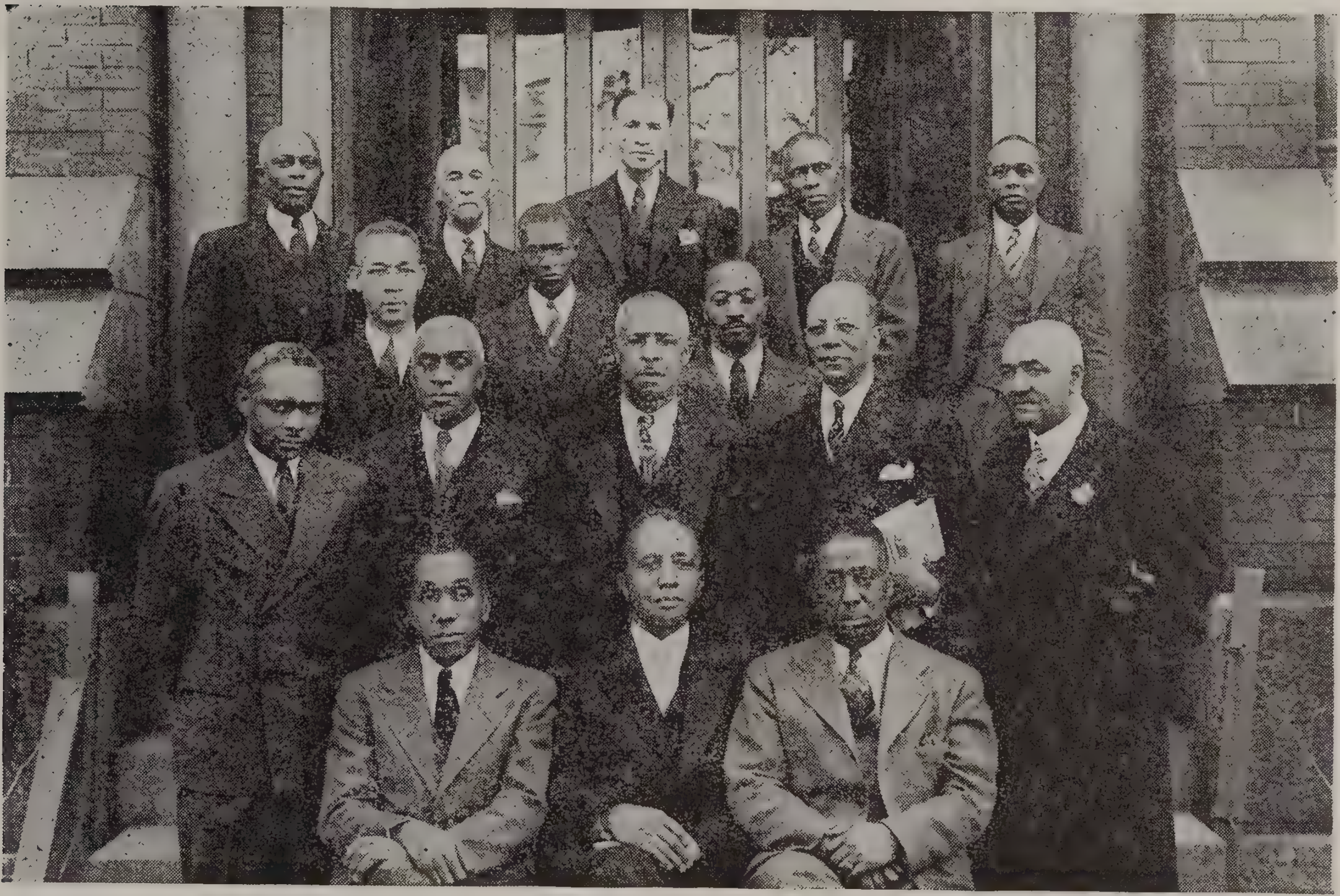
It was further recommended that 25 per cent of the appropriation of $20,000 be paid prior to April, 1885, and that 25 per cent be paid each year until the full amount was paid. In addition "a five per cent collection" was to be taken in all churches and forwarded to the pastor of Metropolitan Church during the year 1885. The cost of the building, not including the ground, was $70,000. The assessed valuation of the ground was then $25,000. The windows of the new structure were memorial ones and contained the names of the Annual Conferences. One was dedicated to the episcopacy and another to each of the departments of the church.

The basement was opened for worship on November 8, 1885, and the dedication ceremonies were conducted on May 30, 1886, by Bishop A. W. Wayman, Bishop H. M. Turner, Bishop R. H. Cain, Bishop J. P. Campbell, Bishop D. A. Payne, Bishop J. A. Shorter, Bishop T. M. D. Ward, Bishop John M. Brown and Dr. J. A. Handy, the Financial Secretary. Rev. T. G. Steward was the first pastor who served in the new building.

The Trustees of the church at this time were: William Beckett, Thomas H. Wright, James Washington, Jeremiah Johnson, James E. Smith, George R. Dollay, Henry Wood, W. H. S. Ease, and James Dean, and the Secretary of the church was John A. Simms, Sr.

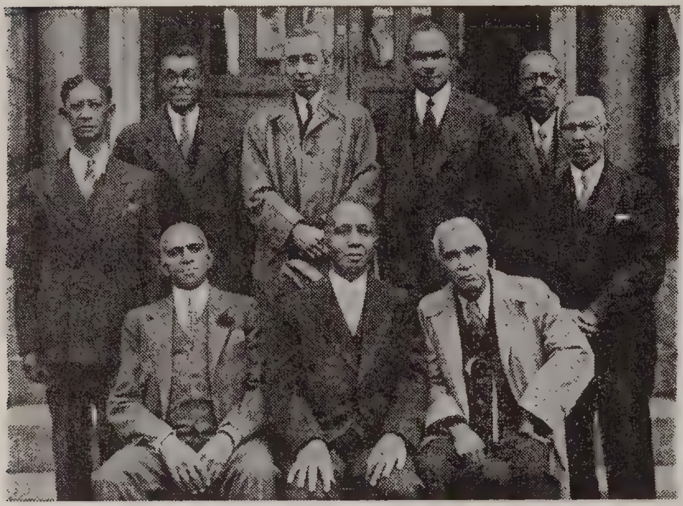
Rev. Steward was succeeded as pastor by Rev. John G. Mitchell in 1888-1889. Rev. J. W. Beckett, the father of the present pastor, Rev. J. C. Beckett, then served for three years, 1890-1893. He was followed by Rev. J. T. Jenifer who served for three years. In 1896, Rev. J. Albert Johnson, later bishop, became pastor and served for the next five years. Rev. D. J. Hill was pastor for two years, 1901-1903. In the year 1903, Rev. O. J. Scott was appointed and continued as pastor for the next four years, when he resigned to accept an appointment as chaplain in the 24th U. S. Infantry. Rev. John W. Welch succeeded him and served for the next two years. He had received his third appointment when his death suddenly occurred. Rev. I. N. Ross, later bishop, served for five years, 1909-1914. Rev. C. H. Stepteau was his successor, serving from 1914 to 1917. Beginning in 1917, Rev. C. M. Tanner became pastor and such financial success attended his efforts that on January 27, 1919, the fourteen thousand dollar mortgage deed was burned before an enthusiastic congregation. Rev. C. E. Stewart served as pastor from 1922-1927. During his pastorate the present organ was installed. In 1927, Rev. W. H. Thomas was appointed and served to the period of his death in 1936. Under his leadership the bonded debt of the church was considerably reduced. His was the longest pastorate in the history of Metropolitan. Rev. J. Campbell Beckett was appointed pastor in 1936 and has served until the present time, 1948. Throughout this period from 1838 to 1944, Metropolitan AME Church has been a beacon light for African Methodists in the United States. It has been the center of important local and national assemblies of representative Negroes throughout the nation, and its officers and members have been among the leading citizens of the District of Columbia.

(By REV. C. H. WESLEY).



THE MEN'S CLUB OF METROPOLITAN AME CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Seated: Fred B. Anderson, Secretary; Rev. J. Campbell Beckett, Edward W. Howard, President. Second Row: Dr. G. M. Galloway, Treasurer; Iverson Hardy, Edward T. Washington, Charles A. Bryan, Dr. L. C. Hiram. Third Row: Wm. G. Hughes, Hillard Rush, Chaplain; Bernard A. Wright. Back Row: Solon Larry, Dr. James E. Simpson, Benjamin H. Miller, George M. Jones, Lewis Doby.



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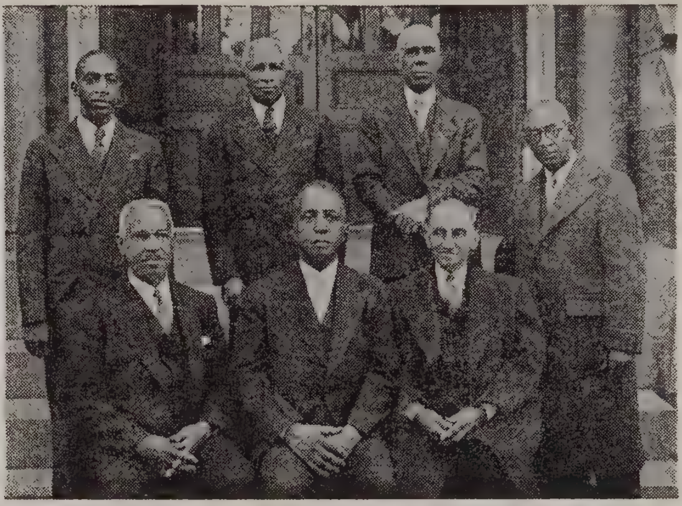
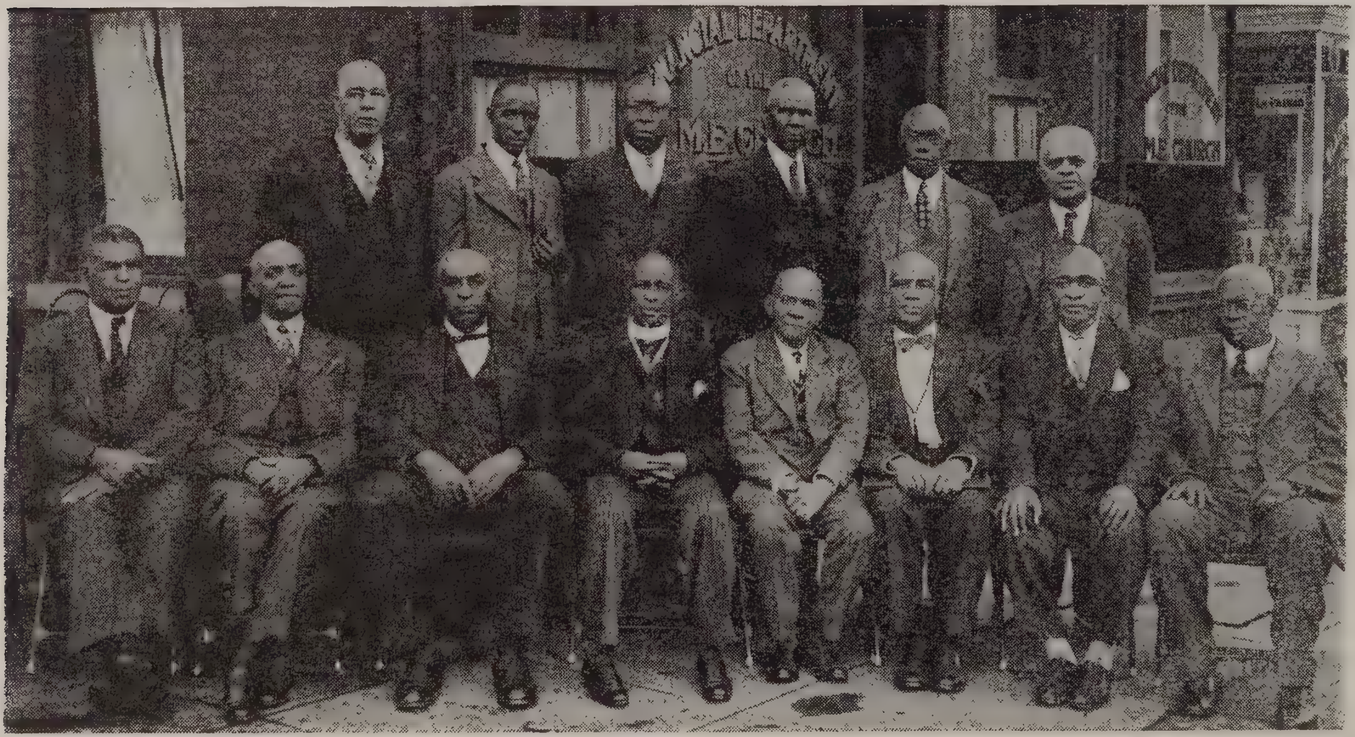
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Seated: S. W. Hardy, Rev. J. C. Beckett, Hon. W. H. C. Brown. Back Row: J. E. Clark, J. T. Ward, E. W. Harrison, Rev. Z. Hawkins, E. Wingard, G. A. Robinson.



TRUSTEES, METROPOLITAN AME CHURCH
WASHINGTON, D. C.
Seated: G. A. Robinson, Rev. J. C. Beckett, F. D. Miller. Standing: F. White, E. S. Heywood, Hon. J. S. Coage, A. L. Barber.



WASHINGTON, D. C., FINANCIAL BOARD AME CHURCH, 1947

WAYMAN INSTITUTE, formerly at Harrodsburg, Ky. was founded by the Kentucky Conference in 1890. It was a small institution for local needs. Its principals have been Revs. I. H. Welch, Augustus Reid, W. H. Lacey, Prof. George W. Saffell, W. E. Newsome, Prof. C. H. Brown and C. H. Boone. The courses were English, normal, academic, theological and industrial. There were 3 teachers and 53 students in 1915-1916; 29 persons graduated between 1890 and 1915. There were 4 buildings, 18½ acres of land, valued at $5000. Wayman Institute was discontinued, the property sold and the interest of Kentucky was merged with Turner College of Tennesee, the latter having received some $2000 from Wayman Institute.

WESLEY, CHARLES, one of the founders of Methodism, 18th child of Rev. Samuel and Susannah Wesley, was born in Epworth, England in 1707 and died in 1788. With his brother John and George Whitfield, he started the great revival in England which resulted in the Methodist Church. He was educated at Oxford University; with John he became a missionary to the new American country in the colony of Georgia. With his brother in 1730, he gave birth to Methodism. Charles was the song writer of Methodism, having composed over 6000 hymns. He never left the Church of England.

WESLEY, JOHN, older brother of Charles, was born in 1703 in Epworth Rectory, and died in 1791. He was the 15th child of Samuel and Susannah Wesley. He was educated at Oxford, was one of the "Holy Club", was called one of the Methodists, went as missionary to America. He was the leader and organizer of the Methodist societies, while his brother Charles was the poet, and George Whitfield the orator and preacher. He never severed his connection with the Church of England.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY, QUINDARO, KANSAS. Over sixty years ago a white minister of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Blackley, donated to the AME Church, 130 acres of land, on the hills of Quindaro for a school to teach Negro youth and to train young men fr the ministry. It started under the administration of Bishop Ward, in the eighties, who built Ward Hall. Bishop Ward was greatly assisted in this pioneer effort by Rev. B. F. Watson, G. C. Booth, I. W. Braxton, J. C. C. Owens, W. B. Brooks, Jas. Wilson, M. S. Bryant and others. Bishop Ward was followed by the following Bishops in order, carrying forward the word so well begun; Bishops Handy, Tanner, Shaffer, each serving for four years. Then came Bishop Abraham Grant who served for seven years, under whose administration things took a definite trend upward. At his death Bishop Parks succeeded and served for thirteen years; Bishop Carey served for four years and was succeeded by Bishop Gregg, who served eight years and was followed by the present incumbent, Bishop Noah W. Williams. Under Bishop Handy the second story of Ward Hall was constructed, under Bishop A. Grant, Ward Hall was finished and a monument to John Brown was built on the campus, and Douglas Hospital was established. Under Bishop Parks, Ward Hall was burned and rebuilt. To say that the school had suffered many reverses and hardships in a half century of struggle is putting it mildly, for which the coming of the present administration Ward Hall had been closed, unfinished and delapidated, together with a stifling debt of $23,000, so that perhaps the most outstanding achievement has been accomplished in the last seven years. The building was rehabilitated at a cost of several thousand dollars, a heating plant and stoker installed at a cost of $3,000, and the entire debt of $23,000 paid, and the mortgage paid off on Douglas Hospital, and both mortgage debts were burned at the Commencement June 3, 1943, and the buildings dedicated for both the Schools of Religion and Douglas Hospital.

TRUSTEES, BISHOP WILLIAMS SCHOOL OF RELIGION, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

The Presidents who have served the School are as follows: Rev. G. C. Booth, for a brief period; then Rev. F. Jesse Peck for three years, then Rev. W. T. Vernon, under whose administration the State of Kansas became interested and established an Industrial Department, being granted a provisoinal deed to several acres, on which the State built several buildings for the Industrial Department. In 1898 the Governor of Kansas recommended state aid, and Western University received the same. Each President thereafter served in a dual capacity, as President of Western University and Superintendent of the Industrial Department. While Dr. W. T. Vernon had a leave of absence to serve the U. S. Government as Registrar of the Treasury, Professor Shelton French was acting President. Thence came Professor H. T. Kealing, who served very successfully for several years, and at his death, Rev. F. J. Peck, again became President and Superintendent and served for eleven years and was succeeded by Professor Jeff King. At the death of Professor King, Professor G. A. Gregg, brother of Bishop John A. Gregg was acting President. With the coming of Bishop Noah W. Williams in 1932, the School was reopened in Ward Hall and named "THE BISHOP WILLIAMS SCHOOL OF RELIGION", and Dr. Fred D. Jordan was placed in charge who served very successfully for five years. Then Rev. Dr. George F. Martin was made President of the University and Dr. J. Russell Brown was elected Dean of the Bishop Williams School of Religion. Under the provisional deed granted the State of Kansas, it was automatically to return to the Church the grounds and buildings and equipment when the State ceased to run the Industrial Department. Now that the State of Kansas had withdrawn (1935) the AME Church established there one of the greatest schools of the race for training missionaries, evangelists, deaconesses, stewardesses, pastors, etc. Douglas Hopital, moved into one of the buildings, and a new chapter is written in African Methodism.

WEST POINT GRADUATES. Eleven of the 30 Negroes admitted up to 1946 graduated from West Point U. S. Military Academy. The first was Henry O. Flipper of Georgia, brother of Bishop J. S. Flipper. He was admitted in 1873 and graduated in 1877. The second graduate was John H. Alexander of Ohio, who graduated in 1887, and was detailed to organize the Department of Military Science and Tactics at Wilberforce University in 1894. The third was Charles Young, also of Ohio, who graduated in 1889 and after the death of Lt. Alexander became the head of the Military Department at Wilberforce, and in 1898 organized the Ninth Ohio Batallion largely with Wilberforce students as officers, which served honorably in the Spanish-American War. There were no other graduates until 1936. Brigadier General B. O. Davis, Sr., was not a West Point graduate but was twice head of Wilberforce University's Military Department. The recent graduates are: Col. B. O. Davis, Jr., '36; Major James D. Fowler, '41; Major Clarence M. Davenport, '43; Capt. Robert B. Tresville, '43, (killed in action); Lt. Henry M. Frances, '44; Lt. Ernest J. Davis, Jr., '45; Lt. Mack E. Rivers, Jr., '45; Lt. Andrew A. McCoy, '46.

WIDOWS of ministers are paid pensions by the Pension Department so long as they are loyal members of the church and remain unmarried. Widows of bishops receive $25 per month from the Financial Secretary.

WILBERFORCE INSTITUTE, SOUTH AFRICA, formerly known as Wilberforce Lillian Derrick Institute, was founded in 1908, largely by African graduates of Wilberforce University, Ohio, U.S.A. With inspiration gained by contacts with the American Negro, they returned home determined to establish an institution under the auspices of the AME Church. Concerning this beginning Rev. Chalmers Nyombolo, in his sketch of the AME Church in South Africa, writes:

"By the efforts of Rev. J. Z. Tantsi and others, a plot of land was bought at Evaton, Transvaal, for establishing an educational institution which would be of the character of the schools of America. The services of M. M. Maxeke, B.A., who had opened a school among the ba-Pedi, and called it Wilberforce, were secured. He suggested that the school should be known by that name also. The school was conducted in a small hut of unburnt bricks. The apartments of the Principal and of the boarders were also used for class-rooms. After Professor Maxeke left Rev. H. C. Msikinya, B.D., was appointed. Unfortunately death soon took him away, and Rev. J. Y. Tantsi was appointed. Owing to the bad state of the building, the work was abandoned for a time, until Bishop Johnson put up a fine building of two stories, which was named Fanny Jackson Coppin Hall as a dormitory for girls; but for want of qualified teachers the building remained idle for some time until the arrival of Bishop Beckett, who gave authority to the trustees to open the school. From that time the school advanced and continued to grow, until the number of boarders became 120. Rev. S. J. Mabote was the manager, and proved himself a very efficient one. Although no grants were available from any other source, local moneys such

WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Fraternal Council of Negro Churches' Committee to President Roosevelt. 1943. Left to Right: Bishop C. L. Russell, (CME Church); Rev. E. L. Harrison, (Baptist); Bishop W. J. Walls, (AME Zion); Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.. Executive Secretary; Bishop J. A. Bray, President; Rev. W. H. Jeragin, Director of Washington Bureau; Bishop D. H. Sims. (AME); Bishop L. H. King, (Methodist).

as were collected by women, and boarding fees paid by the scholars, supplemented by our percentage of Dollar Money, made the school run without contracting debts; and we always felt proud to see the children of our own school not looking behind the children of the old recognized schools in anything. Reverend Dr. J. Y. Tantsi and myself made it our duty every year to visit and examine the school in order to maintain its dignity and retain the confidence of the pupils and parents, without looking for any remunerations or refund for our expenses."

From 1908 to 1945 the institution has come through difficult situations and has experienced some set-backs. But in spite of the discouragements, she stands today as an honour and a credit to the world. She is the proud product of the spirit of SELF-HELP, SELF-INITIATIVE, and SELF-RELIANCE which is characteristic of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Institution is beautifully situated about three miles from Evaton railway station. The postal address is "P. O., Wilberforce Institute, Transvaal". It has its own post office providing full postal services including post, stamps, money and postal orders, telegrams and postal saving accounts. Health service is provided through the Crogman Community Clinic. Wilberforce Institute aims to prepare African youth for life by training of the HEAD, the HEART and the HAND. The staff is composed of African teachers specially selected for their teaching ability and qualifications. Most of the instructors of the Normal College, Secondary, and School of Religion have degrees and full teachings qualifications. The staff of the Practising School is composed of certificated teachers most of whom have completed studies toward the degree.

Wilberforce Institute has the following departments: The Practising School, Secondary School, Normal College, R. R. Wright School of Religion, Carpentry, Domestic Science, Masonry, Tailoring and Shoemaking. In the past there were also a Printing and a Commercial Course. The Practising School, a continuation of the original Primary School, is the oldest section of the Institute. At one time it was known as the Evaton Amalgamated School. For many years the chief problems were adequate buildings and equipment. Classes were held in the several churchs in the Evaton Community. The problem was somewhat overcome in 1937 when Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., leading the faithful and undaunted ministers and laymen of the AME Church, erected the spacious twelve roomed Mokone-Gow building, to accommodate 600 students. Today there is need of 3 more buildings, so greatly has the school grown. The syllabus of the Transvaal Education Department is followed. Classes from Sub-Standard A to Standard VI are offered. The Principal, Mr. Charles Demas, one of the earliest students and graduates of the Secondary School, son of a pioneer AME preacher, Rev. Chas. Demas. The staff is composed of twelve members most of whom were trained as teachers at Wilberforce. In 1944 the enrollment was 610. The home languages of the pupils were: Southern Sesotho 205, Western Sotho 172, Northern Sotho 31, Zulu 164, Xhosa 39, Afrikaans 6.

THE SECONDARY SCHOOL was opened in 1918, from that time until 1937 when Bishop Wright came the school had a terrible struggle for existence. Being unregistered all expenses had to be borne by the Church, which proved at times, to be too heavy a strain on the meager funds. The leaders of hte Church fought magnificently in the face of discouraging odds. Their unflagging zeal and determined spirits made them hold on. The faithful teachers considered the cause to be more worthy than their personal needs and denied themselves for the sake of the cause. Indescribable relief was brought through funds raised by the Wilberforce singers, the Harmony Kings, whotoured the country giving concerts, making records and broadcasting. In spite of the embarrassing handicaps, secondary school made her contribution to the uplift and enhancement of life for many African Youths. A few of the most distinguished students trained in the secondary school are: Rev. J. M Mokone and B. M. Sechaba both of whom are Presiding Elders and Mrs. Mockhayya. Mr. Charles Demas, present principal of the Practising School, Mr. Godfrey Kuzwayo, Manager of the Africans' Own Printing and Publishing Company (Pty) Ltd. Johannesburg, the largest and most efficient African Printing concern in the Union, a Trustee of the Institute, President of the Wilberforce Old Students' Association, Secretary-Treasurer of the Transvaal Annual Conference, and connectional Secretary of the AME Golden Jubilee Committee; Mr. S. Mbewu, who became Principal of the Primary School Heilbron, and is now teacher in the Wilberforce Practising School; Mr. Vincent Qunta, B.A. teacher at Clarkbury Institution; Mr. Kasas Moremi, Sipo Mashiqu and others.

The Secondary School was closed for a brief period from the end of 1937 to the middle of 1939 while plans were being made for suitable accommodation. With the official opening of the "New Lydia Wright building", erected by Bishop Wright's leadership, the Secondary School was re-opened and registered by the Transvaal Education Department. Since the re-opening as a registered Secondary School, developments have been rapid. At the end of 1944, the staff consisted of two teachers who are University graduates and one who has completed two years towards the B.A. degree. The enrollment was 102 students. The Junior Certificates Course is offered. The number of applicants for admission is three times greater than the number accepted. Plans are on foot for the erection of an up-to-date twenty room High School building where Matriculation course will be offered.

THE NORMAL COLLEGE (Teacher Training Department) was begun in 1925 when Dr. F. H. Gow was Principal and Bishop J. A. Gregg was presiding in South Africa. The Normal College was also unregistered until 1936, when Bishop Wright came, and until then was supported entirely out of Church funds and school fees of the pupils. Teachers waited sometimes six months before they received pay for their services. Had it not been for their loyalty and steadfastness the school could not have continued. The school being unregistered, those who completed the course were handicapped in that their certificates were not recognized by Provincial Education Departments. A great forward step was made when the Tri-cennial Building, Eliza Gregg Hall, was erected in 1927 by Bishop Gregg. The next step ahead came in 1936 when under Bishop Wright, the school was recognized by the Transvaal Education Department. Since that time, growth has been rapid and each year a fine group of African youths are sent out as teachers. The Lower Primary Certificate (N.P.L.) has been offered. As from 1946 only the Higher Teachers' Certificates (N.P.H.) will be offered. In 1944 the enrollment was 140 students. The staff in 1945 consists of four University graduates and two who have done work beyond Matriculation.

"R. R. WRIGHT SCHOOL OF RELIGION", (Ministerial Training School). Efforts to provide formal training of Ministers were started as early as 1920, when Rev. Edward T. Magaya, B.A., B.D., principal, gathered a few students and taught them theological subjects. Some of those early students are serving the church and school today. They were: Mr. Charles Demas, Rev. P. A. Tekane, Presiding Elder of the Ermelo District, and Rev. I. Sehong, Minister of Shalieng in the Kimberley District. During the Principalship of Dr. F. H. Gow, (1925-1934) several candidates were given theological instruction. The present course for the training of ministers was established by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., in 1938. The school known as the R. R. Wright School of Religion is in honour and memory of the vision and courage of Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. From the beginning the school has been open to Ministerial candidates of all Christian denominations. A three year course leading to the certificate of Licentiate in Theology is offered.

At the end of 1944 the following students had completed the Course: The Rev. D. S. J. Sebolao, who has served as pastor of Molepo Circuit from 1940 to 1942, was assistant

Instructor in the School of Religion from 1942 to 1944, and as from 1945 is pastor of New Castle Circuit, Natal; Bro. John Lakay, pastor of Eureka Circuit, Cape Conference as from 1945; Bros. Isaac Fortuin and Jacob Noble; Rev. Hammington Ziyezwa, pastor of Daninge Circuit, Grahamstown District as from 1943; Rev. J. J. N. Mdlulwa, pastor of Herschel Circuit, Queenstown District as from 1942; Rev. B. P. Seiphemo, pastor Kempton Park Circuit from 1942 to 1944, as pastor of Vryburg Circuit, Bechuanaland District as from 1945; Rev. D. N. Modisapodi, assistant pastor, Pretoria Circuit from 1942 to 1944, teacher in the R. R. Wright School of Religion and clerk in the Superintendent's office as from 1945, Rev. F. V. Tantsi, pastor Vogelstruispan, Warmbath District as from 1945; Rev. S. S. Phoofolo, pastor Filibusa 1942, and Kitwe 1943 Zambesi Conference, and as from 1945; Makosini, Swaziland. Other students of the School of Religion now serving as pastors are: In the Natal Conference, Bros. Joshua Dhlamini, 5 years; Herbert C. Gowabe, 5 years; E. C. Malaka, 5 years. Orangia Conference: Revs. S. E. Tladi, 5 years; Joe Senkge, 2 years. Cape Conference: Bro. Isaac Logolie, 3 years. Transvaal Conference: Bros. Michael Sebashe, 6 years; Ruben Telela, 3 years; Hendry Sebeko, 3 years; Zephniah Moremi, 3 years; Job Moncho, 2 years; David and Ishmael Qobolo, 4 years each; Joseph Machobane and Daniel Seaga, 1 year each. Students of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa serving as pastors are: Bros. Albert Nxweni and A. Botteman. Former students pursuing higher training are: Bros. Charlton Mpetsheni and Champion Ngoma. The Dean of the School of Religion is the Rev. Josephus R. Coan, B.A. Howard University, B.D. and M.A. Yale University, D.D. Morris Brown College, formerly of the Turner Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia. The staff consists of the Rev. Levi Coppin Gow, B.A. McMaster's University, (Canada) and Rev. D. N. Modisapodi L.Th. Revs. Coan and Gow were brought to the School of Religion by Bishop Wright. Others who have served as assistant teachers were: Rev. H. D. Sello, pastor Wilberforce Circuit. Rev. D. S. J. Sebolao, Pastor New Castle Circuit, and Rev. George Sidlai, deceased.

THE INDUSTRIAL (VOCATIONAL) DEPARTMENT: Manual training has always been a part of the programme of Wilberforce Institute. With the coming of Dr. F. H. Gow in 1925 this type of training received greater attention. Formerly connected with Tuskegee Institute he brought vocational training. Girls were taught domestic science. Boys were taught in woodwork, leather work, agriculture, and printing. Both boys and girls were given training in commercial subjects such as bookkeeping, typing and shorthand.

The first domestic science teacher was Miss Mary Tshabalala, who was also matron in the girls' hostel. Later came Mrs. Louise B. Gow, wife of the principal, trained in the U.S.A. Mrs. M. Monyake served for a time. A new day began to dawn in 1937, when Bishop Wright brought Dr. and Mrs. A. J. White to Wilberforce. Mrs. L. G. White, B.A. (Wilberforce University U.S.A.) organised a class in domestic science in the principal's cottage (The White House) with 3 girls. Mrs. White worked untiringly, practising with the girls until late hours in the night, demonstrating the work of the girls at conferences and conventions, and preparing special shows for the chief and circuit inspectors of the Transvaal Education Department. The labours brought rich reward. For on the 16th April, 1939, celebrating Bishop Wright's birthday Dr. W. Eislen, Chief Inspector of Native Education, in his address in connection with the laying of the foundation stone of the Lydia Wright Normal School Recitation Building, announced that as from the second term of that year the Domestic Science Department would be registered, (accredited). From then onward developments have been rapid and extensive. At the time of the registration of the course, there were 7 students. In 1945 the enrollment was 42. The first instructor after registration Mrs. L. G. White, who completed the year 1939, and returned to America. Other instructors are: Mrs. W. S. L. Qupe, 1940, Mrs. E. V. Morake, B.Sc., M.A. 1941, Mrs. D. Matebula 1942. Those appointed in 1945 are: Mrs. N. Sidlai, Miss P. M. N. Maseko, B.A., U.E.D., and Mrs. E. Rajwili. When the Department was registered in 1939 the only equipment was two sewing machines. The classroom was the principal's cottage. That same year, the Wilberforce Old Students Association gave concert at the Bantu Men's Social Centre, Johannesburg, and from the proceeds of about £20, purchased for the new Department a stove, sink and few kitchen and dining room utensils. The Mothers of the W.H. & F.M. Society took a keen interest and at their conventions in 1940 promised to provide the money for a suitable building. At the same time the demand for a boys Industrial Building arose. The drive for the girls' Vocational Training and Boys' Vocational Buildings began in 1941 and ended in 1943. The total contributed towards those two projects was £2,602-11-5. The two buildings on the 23rd January 1944 were formally dedicated and officially opened by Mr. A. Muller, Organizer of Industrial Work, representing the Transvaal Education Department and Bishop J. A. Gregg, who paid a flying visit to South Africa, representing the AME Church.

The Domestic Science Building, also known as the "Girls' Vocational Building" and "Domestic Science Centre" is 120' x 22' and has rooms for the teaching of Laundry, Cookery, Sewing, a dining room and apartments for the teaching of Home Management. Its value is estimated to be about £4,000. It is provided with furniture and equipment valued at £500. The National Junior Certificate in Domestic Science is offered. The syllabus is that of the Union Education Department.

Training in simple carpentry is one of the prescribed subjects for the Teachers Training Course. Since the beginning of the Teachers' Course at Wilberforce, training in woodwork has been provided. During the principalship of Dr. F. H. Gow, a carpentry room was built and tools provided. Students did practical work making useful articles and repairing.

During the principalship of Dr. A. J. White, a step further was taken. In addition to the teacher training pupils doing carpentry as a subject, a three year course was organized, with a diploma in carpentry to the completers. Before carpentry was organized as a course, the chief handicaps were lack of a suitable building and tools. Since 1940 the Tansvaal Education Department has given grants steadily. A full time qualified Instructor has been appointed. The Department was at first housed in the Old Assembly Hall. At the beginning of 1944, the Department moved to its new quarters in the Boys' Vocational Building. The Department now has a 60' x 20' room, Equipment valued at about £200, pupils numbering 37, not including the Teacher Training pupils who still take carpentry as a subject. Each year the Department sends out well trained boys who are making good in their trades.

AGRICULTURE has been and still is one of the prescribed subjects for the Teacher Training Course. In former days, the subject was taught by one of the teachers of the Normal College. In 1942 an Agricultural Demonstrator was appointed by the Institute and approved by the Transvaal Education Department in 1943. As soon as sufficient land, live stock, building, and implements can be obtained, agriculture will become a course. Some progress has been made in that direction. The gardens at the school and on the Institute small farm provide a small quantity of vegetables for the Boarding Department. So far the work is in its infancy.

MASONRY, TAILORING, SHOEMAKING, these three trade courses were organized in 1940. For a year each of them was operated out of local funds. All were registered simultaneously in 1941. During the Principalship of Dr. A. J. White in 1939 some preparations were made for the beginning of these courses. But as there was no accommodation for the shops, their beginning was not until the old printing shop was renovated and converted into the tailoring and shoemaking shops. As funds were scarce the first teachers of tailoring and shoemaking, who were recent graduates of Ohlange Institute, used their personal tools about a year before the Institute was in a position to purchase equipments. The Masonry Department was begun as a result of the initiative of Dr. J. R. Coan, who being a mason, and while Dean of the R. R. Wright School of Religion, made a few repairs and alterations on some of the Institute buildings. He was assisted cheerfully by the students of the School of Religion who were eager to gain a bit of knowledge and skill in the trade. Rev. H. M. Ziyezwa, student from Southern Rhodesia, and a master builder, proved to be most indispensable. The first and only teacher of the masonry department is Mr. Gabrial Mogau, who is also architect and contractor for the Institute. With his students he has erected the following buildings on the campus: Sanitary 1941, Mabote Memorial 1942, Domestic Science Centre 1943, Boys' Vocational Building 1944. The Department has also built extensions to existing buildings, kept up repairs, and partitioned rooms. Two students have completed the masonry course and are now profitably employed. The enrollment in 1945 was 7.

The Mission Printing-Press has played a significant roll in the expansion of the Christian Message and spirit. It was started during the administration of Bishop Gregg. The instructor and manager was Mr. D. A. H. Opperman. The Wilberforce Press printed the minutes of Conferences and Conventions, Presiding Elders' and Conference schedules, The South African Christian Recorder, and stationery of all descriptions for Church use. From the shop have come some first class printers who are giving valuable service. The most outstanding of them is Mr. G. R. Kuzwayo, Managing Director of the Africans' Own Printing and Publishing Company. Mr. Absolom Khomo, Manager of Modern Printing, and Messers Ben Thokoa and Khubeka at the Progressive Printers. Hindered and restricted by funds the press was discontinued in 1938.

COMMERCIAL COURSE. For many years instruction was given in typing, bookkeeping, and shorthand. Students trained in this course have filled with great compentency positions as clerks in Government departments, bookkeepers in stores and shops, secretaries for large business and social organizations and postal services. The secretary of the Institute, Mrs. C. L. Opperman was trained in the Institute's commercial course. Aside from this post, she was for six years post mistress of the Wilberforce Institute post office, and was then the only African woman to hold such a post in the Union. As secretary of the Women's Missionary Society her services are in great demand. The course was conducted by Mr. M. Qupe, who is now in point of service the oldest member of the Institute staff.

MUSIC training has been from the very beginning a vital part of the Institute programme. It is the most popular of all subjects. In 1921 the Institute employed Mr. Reuben E. Davis, A.T.C.L. as piano instructor. The "Wilberforce Singers" have toured the entire Union rendering concerts and giving pageants. Recordings were made in abundance, and broadcasting has been continuous. The present Institute choir provides music for all special occasions. The Vesper choir furnishes music for the Sunday evening services. Within the last year, an orchestra has been formed under the direction of the Rev. L. C. Gow. A grand piano has ben donated by the combined conventions of the Missionary Society.

THE BOARDING DEPARTMENT. The iron building was the first boys' hostel on the campus. This was followed by the Fanny Coppin Hall for girls. In 1927 the Eliza Gregg Hall was erected and the upstair portion used as boys' hostel. The dining hall for both sexes was for many years in the girls' hostel. In 1944 larger accommodations were provided by converting the old primary class rooms into a dining hall. Shortage of land makes the sufficient growing of vegetables and the raising of live stocks impossible.

THE CROGMAN COMMUNITY CLINIC

The seed that eventually germinated in the Crogman Community Clinic was the untimely death of one of the male students of the Wilberforce Institute. Towards the end of the year 1937, one of the male students in the hostel became suddenly and seriously ill. Efforts to get a doctor failed, and the student died. When news of the death of the student reached Bishop Wright in Cape Town, he was also lying helplessly in his bed suffering from a dreadful attack of rheumatism. The sudden death of this promising student, and the fact that there was neither resident doctor, nor health centre in the community of 14,000 inhabitants to attend such emergency cases, deeply moved the Bishop. He resolved that if he should be spared to get up from his bed, he would never stop until a Health Centre was established for the students of Wilberforce Institute and the people of the community. On February 22, 1938, in his sermon to the Bishops and Connectional Council at St. Johns AME Church, Montgomery, Alabama (U.S.A.), Bishop Wright took for his text these words: "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly Vision" (Acts 26:19). To the bishop the building of a health centre at Evaton was as a "heavenly vision" to which the AME Church must not be disobedient. The bishop's message moved the AME Church to do something about the "heavenly vision". Bishop and Mrs. Wright traveled over the United States, spreading the message of the gospel, showing films, demonstrating needlework done by students, broadcasting, appealing for funds for the Health Centre. They returned to South Africa in August, 1938, and started at once to plan for the Clinic. The ground breaking ceremony was held January 19, 1939, first spade was turned by Mr. McMasters, Native Commissioner Vereeniging, who addressed the body and presented cheques from the Native Affairs Department for £250 to help in operating the Clinic. The foundation stone was laid by Bishop Wright on his birthday, 16th April 1939. The Crogman Community Clinic building was dedicated on the 30th July, and opened for service 1st September 1939. The first nursing superintendent was Nurse Grace E. Wares (Mrs. Erasmus) who was brought by Bishop Wright from New York in 1939, who served from the opening to October 1943. She was succeeded by Nurse Eunice Stofile (Nurse Opperman) who holds the post today. Assisting from the beginning up to date is Nurse Ethel Nkomo. Other Nurses who have served were: Nurses Sikiti and Mshumpela. Dr. W. H. S. Liebenberk served as physician from the opening to May 1940. Dr. A. B. Xuma began in June 1940 and has served up to the present. Bishop Wright had arranged to have Dr. Hastings Banda as the first physician; but on account of World War he could not get out of England. Dr. Bonds was educated largely by the AME Missionary Society in America.

The chief sources of financial support for the Clinic are the Native Affairs Department and the AME Church. The Native Affairs Department has made an annual grant since 1940 of £500, the average grant of the AME Church has been £300. The Union Department for Public Health has paid part-refund on Nurses' salary as from 1942. The income from January to December 1944 was £1037-11-5. During 1944, 247 medical and surgical cases, 69 doctor's home visits, 32 ante-natal cases and confinements, 232 Wasserman tests, 358 venereal disease cases, 319 nurses home visits, 10 hospital cases and 13 death. For six years the Clinic has provided health services for the students and the community. Like St. Paul, Bishop Wright and the Church were not "disobedient to heavenly vision".

BUILDINGS OF WILBERFORCE

Perhaps the most interesting part of the story of Wilberforce has been her struggle to provide buildings to meet the needs of her educational programme. The fourteen buildings erected on her grounds today have each a facinating story—The story of indomitable will, resolute determination, gallant struggle, and robust religious faith. References to some of them have been made. The complete story of each cannot be given here:

(1) THE IRON BUILDING, so-called because the outer walls and roof are built of corrugated zinc, is the oldest on the campus. It was the boys first hostel and dining room. Its use has been varied, Primary class rooms Domestic Science Centre, Store rooms. In 1945 the five rooms are being used as follows: Two practising school classes, Tailoring shop, Dormitory for carpentry teacher, and coal store.

(2) FANNY COPPIN HALL, erected in 1908, by the Women's Mite Missionary Society in memory of Mother Fannie J. Coppin, the wife of Bishop L. J. Coppin, the first resident Bishop in South Africa. It is a doubled story, fourteen rooms brick structure. The three foundation stones were laid by Mrs. V. A. S. Gabashane, Mrs. E. Kumalo, and Rev. M. M. Mokone. In the early days of the Institute some of the rooms were used for classes, and the principal's office, as well as girls' hostel. Until recently the dining room for teachers and students were in this building. At present the Matron, and Domestic Science teacher occupy rooms in the building. Other rooms are used for girls' hostel. In 1941 an additional room was attached for store-room purposes and tank stand.

(3) THE DINING HALL* was originally built for assembly and class room purposes. Later it was used for carpentry. Today as dining room. The rooms have been attached and are being used as garage and engine house for electric plant.

(4) SHOEMAKING SHOP. This four room store building was originally erected as a teachers' cottage. Since then it has been the printing shop and Tailoring shop. At present it is the home of the shoemaking Department and the feeding scheme of the Practising school.

(5) THE PRINCIPAL'S COTTAGE. This six room, raw bricks building covered with zinc has been consistently used as the cottage for the principal. However, special classes have been held there.

(6) THE KITCHEN. This building which is attached to the Iron building was erected originally as a carpentry room. It was remodelled and used as Domestic Science. and tool shop. Today it is used as the Institute Kitchen, food store and tool shop.

(7) ELIZA GREGG HALL, a doubled story, twenty four room, face brick building was erected in 1928, is known as the Tri-cennial building, erected in memory of the mother of Bishop J. A. Gregg. It was built for the purpose of administration, class rooms and hostel. It is being used for these purposes today.

(8) MOKONE-GOW HALL, a twelve room, recitation hall, for the Practising School, erected in 1937 by Bishop Wright, in memory of two leading pioneers of the AME Church, Fathers M. M. Mokone, and F. M. Gow.
Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.

(9) THE LYDIA WRIGHT HALL, an eight room recitation and office building, erected in 1939 by Bishop Wright, for the Normal and Secondary School. Two rooms are used for religious services and assembly purposes. The building is named in honor of the Mother of Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.

(10) THE CROGMAN COMMUNITY CLINIC, is a five room health center, erected in 1939 by Bishop Wright, and named in honor of Dr. W. H. Crogman, former President of Clark University, Atlanta, Georgia, father of Mrs. R. R. Wright, Jr.

(11) THE SANITARY BUILDING, erected in 1941, is a four room house, providing bath rooms and lavatories for male teachers and students. Running water system has been installed and a septic tank and French drain connected.

(12) MABOTE MEMORIAL BUILDING, erected 1924 and named in memory of the Rev. S. J. Mabote, former superintendent of the Institute, is the Post Office building and Office of the Institute Secretary.

(13) GIRLS' VOCATIONAL BUILDING, erected in 1943 through funds made available by the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, (S.A.), a six room building, providing a complete centre for the teaching of Domestic Science.

(14) BOYS' VOCATIONAL BUILDING, erected in 1943, by the above named Society and aided by the Native Affairs Department of the Union Government is the Industrial Center for boys. The centres for Carpentry and Tailoring are completed and in use. The centres for masonry and shoemaking are incomplete. The last four buildings have been erected mainly by students labour in the industrial departments.

Wilberforce Institute is one of the greatest educational endeavors of the AME Church in South Africa. Funds for support of the Institute have come both from American and South Africa. In the earlier days funds from overseas were greater than they are today. As the Church in South Africa has become stronger she has taken on most of the responsibility of financing the Institute. The Church owns and controls the Institute. A Board of Trustees elected by the several annual Conferences and Conventions manages the Institute on behalf of the Church.

Wilberforce Institute is one of the registered training, secondary and industrial schools of the Transvaal Education Department, which supervises the work through its inspectors and supervisors. The superintendent, principal and teachers must be approved by the Transvaal Education Department. The pupils are examined and certificates issued by the Department. The Department pays grants in-aid of teachers' salaries, equipment, rent, capitation, school fees and bursaries.

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. The Native Affairs Department gives occasional grants. Upon application this Department gives grant in aid of seeds and fertilizer for gardens; also an annual grant of £500 for the maintenance of the Clinic, a grant of £250 in aid of sanitary improvement, and a grant of £2,500 for industrial building.

The Social Welfare Department supplies grant for the feeding scheme of the Practising School. The Part-Time classes and the Domestic Science Course are under the Union Education Department.

WILBERFORCE; A UNIQUE INSTITUTION

Wilberforce is the only institution of its rank and status in Southern Africa that is owned, operated and controlled by Africans and persons of African's descent. Wilberforce has the responsibility of preparing students for life with, at least, equal thoroughness as any other educational institution of her rank and status. But she has the other task of convincing the world that this thorough training can be done by Africans, Wilberforce has been regarded as an "experiment." Doubting Thomases have prophesied failure. Cynics have ridiculed her efforts, obstructionists have tried to defeat her plans.

These unhealthy attitudes grow out of the notion that the black man is inherently incapable of the successful running of such an institution. In the name of educational psychology some have taken great pains in endeavors to prove the mental inferiority of the Africans. One of the task of Wilberforce is that of changing this notion. This notion will be changed not by public debates, but by the on-going progress of the Institute in building noble manhood and womanhood.

BISHOPS

The Destiny of Wilberforce Institute is inseparately bound up with the life and labours of the AME bishop assigned to South Africa. Since the beginning of the

Institution seven Bishops have served the South African field. They have been the chancellors of the institution, the ex-officer Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Like captains of great ships they have directed her onward journeys. Significant developments have taken place during the administrations of these Holy Fathers:

BISHOP J. A. JOHNSON (1908): The Institution was established during his period of service, and the girls' hostel was erected.

BISHOP W. W. BECKETT (1916): During his Administration the Secondary School was begun, and buildings erected were: Principal's cottage, Teachers' cottage, First Post Office building and Primary School building.

BISHOP W. T. VERNON (1920): The work was strengthened.

BISHOP J. A. GREGG (1924): During his administration the Institute took a great forward stride. Having been president of Wilberforce University (U.S.A.) he exercised great wisdom and courage in leading the Institute onward and upward. During his time the Normal Course was started, Eliza Gregg Hall built, the Printing Press started and a new period of growth and expansion never known before was ushered in.

BISHOP G. B. YOUNG (1928): During his administration there was steady growth and consolidation.

BISHOP D. H. SIMS (1932): As former president of Allen University, he brought new and refreshing ideas to the Institute. Heavy indebtednesses were paid, Laboratory equipment supplied, needed repairs made on buildings.

BISHOP R. R. WRIGHT, JR. (1936): Former president Wilberforce University, general officer in the Church for 28 years, a genius in business. The Institution during his time took a long step in the right direction. The following buildings were erected: Mokone-Gow (1937), Lydia Wright and Crogman Community Clinic (1939), establishment of the Wright School of Religion. Brought over from America Dr. A. J. White, as Principal, Mrs. L. G. White, Secretary, Dr. J. R. Coan, Dean of the School of Religion, Mrs. L. M. Hughes, President Missionary Society, Miss G. E. Wares (Mrs. Erasmus) and appointed as teacher at Wilberforce Crogman Community Clinic. Bishop Wright also brought back to Africa, Rev. L. C. Gow, and Mr. F. C. Maxeke, who had been trained in America, and Mr. R. R. Wright, III.

BISHOP F. M. REID (1940): BISHOP G. W. BABER (1944): Although these Bishops have not reached South Africa, their influence have been felt in the uplift and advancement of the work.

SUPERINTENDENTS (GOVERNORS)

The first to hold this honourable position was the Rev. S. J. Mabote, from 1916 to 1920; he worked incessantly during these early days of beginning, when there were no grants from the Education Department, when the principal source of income were the school fees and Church grants. Rev. Mabote brought great relief to the boarding Department by collecting provisions from the several circuits and saving a great provision bill. He plays a big part in getting the Institute Post Office started. In memory of his great service to this cause the new Post Office Building is named afer him.

During the terms of Dr. F. H. Gow, Mrs. Eva M. Morake the office of Superintendent was combined with that of Principal. In 1940, Dr. J. R. Coan was made superintendent and serves until this day. He set out to strengthen the staff. From 1940 to 1945 the staff increased from 20 to 40. The number holding University degrees increased from 1 to 9. He caused the following buildings to be erected: Sanitary, Mabote Memorial, Boys' Industrial, Girls' Industrial, increased the permanent equipment by 2,000 pounds, purchased seven morgan land for 525 pounds, insured the buildings and equipments, introduced sound bookkeeping leading to audited Balance sheet and financial statement, introduced and had registered masonry, shoemaking and tailoring Departments provided an Agricultural Demonstrator, received annual grants from the T.E.D. and two grants from Native Affairs Department totaling £2,750.

Europeans who have served as Superintendents were: The Rev. A. A. Kidwell, Rev. Dr. J. D. Taylor and Mr. C. A. Jansen.

PRINCIPALS OF WILBERFORCE. The first principal was the REV. MARSHALL MACDONALD MAXEKE, B.A., graduate of Wilberforce University. He, with his wife Mrs. Charlotte (Manye) Maxeke, B.Sc., the first woman of Bantu origin to hold a University degree, started a private school at Chief Ramokhopa's Kraal, Pietersburg District, Transvaal. This school became the forerunner of Wilberforce Institute.

THE REV. HARSENT TANTSI served for a brief period and returned to America.

THE REV. HENRY COLBOURNE MSIKINYA, B.A., (Wilberforce University, U.S.A.), also served as principal; pastored in Kalk Bay, principal of Bethel Institute and finally principal of Wilberforce, he died while serving as principal, 16th October 1912.

After the death of Rev. Msikinya, THE REV. J. Y. TANTSI, B.A., B.D., served for a brief period and was called to pastorate.

THE REV. TOLETYI MAGAYA, B.A., B.D., was principal from 1917 to 1924, with his coming the Institution which for a brief period had been closed was re-opened. The Secondary School was started, Theological classes were held. Death came to Rev. Magaya in 1924 while serving as principal.

THE REV. F. H. GOW, D.D., was principal from 1925 to 1934, being a former teacher of Tuskegee. The Institute advanced most rapidly during this period. His influence and prestige stretched far and wide. The Normal Department began, Classes in Domestic Science, Carpentry, and shoemaking, printing, and commercial subjects including shorthand, typing and bookkeeping, printing and agriculture were started. The famous Wilberforce Institute singers arose and traveled throughout the Union broadcasting the fame of the Institute. The Printing Press came into existence. The Post Office became registered. Rooms added for carpentry, and also to the Principal's cottage. The building of Eliza Gregg Hall.

MRS. EVA M. MORAKE, B.A., M.A. (1935-1936): Graduate of Wilberforce, and Columbia Universities, the first and only woman who has so far served as principal and superintendent of this Institute.

DR. AMOS JEROME WHITE, M.A., LL.D. (1937-1939): Graduate of Harvard and Ohio State Universities. The first American Negro to become principal of the Institute. During his time the Normal Department was registered, by the T. E. D., Secondary School re-opened and registered, School of Religion opened, Domestic Science course opened. The introduction of Founders' and Miss. Wilberforce Days. Introduction of the "Pals" and SEN MER REKH CLUBS.

DR. J. M. NHLAPO, Ph.D. (1940): Graduate University of South Africa. McKinley-Roosevelt, Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, the only person holding the degree of Doctor. During his time the enrollment increased from 52 to 426. New courses added were masonry, shoemaking, tailoring, primary, higher and part-time-classes, for adults.

MR. D. A. H. OPPERMAN served as acting principal on four different occasions, 1924, after the death of Rev. Magaya to the arrival of Dr. Gow, 1934, the interval between the transfer of Dr. F. H. Gow to Bethel, Cape Town to the arrival of Mrs. Morake, the interval between Mrs. Morake and Dr. White, and the interval between Dr. White and Dr. Nhlapo. In point of continuous service, Mr. Opperman is the next to the oldest staff members having served the Institute continuously from 1917.

In addition to the four intervals he served as principal, he was assistant in the Normal, Secondary School, Director of the Printing Department. His long connection in the Institute makes him the most authentic source of information both in connection with the Institute and the Evaton Community. His home is the episcopal resdence for the bishop when visiting the Transvaal. He resigned from teaching in 1942 to take up the duties of post master in the newly up graded Post Office.

FIRST BOARD OF TRUSTEES, was composed of Revs. S. J. Mabote, Chairman; M. M. Mokone, M. M. Maxeke, B.A., B.D., Z. Tantsi, Secretary; K. Kumalo, A. S. Gabashane, P. S. Kuze, H. J. Niekerk. FIRST LAND PURCHASING COMMITTEE, was Revs. Z. Tantsi, A. S. Gabashane, K. Kumalo, M. M. Maxeke, S. J. Mabote.

Some of those who have served as teachers in the past, in the Normal, Secondary, Religion, Industrial are: Mrs. C. M. Maxeke, B. Sc. (Wilberforce University); Mrs. D. Montsioa (2), Mr. D. A. H. Opperman, Mrs. A. L. Mokotedi, Mr. A. Bolani, Mr. Mphantsha, Mr. Boikoto, Mr. Ruben Davis, Miss Tshabalala, Mr. Charles Demas, Mr. W. Qupe, Rev. C. D. Nthoba, Rev. J. L. Honoko, Mrs. M. Monyake, Miss E. Mareka (Mrs. Nthoba), Mrs. W. S. L. Qupe, Mr. Monganza, Mr. S. Matebula, Mr. Mogonane, Miss Adel Monyake, Mr. W. Sentso, Mr. Nyozela, Mr. Thokoa, Mr. Clark Maxeke, B.Sc. (Wilberforce University); Mrs. L. C. White, B.A. (Wilberforce University); Mr. S. M. Siwisa, B.A. (University, S.A.); Mr. R. Motlatlane, Rev. H. D. Sello, Rev. George Sidlai, Rev. D. S. Sebolao, L.Th., Mr. B. Mokeko, Mr. D. P. Moloto, B.A. (University S.A.), Mrs. E. B. Morake, B.Sc. (Wilberforce), M.A. (Columbia); Mr. M. Mlahleli, B.A. (University S.A.), Mr. N. Nduna, Mr. R. G. S. Makalima, B.A. (University S.A.) PRINCIPALS PRACTISING SCHOOL OF YESTERDAY, have been: Mr David Demas, 1916-1921; Mr. J. Mokhesi, 1922; Mr. A. Nzula, 1927; Mr. C. D. Nthoba (Rev.) 1928; Mr. P. Petros, 1930; Mr. G. S. N. Ndunge, 1931; Mr. S. Mphahlele, 1932; Mr. Ngidi, 1936. ASSISTANTS have been: Rev. B. M. Sechaba, Mr. J. L. Makhene, (Rev.), Mr. Seth Mofokeng, Miss D. Mokone (Mrs. Tladi), Miss A. Lokwe, Miss C. L. Ndlebe (Mrs. Opperman), Miss Mkosana, Miss H. Matamba, Miss E. C. Mareka (Mrs. E. C. Nthoba), Mr. T. L. Mokau (Rev.), Mr. Malusi, Mr. W. Futshane, Mr. Enock Sangoni, Mr. C. D. Nthoba (Rev.), Miss W. Make (Mrs. Qupe), Mrs. M. Radebe, Miss E. Madiba (Mrs. Matebula), Mr. Tai, Mr. Lidiga, Mr. Njozela, Mrs. E. K. Segela, Mrs. L. Siwisa, Rev. P. Ramushu, Mr. N. W. Nduna, Miss Tshabalala, Miss R. Mochadibane, Mrs. Selina Seitisho.

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RELIGIOUS LIFE—Rev. H. D. Sello, Minister Trinity AME Church; Rev. D. N. Modisapodi, Director of Religious Activities.

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY, Greene County, Ohio, is the outgrowth of two separate educational movements. One of these was the establishment of Union Seminary by the Ohio Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1844 A committee appointed by this conference acquired a tract of land twelve miles west of Columbus, Ohio, "for the purpose of establishing a seminary of learning for the instruction of youth in various branches of literature, science, theology, agriculture, and the mechanic arts." While Union Seminary was being organized, the second movement for the education of the colored people was undertaken by the Methodist Episcopal Church in September, 1853, when the Cincinnati Conference of that Church appointed a committee on the "Elevation of the Colored People." Further activity on the part of this committee led to the endorsement of the idea by the General Conference of the Church on May 22, 1856. Two days later the property of the Tawawa Springs Health Resort was purchased as a site for the proposed college. On August 26th of the same year, the committee met and selected twenty-three persons to serve as incorporators, and on August 30th, the institution was duly incorporated as Wilberforce University. By 1860, the annual enrolment of the institution had reached more than two hundred students of high school and college grade. However, as the Civil War progressed, the enrolment dwindled, the financial support declined and the institution was closed June 19, 1862.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY, WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY

SHORTER HALL, WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY

KEZIE EMERY HALL, WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY

During the following year, Bishop Daniel A. Payne of the AME Church, who was one of the original incorporators, contracted to purchase the plant for $10,000. He secured the cooperation of John G. Mitchell, principal of the Eastern District Public School of Cincinnati and James A. Shorter, pastor of the AME Church of Zanesville, Ohio, in the new undertaking; and on June 11, 1863, the property was formally turned over to them as agents of the church. The University was newly incorporated on July 1, 1863. The same year Union Seminary was closed and its interests were merged with those of the new institution. Under the new auspices the University made rapid progress despite the fact that the main building was destroyed by fire in 1865.

In the decade of the 70's the University received substantial donations from individuals, philanthropic societies, and other sources which enabled it to continue its work. In 1887, the State of Ohio began its cooperation with the University through appropriation to the Combined Normal and Industrial Department. In 1894, the Federal Government established a Department of Military Science and Tactics at the Institution and in 1895, the work in Theology was organized in Payne Theological Seminary.

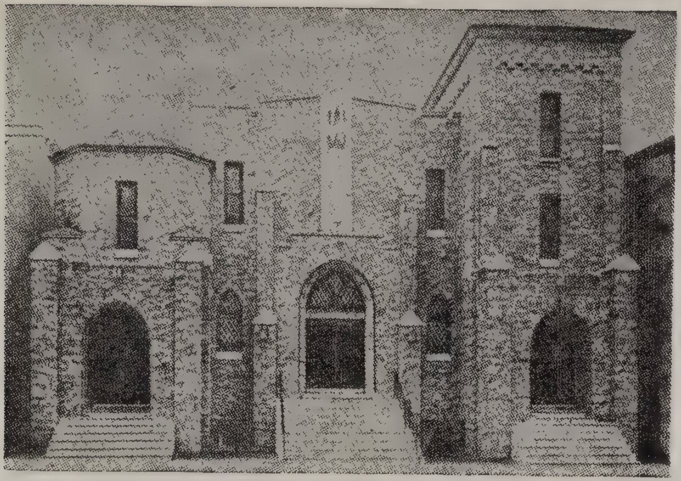
With the dawn of the twentieth century, all these departments have been greatly expanded and improved. The College of Liberal Arts has provided many new courses of study; the Combined Normal and Industrial Department has become the College of Education and Industrial Arts; Payne Theological Seminary has been reorganized; the Department of Milliatry Science and Tactics has become a Reserved Army Training Corps. Also, since 1900, the physical plant of the University has been greatly expanded. Instead of two main buildings as at the beginning of the century there are now two score modern buildings used for school purposes.

Executive officers of the University have been as follows: for Union Seminary, John M. Brown, 1847-1851; Edward D. Davis, 1851-1863; for Wilberforce University, M. P. Gaddis, 1856-1857; James K. Parker, 1857-1858; Richard S. Rust, 1858-1863; Daniel A. Payne, 1863-1876; Benjamin F. Lee, 1876-1884; Samuel T. Mitchell, 1884-1900; Joshua H. Jones, 1900-1908; William S. Scarborough, 1908-1920; John A. Gregg, 1920-1924; Gilbert H. Jones, 1924-1932; Richard R. Wright, Jr., 1932-1936; D. Ormonde Walker, 1936-1941; Richard R. Wright, Jr., (second time) 1941-1942; Charles H. Wesley, 1942-1947; Rev. Charles Leander Hill, June 1947 to date.

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY. The State of Ohio has made contributions as follows to Wilberforce University:

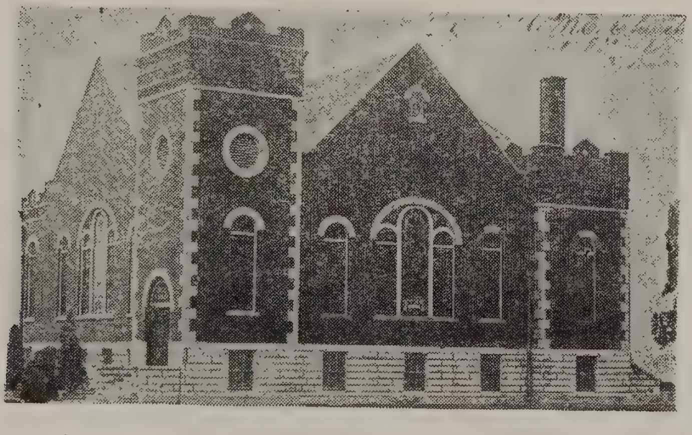
Year	Gross Expenditures	Extension Expenditures to College of Liberal Arts
1888	$ 2,000.00	....
1889	5,000.00	....
1890	9,000.00	....
1891	9,000.00	....
1892	16,000.00	....
1893	9,500.00	....
1894	13,000.00	....
1895	14,500.00	....
1896	12,503.29	....
1897	2,496.71	....
1898	16,885.41	....
1899	17,917.86	....
1900	17,266.53	....
1901	28,114.68	....
1902	27,404.02	....
1903	20,880.52	....
1904	19,394.53	....
1905	20,651,14	....
1906	22,022.91	....
1907	24,543.12	....
1908	21,853.69	....
1909	21,308.35	....
1910	25,727.04	....
1911	17,482.22	....
1911	42,532.09	....
1912	22,615.68	....
1912	52,441.86	....
1913	25,377.44	....
1913	37,114.58	....
1914	25,000.00	....
1914	82,869.71	....
1915	59,540.31	....
1916	(coupled with above)	
1917	133,207.65	....
1918	112,268.97	....
1919	93,393.89	5,000.00
1920	107,538.25	5,000.00
1921	103,259.66	5,000.00
1922	145,143.58	5,000.00
1923	184,639.58	5,055.00
1924	165,200.39	5,887.04
1925	184,639.58	5,815.49
1926	212,595.44	5,000.00
1927	240,322.75	6,000.00
1928	264,049.51	6,300.00
1929	284,023.44	3,250.00
1930	368,564.12	50,269.17
1931	227,792.84	45,665.00
1932	189,215.90	33,440.00
1933	200,044.52	47,440.00
1934	228,792.83	52,184.00
1935	252,791.04	56,874.00
1936	236,708.07	60,126.00
1937	299,400.96	62,399.23
1938	333,274.82	62,500.00
1939	294,252.55	55,168.99
1940	299,957.28	55,318.49
1941	320,440.25	55,700.00
1942	347,482.46	55,700.00
1943	363,982.02	60,350.00
	$6,934,926.03	$810,442.41

WILLIAMS, NOAH W. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FACULTY AND STUDENTS



BETHEL AME CHURCH, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE
Rev. S. H. Barker, Pastor

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, BETHEL AME CHURCH, 6th and Walnut Streets, Rev. Seymour H. Barker, pastor. Wilmington, Delaware dates its earliest existence during the period of 1840-1846, and was organized in legal form May 10, 1846. The Board of trustees were: Bennett P. Hill, Matthew Long, Walter Proctor, William Naudain and Charles Caldwell. First location of the church was at Twelfth and Elizabeth Sts., and was dedicated in April, 1847. The Rev. John Cornish, pastor of Bethel AME Church preached and afficiated. The choir of that church under the leadership of Prof. Hans Shadd rendered music for the occasion. In succession the church has worshipped in four different places: Odd Fellows Hall, 6th and Walnut Street, Pennsylvania Street above Smith, the first brick, Walnut Street north of Sixth Street. North of Sixth Street purchased from the German Lutheran Congregation at a cost of $4,000 for which Daniel P. Hamilton, the most outstanding character in the history of the church, and wife Maria Hamilton mortgaged their home. This church was torn down and a commodious edifice, very beautiful was built under the pastorate of Rev. C. C. Felts. This Church was destroyed by a disastrous fire, January 1, 1935. It was torn down and in its place the present church was built by Rev. A. Chester Clark and dedicated by Bishop David H. Sims. The roster of pastors who have served Bethel includes Bishop William H. Heard, Bishop Levi Jenkins Coppin was a member of Bethel and was licensed to preach from this station.



ST. PAUL AME CHURCH, WICHITA, KANSAS

WICHITA, KANSAS, was first made a city of the second class in the year 1871, and prior to that time, up to the year of 1875, it was truly a rough frontier town, overrun with Indians, cowboys, gamblers and rowdies of all kinds. The Negro population at this time was not in excess of a score of men and women and a very few children. Among the very few Negroes living in the county outside the city was Rev. James Gorl who had settled on a farm fourteen miles west of the city. It was his habit of coming to the city every Saturday to market the products of the farm, and buy his provisions for the coming week. Early in the year 1876, he rented a room on the second floor of the first brick building erected in Wichita, and there he with some ten or twelve others began the holding of religious services, and started a Sunday school with about eight pupils. One year later, a Rev. Pettiford and family arrived here, as did a few more of the race, and he took charge, and began holding services in a frame building on the main street. It was not until the year 1878, a group of some twenty men and women formed first St. Paul's Church, and Rev. John C. Daley was sent here as their first pastor. This little band immediately rented a small frame building which then stood half a block south and across the street from the present church. Rev. Daley was followed three years later by Rev. M. Wooten, and during the first year of his pastorate, two lots 150 feet south of the present structure were purchased, and a frame church much larger than the first one was erected. In this structure the growing congregation worshipped until the year 1889 when the Rev. James W. Wilson who in the meantime had been assigned to St. Paul's, began in August of 1889, the erection of a brick church about 150 feet south of the present church.

In this brick building, many well known ministers have served as pastors, among whom we mention such well known members of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference and the Kansas Conference as: B. F. Watson, B. R. Guy, Rev. Terrell, E. Harrison, Rev. Oakes, Rev. Buren, Rev. C. A. Williams.

It was Rev. C. A. Williams, who in 1913 started the campaign to erect the present building, with the result that on June 7, 1914 the cornerstone was laid with rather impressive ceremonies and the building moved rapidly to completion.

Rev. C. A. Williams supervised the construction, and upon completion of the building, conducted the dedicatory program as a part of his four year pastorate.

The late Bishop Sampson Brooks followed Rev. C. A. Williams as pastor, and it was during his pastorate of one year the membership began to grow as never before. Another widely known pastor of St. Paul's, was the late Rev. J. R. Ransom who served four years, and then after an absence of some years, was returned as pastor. He departed this life while serving this second pastorate. Rev. C. A. Williams was another, who after an absence, returned to serve another four years.

Space alloted us does not permit the naming of all the many splendid pastors who have served St. Paul in the years following its founding. There were thirty of them during the sixty-six years of the existence of the church. This list of thirty pastors included our present Presiding Elder. Rev. T. W. Greene, Jr., who served as pastor, and our present pastor. Rev. Eugene H. Kelley, Jr., who is leading successfully to heights that are sure to keep St. Paul in the front rank of the progressive churches in the connection.

In conclusion it might be well to state that in the present membership of the church there consists of quite a few who have been active members for many, many years, among whom are: E. Landrum, who is entering upon his forty-ninth year as a member of the board of trustees; J. T. Chinneth who has been treasurer of the trustee board for fourteen years and served many years as superintendent of the Sunday school. Others worthy of mention as members over a number of years are: Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Landrum, J. T. Chinneth, Capt. and Mrs. S. W. Jones, Mrs. Fleming, J. Harwell, W. C. Neely; of course there are many others with a record of many years of faithful service to the church. Of the former pastors living there are: Rev. R. L. Pope, retired, Rev. C. A. Williams and Rev. R. A. Adams.

The secretary of the stewards board, and church clerk is Dr. P. M. Bell; the present board of trustees is made up of E. Landrum, J. T. Chinneth, Dr. D. R. Magee, Samuel Fryson, J. Belcher, Homer Perry, Mrs. Rena Flake, Mrs. Ruby I. Jones, and Douglas. Complete harmony and Christian fellowship reign supreme between the pastor and his entire official board and the ever increasing membership, and it can well be said that St. Paul is really a church that is living up to the theme expressed in the song, "The Church Is Moving On."

WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA, is the biennial biographical publication of Americans of distinction and high poston. The latest edition for 1944-1945 contains over 25,000 biographies of which 91 are American Negroes. Of these the following are known AME's: Rufus B. Atwood, college president; Gilbert H. Jones, college dean; Joseph F. Flipper, bishop; William A. Fountain, Sr., bishop; Dorothy Manor, soprano; William G. Still, composer; William Pickens, governmental official; Monroe N. Work, educator; C. H. Wesley, college president; Richard R. Wright, educator, banker; Richard R. Wright, Jr., bishop, educator. Major and Bishop R. R. Wright were for many years the only Negro father and son to appear in "Who's Who in America.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY (WMS), was organized in 1944 at the General Conference in Philadelphia, Penna., for the purpose of aiding the general Missionary Department in doing missionary work both at home and abroad. The WMS is a merger of two older connectional missionary organizations: the Woman's Mite Missionary Society (WMS) which was organized in 1874, and the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society (WHFMS) which was organized in 1896. For many years the former operated in the North and the latter in the South. Now the one society is truly connectional, operating all over the church, and supporting foreign missionary work in Canada, West Indies, South America, South and West Africa. The headquarters are at 716 S. 19th Street, Philadelphia, Penna. The first officers elected were: Mrs. Lucy M. Hughes, of Texas, president; Mrs. C. S. Smith, of Michigan, general secretary; Mrs. Anne Heath, of Florida, 1st vice president; Mrs. Helen A. Williams, of Missouri, treasurer; Mrs. Nora W. Link, of Delaware, secretary. There are six vice presidents, 17 Episcopal District Supervisors (wives or appointees of bishops) and assistant and corresponding secretaries, superintendent of Young People's Department, a parliamentarian, and chairman of standing committees. The executive board of which Bishop S. L. Greene is president, and consisting of the officers before named conducts the business during the quadrennium. Mrs. Hughes died in 1943 and Mrs. Heath became president. Subordinate to the parent organization is the conference branch. In each annual conference there is a missionary society with officers somewhat similar to the parent body and with activities similar. These branches meet annually and many of them now meet quarterly, to transact business for the cause of missions. Many fine and devoted women are connected with these conference branches. In each church there is an auxiliary, or local missionary society, organized with president, vice presidents, secretaries, assistant secretary, treasurer and other officers according to the needs and the size of the organization. The local society contributes to the conference branch, and the conference branch contributes to the parent body to which it sends its elected delegates every four years for general reports and revision of the constitution.

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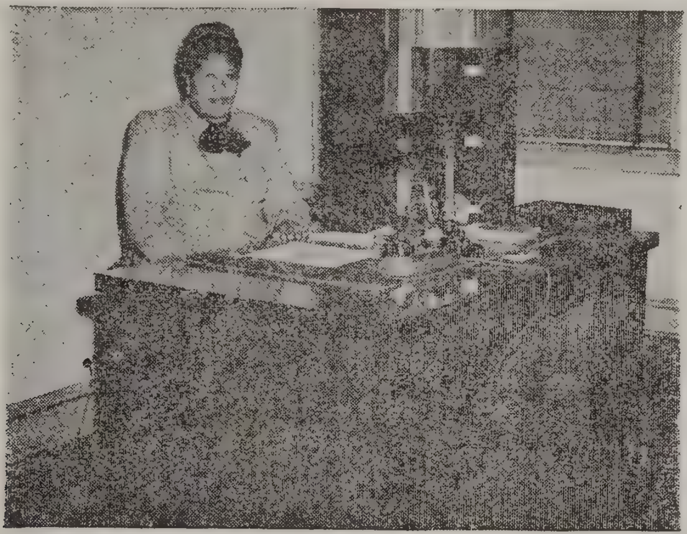

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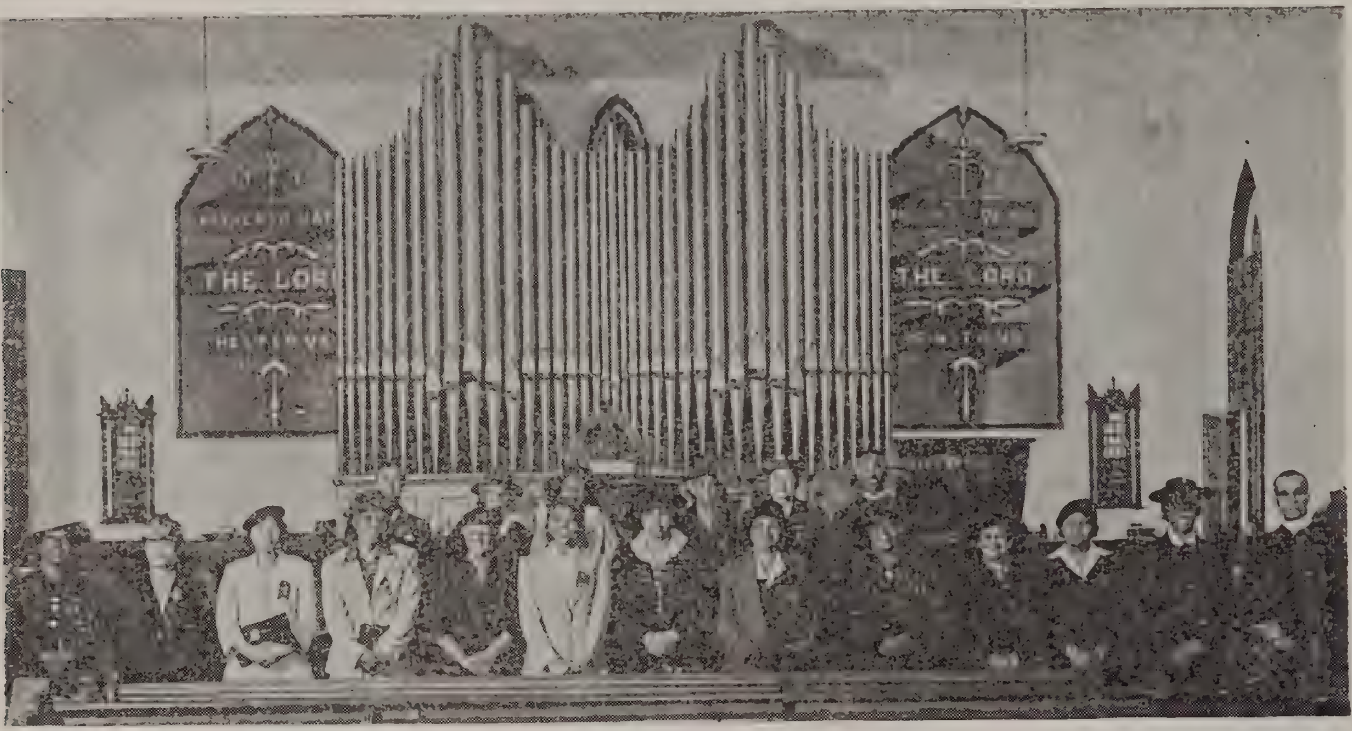
State Missionary of Alabama



MISSIONARY GROUP, BERMUDA CONFERENCE BRANCH

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE BRANCH EXECUTIVE BOARD—1944

First row (left to right): Mesdames Ella Harris, Memorial Fund, Schuyler Eggleston, Corresponding Secretary; Margaret P. Owens, First Vice President; Artishia W. Jordan, President; Minnilee Dames, Second Vice President; Sadie Wilson, Assistant Secretary; Eliza G. Wilson, Treasurer. Second row: Mesdames Florence Harris, Statistical Secretary; Catherine Mitchem, Board Member; Beatrice McCarroll, Scholarship Fund; Olga Boyd, Board Member; Ethel G. Prioleau, Delegate Fund; Ella Murphy, Board Member, Emma Ratliff, Board Member, Katie Weathers, Board Member Not Shown in Picture: Mesdames Mayme E. Price, Secretary; Albirda Green, Art Chairman; Bessie Toland, Board Member.

SKETCH—The history of the Southern Carifornia Conference Branch began in 1892 when it was a part of the 10th Episcopal District and was presided over by Bishop B. F. Lee. The first report made to the Parent Treasurer was $3.25 and consisted of the payment of dues at Conference time. The first Convention was led in 1901 under Bishop C. T. Shaffer and Mrs. E. T. Cottman was elected president.

When the Missionary work began in 1892 there were but 602 African Methodists in the state, but in 1924 when the membership had increased to 8,000, the Conference was divided and "all Missions, Circuits and Stations south of the Tehachapi Mountains" were designated as composing the Southern California Conference. The first President of the Southern Branch was Mrs. Anna Oliva Wilson, wife of Dr. J. H. Wilson, the second was Mrs. Ethel G. Prioleau and the third is Mrs. Artishia W. Jordan, the former Editor of The Missionary Recorder and wife of Dr. Frederick D. Jordan, pastor of the First AME Church, Los Angeles.

During the present administration the work of the Branch has more than doubled in both finance and membership. The money allocated to Mission preachers increased from $426.00 to $2,100 and as much as $300.00 given to a single Mission in its plan for the development of the local work. From a special fund, regular contributions are given when Mission preachers are ill and also from this source generous contributions are made at Christmas time.

MEMBERS OF CHICAGO MISSIONARY SOCIETY
Left to right: Mesdames Audrey Carter, Hazalia Savage, Mary F. Butler.

CHICAGO CONFERENCE BRANCH
Left to right seated, first row: Viola E. Hill, Thalia Blackshire, Mayme Griffin, Edith T. Stewart, Ruth Thompson, Nettie Crews Wood, Beulah McDowell. Standing, second row: Odelia Jenkins, Cora Watson, Ada E. Tate, Addie Scott, Mattye Folden, Louise Barnes. Third row: Johnnie Gordon, Evelyn Coston, Ethel Brunson, Lucille S. Thomas, Willie Harris, Dr. Ida Mae Myller, Carolyn Johnson, Ida Crews Monroe.

INDIANA CONFERENCE BRANCH

Haken at St. James AME Church, Indianapolis. October, 1943. Front row; left to right—Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., Mrs. Flossie K. Bailey, President; Mrs. C. S. Smith, President of the Parent WMS; Bishop J. A. Gregg, Presiding Bishop.

OFFICERS OF THE KENTUCKY CONFERENCE BRANCH, 1943

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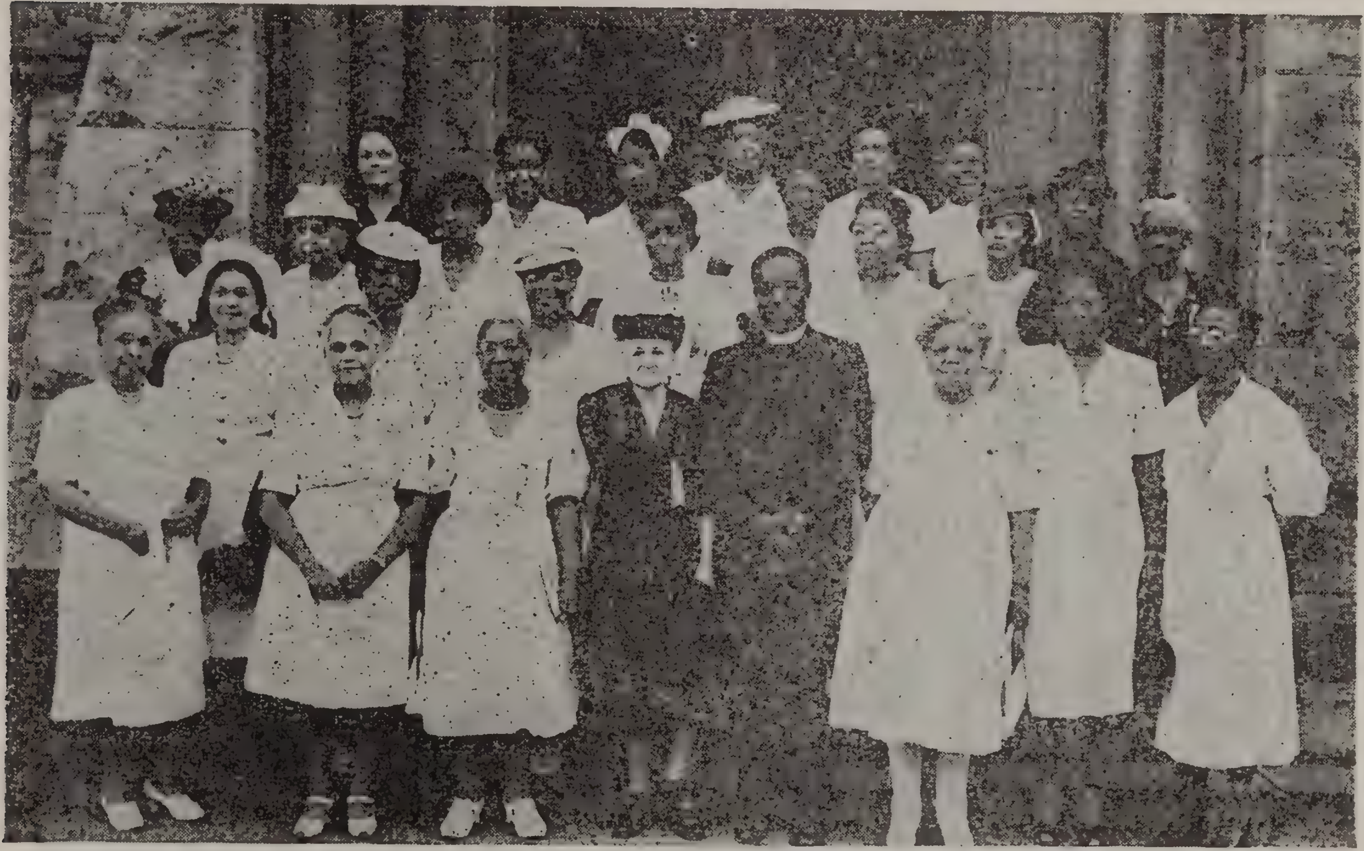

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE BRANCH, 1947
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First row (left to right): Mrs. Eva M. Barnum, Mrs. Lucille E. Dale, Mrs. Clara E. Harris, Mrs. Minnie L. Gaines, Dr. J. R. Coan, Mrs. Minnie L. McEaddy, Mrs. Anne E. Heath, Mrs. E. Louise Harrison. Second row: Mrs. Myrtle Reese, Mrs. Bessie Boston, Mrs. Catherine Hemmingway. Third row: Mrs. Martha T. Darnell, Mrs. Mary F. Thompson, Mrs. Annie R. Frisby, Mrs. Fannie Foster, Mrs. Matilda Monroe, Mrs. Elsie P. Beckett, Mrs. Dorothy Gray. Mrs. Hallie M. Bailey. Fourth row: Mrs. Della Greene, Mrs. Darrie Robinson, Mrs. Elsie G. Gibson, Mrs. Georgia Mitchell, Mrs. Helen Martin, Mis Mamie Tilghman, Mrs. Annie R. Nelson.

EXECUTIVE BOARD, MICHIGAN CONFERENCE WOMAN'S MITE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

A. M. Wortham, President

Reading from left ot right: Seated—Mrs. Grace Blake, Mrs. Fannie B. Peck, Mrs. Nora D. Charleston, Mrs. C. S. Smith, (Mrs. Annie M. Wortham, President); Mrs. Irma Williams.

Standing—Mrs. Hattie Meekins, Mrs. Josephine Tinsley, Mrs. Susie Byars, Mrs. Emmie Goolsby, Josephine Brown, Mrs. Eva Spears and Mrs. Doris Smith.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE BRANCH

Executive Board; Foreign Delegates to General Conference, Kansas City 1948. Left to right—Mrs. Hattie W. Brown, Mrs. Daisy Garrison, Mrs. Margaret Stewart, Mrs. Ethelyn Henderson, Mrs. Blanche M. Bundy, Mrs. B. A. Galloway, (Pres.); Mrs. Lula R. Crawford, Mrs. Bulah Berry, Mrs. Euline W. David.

Second Row—Presiding Elder Crawford, Miss Mary Frizelle, Mrs. Jennie Coverdale, Mrs. Agnes Beavers, Mrs. Mildred Sims, Mrs. Emma Freeman, Mrs. Ruby Logan, Mrs. Alice Duncan, Miss Sadie Johnson.

Third Row—Mr. M. B. Monyake, Dr. Talbot, Mrs. Talbot, Rev. J. M. Mokone, Mrs. M. Mokone, Rev. M. N. Tilo, Rev. J L Makhene, Mrs. Richardson, Mr. J. S. M. Lekgetho, Rev. E. A. Lawrence. (Revs. S. J. N. Tladi and E. S. Jason, omitted). Inset: Mrs. Alice Walton, deceased, 1947.

NORTH WESTERN CONFERENCE BRANCH MM SOCIETY, MRS. MATTIE BOYD, PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND PRESIDING ELDERS OF NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE BRANCH WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY—1946.

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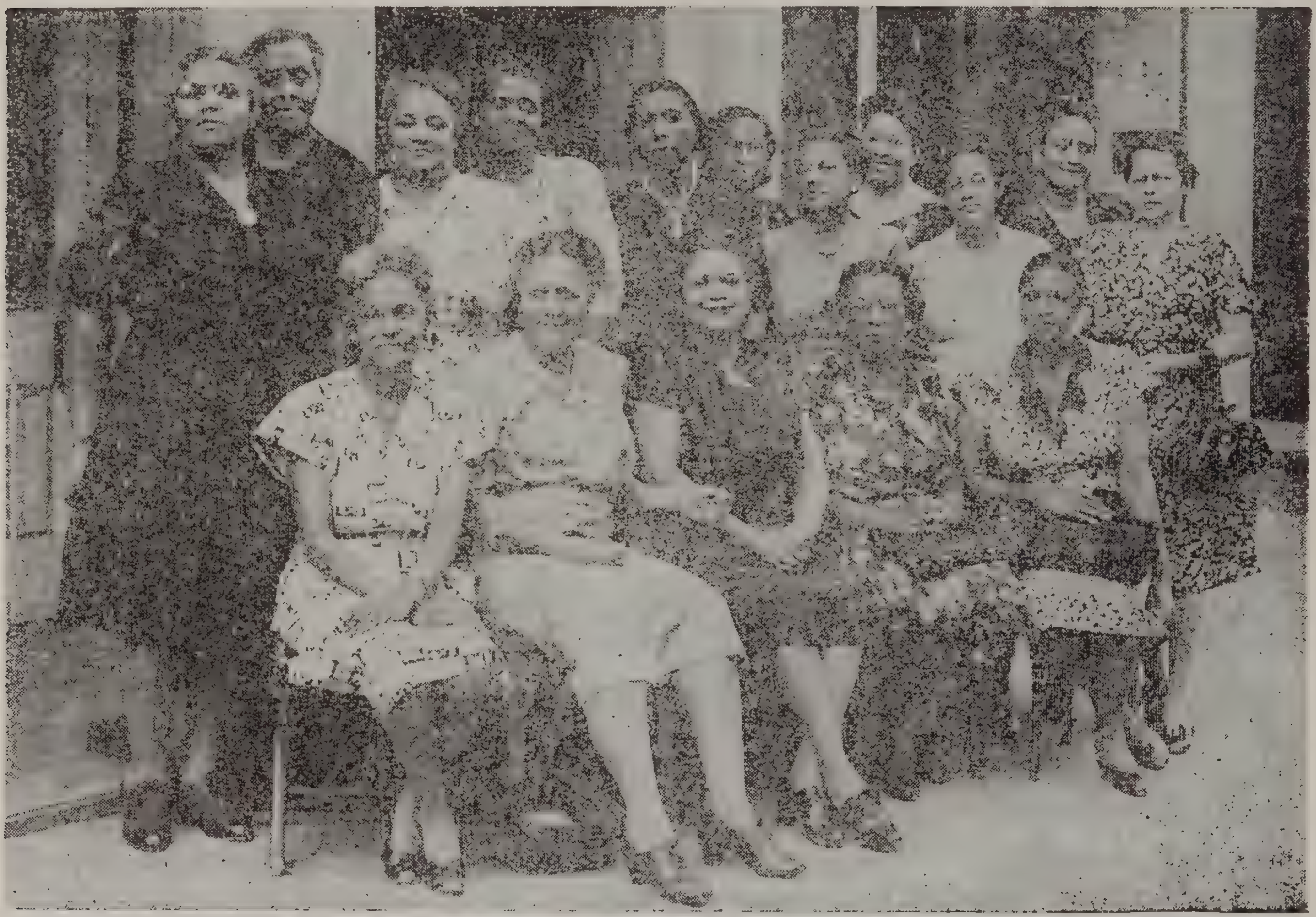


EXECUTIVE BOARD—PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE BRANCH, MISSIONARY SOCIETY—1947
Seated, left to right: Esther Crawford, Adelaide Johnson, Alma T. Mason, Carrie Dennis, Marguerite L. Miles. Standing, left to right: Willie B. Kinzer, Carrie V. Sumby, Gonzella Hughes, Florence E. Carter, Della Henry, Sadie Nutter, Florence Tyler, Bertha Flowers, Aunita Conaway, Ruth Williams and Grace W. Napper.

GROUP OF AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE BRANCH.

PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE BRANCH GROUP
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, 1943.

Sitting left to right: Mrs. Adelaide Johnson, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Edna D. Gullins, Conference Branch President; Rt. Rev. D. H. Sims, Bishop of First District; Mrs. Mayme A. Sims, First District President; Mrs. Alma F. Mason, 2nd Vice-President. Standing—left to right: Mrs. Gertrude B. Lee, Regular Fund Treasurer; Mrs. Arminta Patterson, Secretary-Treasurer Mary F. Handy Student Fund; Mrs. Olive C. Drummond, Secretary-Treasurer YPD; Mrs. Gonzella Hughes, Assistant Recording Secretary; Mrs. Kathryne Stewart, Floor Board Member; Mrs. Mabel Buncombe, Secretary-Treasurer Sarah Tanner Memorial Fund; Mrs. Della Folk, Floor Board Member; Miss Carrie V. Sumby, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Fannie H. Simpkins, Assistant Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Mattie E. Reed, Floor Board Member; Mrs. Louise P. Robinson, Secretary-Treasurer Connectional Contingent Fund; Mrs. Mabel Duckett, Floor Board Member; Mrs. Della Henry, Statistician; Mrs. Sarah W. Arntet, Special Fund Treasurer.

THE PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE BRANCH

Although we may not re-travel the road over which we have passed, yet we may take a retrospective view of the same to refresh our minds and to compare past and present and scan the future. Our thoughts are now upon the Philadelphia Conference Branch Women's Mite Missionary Society. We have written the history of this society up to 1916. It appears in the First Encyclopaedia—edited by Dr. R. R. Wright, now one of the bishops of our great church. We go back to our beginning in 1896 with Mrs. I. D. Jones, our first president. Then we numbered 12 members, and in one year we took in $99.47. At this time our membership has grown to almost 1000, and last year we collected $4881.03. We have come a long way. The charm of the impossible has ever been before us, and we have kept on keeping on.

From Jacksonville, Florida, at the Quadrennial Session of the Parent Mite Missionary Society, as one of the branches we went over the top, bringing back several pennants and receiving honorable mention. Among our delegates were: Anna B. Payne, Jennie M. Palmer, Emma J. Roberts, Statia B. Edwards, S. Blanche Poole, Sadie E. Hoxter, Sarah W. Arnett, Louise P. Robinson, Clara V. Davis, Mary M. Cooper, Lula B. Stanford, Mattie E. Reed, Maggie Bruce, Eliza Lane and Sarah Oliver.

On the return from Jacksonville, the Sarah Tanner Memorial Fund was set apart,with Mrs. M. S. C. Beckett our first secretary-treasurer. Also the Parent Contingent Fund was started with Mrs. Louise P. Robinson as Secretary-Treasurer. She has continued in this office until the present day.

At the 24th annual session 1920, Mrs. Emma J. Roberts, who had served as president twice—(first term 2 years, second term 7 years)—asked that her name not be used again. Also, at this meeting, Mrs. Statia Edwards, who had served as first and second vice-president, secretary and assistant for ten years, resigned on being called to New York to nurse a sick mother. Mrs. Annie E. Williams, wife of the pastor of Mother Bethel Church, was elected president; Mrs. Maggie Bruce, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Sarah Oliver, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Elsie P. Wright, assistant secretary; Mrs. Eva Tyndale Johnson and Mrs. Ida Newby, corresponding secretaries; Mrs. Sadie Hoxter, regular fund treasurer. Mrs. Williams served with her corps of officers for one year.

The following year, Mrs. Jennie M. Palmer was elected president; with Mrs. Mattie Reed, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Sydney Smith, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Elsie Wright, secretary; Mrs. Eva T. Johnson and Miss Rachel Thomas, corresponding secretaries.

During this quadrennium, we celebrated our 25th Anniversary at Mother Bethel Church, Philadelphia; and had as our guests our first president, Mrs. I. D. Jones and many of our pioneer workers.

In May, 1923 at Mother Bethel Church, the Delaware Conference Branch Women's Mite Missionary Society was set apart by Bishop W. H. Heard and Presiding Elders H. Y. Arnett and H. P. Jackson. 342 women left us to join this body, Mrs. Sarah Arnett being chosen its first president. This action reduced our numbers to less than 600, many of our very active workers going with Mrs. Arnett to the Delaware Conference Branch.

During her second term as president. Mrs. Palmer took the following delegation to the quadrennial session at Brooklyn: Jennie M. Palmer. Anna B. Payne, Sadie Hoxter, Statia B. Edwards, Mary Drummond, Mary H. Dunlap, Mattie Reed, Elsie P. Wright, Lulu B. Stanford, Louise P. Robinson, Sarah Oliver, Edna D. Gullins, Anna L. Anderson, Maggie Bruce, Sarah Arnett, Annie Williams, Carrie Sumby, Eliza Lane, Emma Jenkins, Mary Stansberry, Mary M. Cooper, Elizabeth Byrd, Mattie Watkins, Susie Lewis, Clara V. Davis, Fannie H. Simpkins, Bertha Kilson, Fannie Ringgold, Sadie Webster, Goldie Stewart. Mrs. Statia Edwards was made advance agent to find a headquarters for the Philadelphia delegation.

Among the activities during this quadrennium were a Rainbow Wedding, a Carnival and a Presiding Elders' Wives' Contest. Also, Mrs. Josie D. Heard sponsored a drive for pencils and tablets for Bishop Brooks in West Africa.

Our yearly meeting in October, 1923 brought to our head, as president, Mrs. Mattie E. Reed. During her term, we were made proud by our episcopal district daughter, Margaret Mason of West Africa, who attended Wilberforce, finishing as a teacher and nurse and returning to Africa to work among her people. Our Student Aid Committee, with Mrs. Jennie Palmer at its head, should be commended for this great work. During this period we helped with the purchase of the Mission House in New York City; and also in sending some of our African missionaries back home. Amounts collected from 1817 to 1928, $33,458.63.

Mrs. Mattie Reed took the following delegation to Columbus, Ohio 1927: Mattie Reed, Mattie Watkins, Elsie P. Wright, Sadie Hoxter, Sarah Oliver, Annie Williams, Maggie Bruce, Carrie Sumby, Clara V. Davis, Angie Bell, Wilda Robinson, Lillian Waters, M. H. Dunlap, Regina Tyree, Carrie Lowery, Anna L. Anderson, Sydney Beckett, Mary M. Cooper, Edna D. Gullins, E. I. Milbourne, Lula Stanford, Eliza Lane, Hannah Brown, Fannie Simpkins, Susie Lewis, Emma J. Roberts, Mary Stansberry, Anna B. Payne, Laura C. Waters, Eva Tyndale Johnson, Emma Campor, Jennie Ricketts, Eva Adams, Gertrude B. Lee, Ruth Bailey.

On being removed from position as treasurer, because of the transfer of her husband to New Jersey, we found that $16,304.89 had been deposited in the Citizen's and Southern Bank of Philadelphia by Mrs. Sadie Hoxter without the loss of one cent. She was treasurer of the Branch for 24 years and had been re-elected for the 25th year.

The annual meeting, October 1928, elevated Mrs. Edna D. Gullins to the position of president. To this position she was re-elected in 1929 and 1930, but was removed because of the assignment of her husband to Asbury, Chester—out of the confines of the Philadelphia Conference. Mrs. Lulu B. Stanford was then declared president, serving until October 1932. In 1931, Mrs. Stanford took the following delegation to the quadrennial session at St. Louis: Edna D. Gullins, Angie L. Bell, Anna L. Anderson, Sarah Arnett, Gertrude B. Lee, Lulu Stanford, Maggie Bruce, Fannie Ringgold, Mattie Reed, Louise P. Robinson, Elsie Wright, Mattie Watkins, Sadie Hoxter, M. H. Dunlap, E. I. Milbourne, Lillian Waters, Anna B. Payne, Carrie Sumby, Eliza Lane, Bertha Napper, Hattie Grasty, Charlotte Wright, Estelle Hill, Howard Johnson, Hattie Stevens, Hannah Brown, Wilda Robinson, Anna Parker, Annie Bowen, M. E. T. Coppin, Lillian Lowe, Sadie Waters, Emma Camper; with Alma Polk and Rosalie Good from the YPD.

The next year Mrs. Edna D. Gullins was again elected president of the Branch after an interim of two years. The following officers supported her—Bertha Napper, 1st vice president; Laura Waters, 2nd vice president; Elsie P. Wright, recording secretary; Alma Polk, assistant; Carrie Sumby and Hannah Brown, corresponding secretaries; Gertrude Lee, regular fund treasurer; Sarah Arnett, special fund treasurer; secretary-treasurer of Parent Contingent, L. P. Robinson; of Sarah Tanner Memorial Fund, Anna B. Payne; of YPD, Anna Anderson; statistical secretary, E. I. Milbourne. On the removal of Mrs. Elsie Wright Beckett to Washington, D. C., Mrs. Sadie Hoxter was made recording secretary, serving in this capacity with her usual faithfulness until her demise.

The following delegation represented the Branch at the Parent Society quadrennial meeting in October 1935 at Baltimore: Edna Gullins, Bertha Napper, Mattie Reed, Sadie Hoxter, Elsie Beckett, Carrie Sumby, L. P. Robinson, Gertrude Lee, Sarah Arnett, Lillian Waters, Estelle Hill, Mary M. Cooper, Anna Anderson, Maggie Bruce, Alma Polk, Fannie Ringgold, Susie Lewis, Jennie Palmer, Bertha Dickerson, Anna Payne, Laura Waters, Eliza Lane, Della Henry, Gonzella Hughes, Elizabeth Barrick, Alma Mason, Emma Comper, Josephine Saunders, Mabel Buncombs, Hattie Keys.

This was indeed an epoch-making convention—with its school of religion, panel discussions by experts, periods of meditation conducted by leaders of our church, and the wonderful cavalcade that toured Baltimore and Washington—demonstrating to the world the strength of the womanhood of the AME Church. Since then our Branch has taken great strides forward. Shortly afterwards, came a new incentive in the appointment of our matchless leader, the Right Reverend D. H. Sims, with his charming, efficient wife Mrs. Mayme Sims. Among the many new ideas advanced by these leaders—recently returned from active foreign mission service in South Africa—is the budget system of collecting our finances. This has increased our receipts from around $1200 to almost $6500 per year.

During the past two quadrenniums death has made serious inroads on our membership, removing many of our leaders and pioneer workers. However, there has been a constant influx of enthusiastic younger women who have added impetus to the great work so wisely planned by our pioneers. During this period we added to our committee, which works for our delegate fund.

At the 1939 quadrennial convention—Chicago, Illinois—the following delegation represented our Branch: Mayme Sims, Edna Gullins, Della Henry, Carrie Dennis, Willie B. Kinzer, Gertrude Lee, Susie Lewis, Stattia Edwards, Fannie Simpkins, Mary Cole Gray, Sarah Arnett, Louise Robinson, Alma Mason, Arminta Patterson, Retta Arnett, Adelaide Johnson, Mattie Reed, Della Polk, Gonzella Hughes, Kathryn Stewart, Mabel Buncombe, Sadie Augustus. Hattie Keys, Bertha Napper, Catherine Cooper, Eliza Lane, Carrie Sumby; from YPD, Estella Roberson, Edna Morgan.

This Chicago meeting indeed marked a turning point for the First Episcopal District, for we return with the president of the Delaware Branch—Mrs. Nora Link—as recording secretary; and the president of the Philadelphia branch—Mrs. Edna Gullins, corresponding secretary of the Parent organization. Thanks to the leadership of Bishop and Mrs. Sims, the "fellowship" of the First and the loyal support of our friends.

Added to our list of committees during this quadrennium are the Finance Committee, thru whose hands pass the funds of the organization; the New Era Committee, who assist Mission Churches during the quarter; the Dorcas Committee, who endeavor to emulate the good works of the noble woman whose name they bear; the E-T-A. Committee and the X-X Committee who both are now supporting the efforts of the Women's Christian Alliance of Philadelphia; the Omega Committee, who act as an emergency group; and the Naomi Club, organized specifically to bring cheer to widows when needed. These committees have been the very heart throb of the branch—affording opportunity for expression to hundreds of women who would otherwise lose their identity in the masses of the larger organization. We further carry on our activities by means of Presiding Elder District set-ups; these sub-organizations—under the supervision of the Presiding Elders' wives—engaging in friendly rivalry to the benefit of the whole.

Our 1943 officers are Edna Gullins, president; Adelaide Johnson, 1st vice-president; Alma Mason, 2nd vice-president; Florence Carter, recording secretary; Gonzella Hughes, assistant; Carrie Sumby and Fannie Simpkins, corresponding secretaries; Della Henry, statistician; Gertrude Lee, regular fund treasurer; Sarah Arnett, special fund treasurer, with the following secretary-treasurers: Parent Contingent, Louise Robinson; Sarah Tanner Memorial Fund, Mabel Buncombe; Mary F. Handy Student Fund, Arminta Patterson; Young People's Department, Olive Drummond. Supporting these officers are: Floor Executive Members—Mattie Reed, Kathryn Stewart, Mabel Groves, Della Polk, Mabel Duckett, Eva Wout and Susie Watts; the following appointed officers—Executive Secretary, Ethel Wheaton; Supervisors—Adelaide Johnson with Kathryn Stewart, Philadelphia District; Etta Hamlin with Eugenia Rice and Pearl Crayton, assistant, Harrisburg District; Arminta Patterson, West Philadelphia District; Edna Gullins with Ethel Wynn, assistant, South Philadelphia District; Wilda Robinson, reporter; Sarah Cooper

Benn, with Pearl Dredden, assistant agent to the Missionary Recorder; Hattie Grasty, dean of Mission Study. Honorary board members: M. S. C. Beckett, Jennie Palmer, Eliza Lane, Hattie Keyes, Laura Waters, Clara Davis, Statia Edwards, Wilda Robinson; and the following committee chairmen—Finance, Howard Nancy Johnson; Audit, Edna Upshur; Flower, Mildred Spain; Courtesy, Della Polk; Ushers, Susie Watts; Prayer Band, Lillian Wadlow; Gospel Chorus, Bertha Flamer; Stop Gap, Adelaide Johnson; Augmentation, Mattie Reed; New Era, Grace Witherspoon; Dorcas, Nettie Whaley; Membership, Sadie Augustus; Badges, Susie Perkins; E-T-A, Mayme Sims; X-X, Mabel Duckett; Mystery, Mabel Groves; Omega, Kathryn Cooper; Memorial Tablet, Statia Edwards; Naomi, in process of organization.

Of our Young People's Department we cannot speak too highly. Following Mrs. Anna L. Anderson, as secretary-treasurer, was Mrs. Alma Polk, who in many ways built on the very firm foundation already laid by Mrs. Anderson. Mrs. Polk instituted the YPD Council, composed of supervisors of local work throughout the Branch. When removal to Pittsburgh took Mrs. Polk from us, Mrs. Alma Mason was appointed secretary-treasurer. To this office Mrs. Mason was repeatedly re-elected, carrying the young people's work to new financial heights. On Mrs. Mason's election to the vice-presidency of the senior branch, Mrs. Olive C. Drummond was elected to take charge of YPD. Mrs. Drummond has proved herself eminently fitted to follow her illustrious predecessors. During her tenure of office—which continues to present—the young people's work has carried on "on its own power". Philadelphia is proud of being one of the few branches with a parallel organization in our YPD to our Senior set-up. This gives the youth a new opportunity for expression and participation. Annually they pay $400.00 to the mission preachers of the Conference, take care of their own budget to the Parent Society, plan and pay their own contingent expenses and sponsor Tyree AME Church in Philadelphia—which church is their own project.

During the past quadrennium, the senior organization has had active participation in the epoch making First District Institute at Bordentown, New Jersey. This school of Christian action, sponsored by Bishop and Mrs. Sims, offered unprecedented instruction and inspiration to all church workers—especially those missionary-minded.

Immediately following the Chicago Convention, the Branch tendered a Victory Link Banquet in honor of the election of Mrs. Link and Mrs. Gullins to the secreterial staff of the Parent Organization.

Here follow a few of the many activities sponsored by the Branch during the past quadrennium:

Donation to a Migrant Camp in Delaware by the Minnie Johnson Sisterhood, led on by Mrs. Mary Cooper. This camp was visited by Mrs. Link, who brought the need to us.

The House to House Canvas—in which mission workers, throughout the Conference, canvassed their neighborhoods by twos, filling out blanks as to church attendance and reasons for non-attendance.

The study of Mission Church conditions by commission sent out by the Branch. Study and survey by this commission have resulted in the promise of a new day in the mission program of the entire conference.

The Leaders' Cabinet—which holds monthly meetings of the District Supervisors and their assistants for planning and co-ordinating the work of the conference.

Our Conference Branch Mission Study Institute for the study of current interdenominational books and courses on missionary endeavor.

Constant visitations and donations to various hospitals and institutions by the Flower and Dorcas Committees and also the Prayer Band.

Our program is stupendous in its scope, yet we realize we have but scratched the surface—possibilities are so rich before us. Indeed "the fields are white for harvest and the laborers are so few".

We now have affiliation with the Philadelphia Federation of Churches, the Pennsylvania Council of Churches, the Interracial Committee of the Philadelphia Churches, the Interdenomination World Day of Prayer Committee of Philadelphia, the Interdenominational Missionary Institute of Greater Philadelphia.

We look forward to our Golden Jubilee in 1946—at which time we hope to honor our three remaining charter members—Mrs. Jennie Palmer a shut-in, 86 years of age; Miss Clara V. Davis and Mrs. M. S. C. Beckett.

Mrs. Gullins still carries on as our president, having been tendered a royal banquet and testimonial on completing twelve years of leadership in 1942. She brings to date the following roster of presidents—I. D. Jones, Jennie Cottman, Jennie M. Palmer, Ida Yeocum, Emma J. Roberts, Victoria Mills, Mary M. Cooper, Emma Roberts, Annie E. Williams, Jennie Palmer, Mattie E. Reed, Edna D. Gullins, Lulu B. Stanford, Edna Gullins—now serving her 13th year.

"We go from strength to strength"—humbly proud of our financial reports, but prouder by far of the many lost reclaimed, the discouraged enheartened, the shut-ins, sick and dying comforted—in short, the many little things we have been privileged to do toward the establishment of His Kingdom here on earth.

> "In Christ there is no East or West,
> In Him no North or South;
> But one great Fellowship of Love
> Throughout the whole wide earth."

This was written in 1943. Since this Mrs. Olive Drummond served as President. The present officers are:

EXECUTIVE BOARD, PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE BRANCH, MISSIONARY SOCIETY—1948.

(See picture page 544).

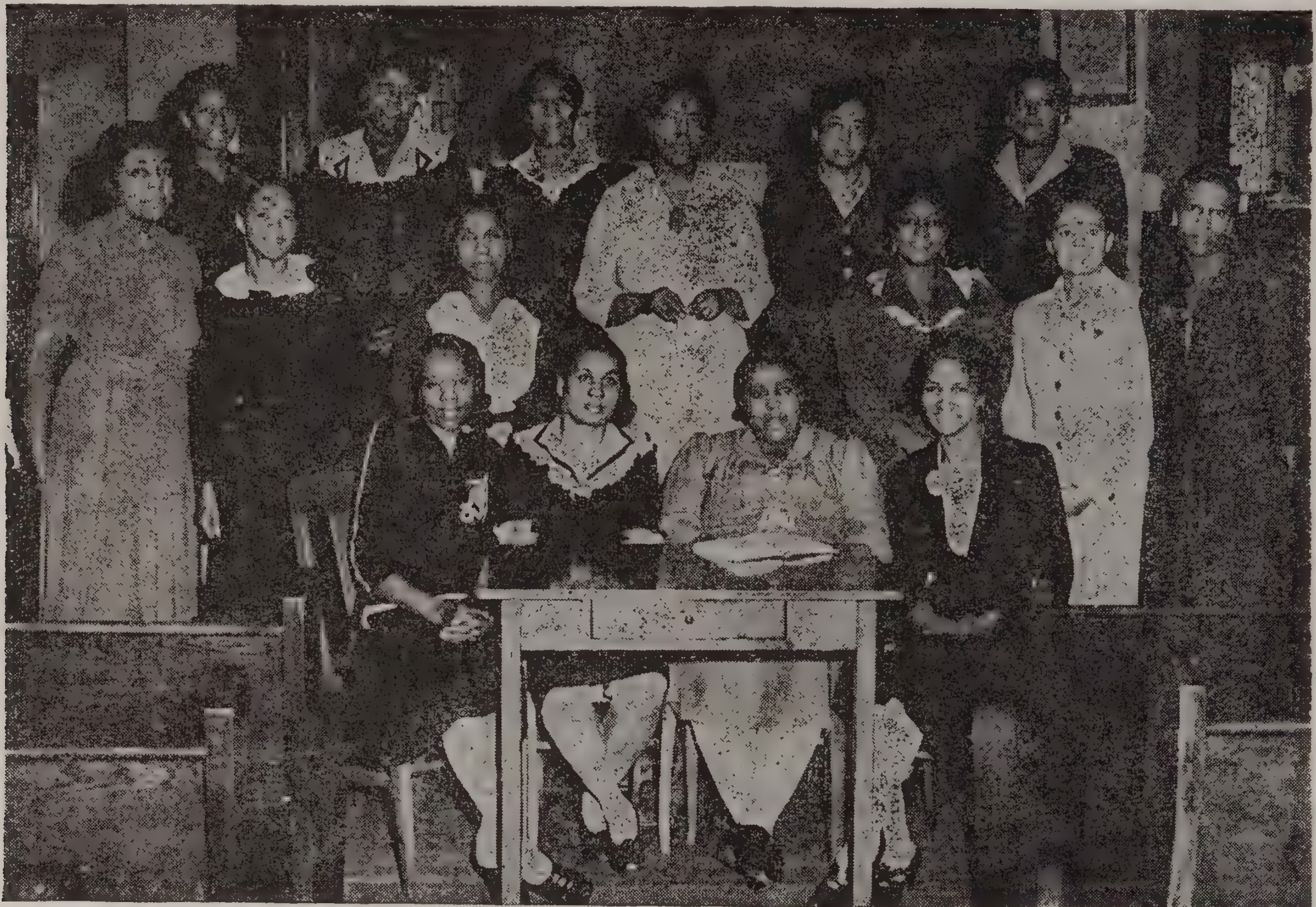
Mrs. Alma F. Mason, president; Mrs. Adelaide Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. Carrie Dennis, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Esther B. Crawford, recording sceretary; Mrs. Gonzella Hughes, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. Florence E. Carter, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Arminta E. Patterson, treasurer; Mrs. Della Henry, statistician; Mrs. Marguerite L. Miles, secretary-treasurer YPD; Mrs. Willie B. Kinzer, parliamentarian.

CHAIRMAN OF CONSTITUTIONAL COMMITTEES

Mrs. Ruth Williams, Promotion and Missionary Education; Mrs. Yaitsey Keeys, Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Ruth B. Thornton, Budget and Financial Estimates; Miss Carrie V. Sumby, Tanner-Turner Memorial; Mrs. Olive Drummond, Handy-Simmons Scholarship; Mrs. Ruth Smallwood, Music; Entertainment and Recreation; Mrs. Mable Duckett, Constitution and By-Laws.

BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Kathryn Stewart, Mrs. Sadie Nutter, Mrs. Aunita Conaway, Mrs. Maud Toland, Mrs. Nina V. Kennedy, Mrs. Florence Tyler, Mrs. Bertha Flamer.



SADIE J. ANDERSON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF TRINITY AME CHURCH, FRANCIS STREET AND WYLIE AVENUE, PITTSBURGH 19, PA.

Seated, left to right: Mesdames Mattie Hightower, Jessie Ford Nannie Hawkins, Beatrice Chappell. Second row, left to right: Mesdames Lucy Britton, Ethel Leftwich. Helen Phoenix, Jessie Brewer, Juanita Hall, Effie Williams. Third row, left to right: Mesdames Odessa Bussey, Mamie Ellison, Margaret Walker, Alma A. Polk, Sylvia Cheek, Sylvia Wilson.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WEST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE BRANCH OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Sitting—Left to right: Miss Jennie Kirby, Mrs. Kathrine Davis, Mrs. Willie M. Harrison, Mrs. Charlotte C. Wright, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., Mrs. J. C. Pruitt, Mrs. B. D. J. Coleman, Mrs. Pinkie Robinson, Mrs. Eliza Welsch, Mrs. Mattie Glover. Standing—Left to right: Mrs. J. W. Hall, Mrs. Eva J. Smith, Mrs. Pearl Campbell, Mrs. A. B. Bransford, Mrs. Tena Jones, Mrs. W. M. Young, Mrs. Irene Mc-

Kennon, Mrs. G. L. Kyle, Mrs. P. C. Dove, Mrs. L. M. Threats, Mrs. Posie Fritz.

Names of Board members not on this Picture—Mesdames S. L. Garret, Ella Couch, L. J. Bailey, F. D. Coleman, Jr., H. Littlejohn, Jamye Coleman, Etta Page, Leona Jamerson, E. Rivers.

EXECUTIVE BOARD, PITTSBURGH CONFERENCE
BRANCH WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

MRS. M. D. BURKS
Mrs. M. D. Burks, president of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society of the West Virginia Conference Branch.
The West Virginia Conference Branch was organized in 1909 in Clarksburg, W. Va., by Bishop W. B. Derrick.

Executive Board of THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY
A. M. E. Church
Mrs. J. M. Brown
PRES.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF EAST TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Standing from left to right: Mrs. P. G. Crawford, Mrs. E. G. Billingslea, Mrs. Louise Sparks, Mrs. Alice James, Mrs. Birdsong. Mrs. Florence Dungeon. Sitting from left to right: Mrs. Francis Parks, Mrs. V. V. Ransom, Mrs. A. B. Gordon, Mrs. J. M. Brown.

Respectfully yours,
MRS. FLORENCE BROWN.

VIRGINIA MISSIONARIES

The executive board of the Virginia Conference Branch of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society, 1943: Left to right, Madams Essie C. Williams, M. P. Mackey, G. E. Roberts, Mary W. Sanders, and M. M. Major; and standing, Madams Mary J. Henry, Ada Scott, J. M. Shields, A. O. Davidson, and Corynne I. Threadgill. Insets show, left to right, Madams C. B. Brown, Roxie Arnold, and Mabel B. Young. Officers not shown include, Madams M. G. Stewart, M. N. Smith, H. T. Benjamin, and P. H. Bassette.

WOMEN in the AME Church have the same status as men. They can hold any office and perform any function in the church except those requiring ordination to the ministry.

WOMEN, ORDINATION OF, is forbidden in the AME Church. At the General Conference of 1944 a resolution to permit the ordanation of women was defeated by a small vote.

WORD OF GOD. The Bible is usually regarded as the word of God. Strictly speaking, the Bible contains the best representation of the Word of God handed down to man. The Bible is translated in many different languages. Each language endeavors to transmit the word of God to those who know it.

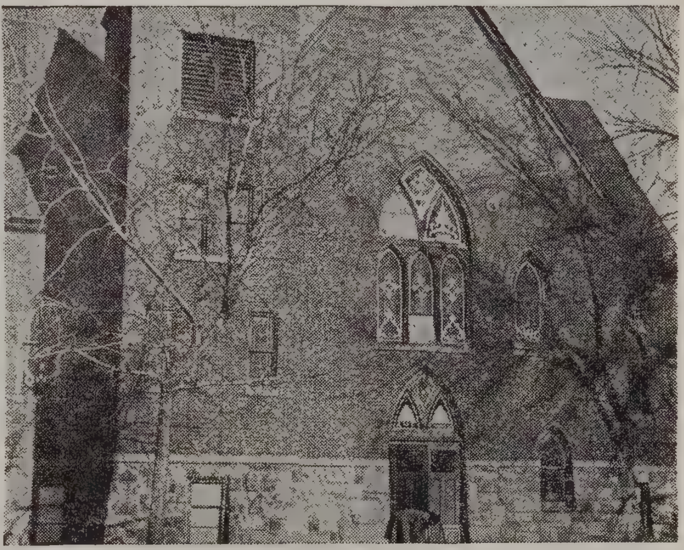
WOMEN LAWYERS, NEGRO. The first Negro women lawyers in the United States were: Mrs. Charlotte E. Ray, who was admitted to the Bar in 1872. She was also the third woman to be admitted to practice law in the United States, and the first woman to practice law in the District of Columbia. She graduated from Howard University Law School in 1872. Present women practitioners of the Law are: Williams, Martha Malone, Los Angeles, Calif.; Murray, Pauli, Sacramento, Calif.; In Washington, D. C., Chase, Bessie Samuels; Cooper, Ollie M., 100 Howard Road, S. E.; Faniel, Sopholia L., 1917 14th Street, N. W.; Haywood, Margaret, 1817 14th Street, N. W.; Lawson, Marjorie, 2001 11th Street, N. W.; Letcher, Isadora A., 1835 5th Street, N. W.; Freman, Frankie, 2001 11th Street; Pinkett, Charlotte, 2001 11th Street; McKenzie, Marjorie A.; In Chicago, Ill., Bates, Alva L., Asst. Att'y General of Illinois; Brigerman, Imogene, 108 North Dearborn Street; Ellis, Georgia Jones, Asst. Corporation Counsel, 4200 Vincennes Avenue; Crisp, Anna L., 3019 Calumet Avenue; Goodall, Barbara W., 3000 South State Street; Hall, Mary H., 3458 South State Street; Huggins, Alice, 35 South Dearborn Street; Johnson, Mabel, 1707 West Lake Street; Mann, Jessie B., OPA Rent Division; Thomas, Lucia T., 5650 Prairie Avenue; In Cambridge, Mass., Guild, Jacqueline R., 649 Massacnustets Ave., Lloyd, Jacqueline, 21 Claremont Park; Taylor, Rowena, Copley Street; in Kansas City, Mo., Johnson, Marian, 1205 Vine Street; In St. Louis, Mo., Bush, Margaret R. E. A.; Freeman, Dorothy, 11 North Jefferson Street; Howard, Lula, 11 North Jefferson Street; Minneapolis, Minn: Smith, Lena O., 523 Palace Building; New York City: Bolin, Hon. Jane, Justice of the Domestic Relation Court, New York, 135 East 22nd Street; Burnet, Amenta, 3315 Edgecombe Avenue; Chance, Lucille E., 740 St. Nicholas Avenue; Carter, Eugene Hunton, Asst. District Attorney for City of New York, N. Y., 155 Leonard Street; Speaks, Sara P., 2588 7th Avenue; Whaley, Ruth W. 277 Broadway; Cleveland, Ohio: Capers, Jean Murrell, 3725 Central Avenue; Columbus, Ohio: Frederick, Marion T., 315½ South High Street; Philadelphia, Penna: Alexander, Sadie T. M., 40 South 19th Street; Greensboro, N. C.: Alexander, Elreta M., 1001¼ East Market Street; Orangeburg, S. C.: Maxwell, Cassandra, 191 East Russell Street, Nashville, Tenn.: Grimes, C. Vernette, Fisk University; Hamptonn, Va.: Scott, Inez Fields, 124 Vine Street; Newport News, Va.: Poe, L. Martin, 548 25th Street; Norfolk, Va.: Douglass, Bertha, 145 Bank Street.

(By Dr. Sadie T. M. Alexander, Atty.-at-Law.)

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES is the effort to bring all Christian Churches of the world into one federation or Council. It has developed through a long series of Christian conferences, beginning with the World Missonary Conference at Edinburgh in 1910. In 1920 small meetings were held at Geneva, Switzerland, where plans were made for the setting up of the universal Christian Conference on Life and Work, which was held at Stockholm in 1925, followed by second which convened at Oxford in 1937. The first official Faith and Order Conference was held at Lausanne in 1927, the second at Edinburgh in 1937. Both the Oxford and Edinburgh conferences in 1937 voted to draw up a constitution for a World Council of Churches and establish a Provisional Committee. Small committees from each of these conferences met at Utrecht in 1938 and accomplished both tasks. The first World Assembly of the World Council of Church was planned to meet in 1941, but the war intervened and the Asembly was postponed until 1948, which will be held in Amsterdam in September. The delegates will total 450 church leaders, both lay and clerical, alloted as follows: 85 delegates from the Eastern Orthodox Churches; 110 from Continental Europe; 60 from Great Britain and Eire; 90 from the United States and Canada; 50 from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands; 25 from South Africa and Australia; 30 from miscellaneous minority churches in all part of the world; 126 churches from 39 countries to be represented at the Assembly; 27 American Churches will be represented at the Assembly, among them the AME Church.

XENIA, OHIO, ST. JOHN AME CHURCH, organized 1833, the home church of Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., and Dr. D. O. Walker, Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. William S. Rogers of Xenia, Ohio, one of the leading Negroes in the State of Ohio, is one of its trustees. This Church has just liquidated its mortgage and all of its indebtedness. It has been pastored by some of the leading ministers of the connection. The present pastor is Rev. A. D. Tyson.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, YOUTH COUNCIL OF KENTUCKY was started by Bishop R. C. Ransom who in 1926, combined the Sunday School and the ACE League into one great organization. Rev F. M. Reid was the first state superintendent; the the first state meeting was held in the summer of 1926 at St. Matthews AME Church, Midway, Kentucky, Rev. F. Douglas Coleman, Sr., pastor, and the name Young People's Congress was used. The organization, however, adopted the name of The Kentucky Congress of Youth. Mr. (now Rev.) Charles Adams was elected the first president. The office of state superintendent was changed to state director. Rev. Adams served 3 years; followed by Mr. Arthur Evans, Jr., 2 years; Mr. (now Rev.) Parker D. Alexander, 3 years; Rev. (now Bishop) Reid served as director for 12 years; was succeeded by Rev. Wm. Henry White, the present director. In 1940 when Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., was assigned to the 13th Episcopal District, the meeting was held at St. Paul AME Church, Lexington, Kentucky. Bishop Wright began immediately to plan and work to enlarge the work of the young people of the entire 13th District. The name was changed to the AME Youth Council of Kentucky and included not only the Sunday School and AME League, but the Young People's Department of the Missionary Society, the Junior Church, and other youth activities of the local churches. Arrangements were made with the President of Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Ky., to hold annual meeting at the college and have access to better facilities for promoting a greater program of Christian Education. The Rev. J. Bryant Cooper, of Louisville, School principal was appointed state director. Miss Kathrine Cochran of Quinn Chapel, Louisville, Ky., was chosen president, the first female president of the youth activities of the state. The Council usually meets three days in the first week in August. Mornings are given to instruction classes; afternoons to instruction and recreation; evening to inspirational addresses. A talent contest is one of the exciting featurse. The attendance in recent years has been quite larger. The present officers are: Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., General Supervisor; Katherine Cochran, president; Charles Lunderman, vice president; Della Demaree, secretary; Onedith Shye, corresponding secretary; Mary B. Tyler. treasurer; Rev. Wm. White, state director; Rev. Andrew White, director of education.



YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN. BROWN CHAPEL AME CHURCH

YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN, BROWN CHAPEL AME CHURCH began its life as an un-named mission in 1848 in the north section of the Ypsilanti village in the home of one Silus Jones, a run-away slave. Very little is known of Sylus Jones, where he came from nor what became of him. It is reported that he was a good song leader and a power in prayer. In the early spring of 1843 Sylus Jones found among those who lived in his community many that were Christians, who desired to participate in worship services, he invited them to hs home for a song and prayer service on Sunday afternoons and Wednesday nights. This continued from house to house for two years. In the year 1845 a local preacher from Indiana Conference or state came through the village and found these people worshipping without a preacher and offered his services free, and they carried on in a haphazard fashion for nine years. By 1852 this Mission had grown to a point where it began to look for a permanent place of worship. They finally secured a place on the corner of Congress and Ballard Streets where they remained for two years. They were located here when their Mission was reported to the Ind. Conference. In the year 1853 the Rev. Augustus R. Green was appointed from the Indiana Conference to the pastorate of this Mission. Rev. Green organized the Church, looked for a more permanent place to build a Church, more centrally located, and to his good fortune one of the faithful members, in the person of Brother and Sister Isa Stewart gave the present properties to the church with a dwelling house upon it which the officers began immediately to remodel for the church use. Rev. Green continuued as pastor for two years, 1853-1854. It was under his pastorate the Church was named after Bishop Morris Brown. Rev. Franklin came and satyed one year-1855. Then the Rev. J. A. Warren was appointed to this charge and served for three years, 1856-1858. Rev. Freeland came next for one year, 1859. Rev. H. Johnson, came next and continued for two years, 1860-1861. Rev. J. Bass, three years, 1862-1864 Rev. J. McSmith one year, 1865. Rev. J. N. Alexander served three years, 1866-1868. Rev. J. Bundy served three years, and remodeled the Church during 1869-1871. Rev. A. T. Hall served two years, 1872-1873. Rev. H. H. Thompson three years, 1874-1876. Rev. J. H. Miller served two years, 1877-1878. Rev. F. Myers, two years, 1879-1880. Rev. Wm. Brown one year 1881. Rev. R. H. Felton one year, 1882. Rev. J. H. Beckett eight months, 1883. Rev. P. C. Cooper three years, 1884-1886.

Rev. R. Jeffries two years, 1887-1888. Rev. J. L. Davis, two years, 1889-1890. Rev. Benjamin Roberts, one year, 1891. Rev. J. H. Masterson, one year, 1892. Rev. J. D. Barksdale two years, 1893-1894. Rev. J. H. Alexander, two years, 1895-1896. Rev. William Collins, two years, 1897-Pettiford rebuilt the church into the present beautiful gothic edifice which stands today as the finest of its type in the entire Michigan Conference. Rev. J. E. Lyons, three years, 1905-1908. Rev. T. A. Reed, A.M., D.D., one year, 1909. Rev. Benjamin Roberts two years, 1910-1911. This was his second term as pastor. Rev. C. T. Sheldon, one year, 1912. Rev. I. F. Williams, one year, 1913. Rev. F. G. Hurd, five years, 1914-1918. Rev. S. S. Harris, one year and 8 months. Rev. M. C. Wright served four months of 1920. Rev. Edward B. Williams, four years, 1921-1924. Rev. Walter Crider, three years, 1925-1927. Rev. F. L. D. McDonald one year and two months, 1927-1928. Rev. M. R. Rhonenee 5 years, 1928-1933. Rev. E. L. Clark one year 1934. Rev. A. T. Williams two years, 1935-1936. Rev. Samuel Davis two years, 1937-1938. Rev. Henry G. Simmons six years, 1938-1944 to date. Under his pastorate the church has been completely remodeled at a cost of eight thousand dollars paid in full.

Miscellaneous

FIRST CHURCH, BOSTON, MASS
Rev. O. W. Childers, Pastor

NEW JERSEY, MT. TEMAN AME CHURCH, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY. (See picture page 372) The Usher Board was organized by Rev. S. B. Nelson in the year 1937. President, James Eliger; 1st Vice President, Lindsay Kelly; Secretary, Pearl Scott; Treasurer, James Brinkley; Chaplain, Clarence Holmes. Members at large: Dollie Lewis, Alice Suber, Sally Butts, Jennie Bryant, Theola Robinson, Betty Adams, Eloise McKenzie, Ena Wadley, Dan Sumart, John Sockwood, Gabriel Warner, William Harris, James Beldon, Evelyn Harris, Albert Simmons, and Jannie Bennett.

MT. TEMAN AME CHURCH, ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY

(See picture page 373)

The Readers Club was organized March 18, 1943 under the administration of the Rev. S. B. Nelson, the present pastor. The purpose of the club is to promote interest in religious education and to do research work on literary topics. Members: Cleo Spencer, President; Pearl Scott, Vice President; Gladys Wadley, Secretary; P. S. Clayton, Advisor; J. D. Walker, Treasurer; Katie Perkins, Chaplain.

TRUSTEE AID 1 & 2 OF MT. TEMAN AME CHURCH

(See picture page 374)

This club is a continuation of the original Social Band serving as far back as the year 1918 under the pastorate of Rev. Paul Singleton. Mrs. Lydia Goodman was president, her co-workers being some of the pioneers of the church, namely: the late Mary Gibbs Hathaway, Nelson Hathaway, Francis Sisco, Jennie Meyers, Ethel Gibbs, Alice Harvard and Clemon Harvard, John Meyers, the living. After the death of many of the older members the younger ones carried on under the name of Willing Workers through the years, the club increased in number. In May 1930 under the pastorate of Rev. J. F. Vanderhost now our Presiding Elder, the club was divided into two groups to be known as Trustee Aid 1 & 2. Mrs. Ethel Patton Gibbs was appointed President of No. 1 and Mrs. Alice Harvard, President of group No. 2. These boards as present are among the bset of the church, financially the strongest. Members of Group one are: Mrs. Patton, President; Edith Williams, Secretary; Mabel Brown, Treasurer; Helen Gibbs, Iola Davis, Irene Page, Blanche Morrison, Nina Pitman, Ethel Gunn, Armando Robinson, Myrtle Moore. Group No. 2: A. Harvard, President; Cora Burrell, Vice President; Willa Wadley, Secretary; Olivia Smith, Financial Secretary; Mary Wright, Treasurer; Ella Ellison, Seola Mercer, Minnie Wright, Lillian Moore, Eula Bivens, Ada Franklin, Mary Horne, Maud Burrell, Agnes Swint, Josephine Clayton, Evelyn Dickens, Irene Mitchell, Helena Burnett.

MT. TEMAN AME SUNDAY SCHOOL

Elizabeth, New Jersey
(See picture page 372)

The Mt. Teman AME Sunday Schol was originated when the Mt. Teman AME Church was founded. In 1928, during the pastorate of the Rev. Charles H. Crumidy the Mt. Teman AME Sunday School elected Mr. P. S. Clayton for its superintendent. Resulting from his ingenuity and faithfulness along with his co-workers, the Sunday School progressed rapidly, to the extent that more seating capacity was actually needed, and the same has been provided through the remodeling of the church building under the administration of Rev. S. B. Nelson the present pastor. The school is still progressing along all lines with Mr. P. S. Clayton still the superintendent. An added feature to the Sunday School work is a Christmas Saving Fund, inaugurated by the Rev. Charles H. Crumidy in 1928, from which a large sum is paid out at the end of the year that is accumulated by a percentage of the weekly contribution to the Sunday School by its members.

SENIOR CHOIR, MT. TEMAN AME CHURCH

Elizabeth, N. J.
(See picture page 173)

Members who have served on the choir more than a score of years are Howard Robinson, Chorister; Alice Harvard, Iola Davis, other members are Blanche Morrison, Mary Skinner, Irene Page, Minnie Wright, Lillian Moore, Forest Hear, Cleo Spencer, Eli Wright, Mrs. Lola Morton, Organist. The Inspirational Choir was organized by Rev. S. B. Nelson in 1941 with Mrs. Blanche Morrison as chorister; Mrs. Irene Page, Directress and other members are: Maude Charles, Lottie Harris, Teresa Hudson, Siola Mercer, Carrie Charles Marion Hazel, Lydia Meyers, Alberta Charles, Jessie Washington, Josephine Armstrong*, Minnie Kelly, Henry Hicks, and G. Gardiner. *deceased.

NEW ENGLAND—HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT
BETHEL AME CHURCH

Stewardess Board—Sarah Allen—Standing, reading from left to right: Mrs. Rose Dixon, Mrs. Anna Bryant, Mrs. Helen Prather, Mrs. Anna Weston, Mrs. Lillian Smith, Mrs. Thomasina Knighten, Mrs. Fannie Davis, Miss Viola D. Cooper, Mrs. Louise Clements. Seated: Reading from left to right: Mrs. Emma Blanding, President; Rev. Daniel D. Davis, Pastor; and Mrs. Lois Cuyler, Vice President. The following members are absent: Mrs. Mattie Daley, Mrs. Lois Martin and Mrs. Sudye Shaw.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE BRANCH

(See picture page 428)

Those in picture on page are: Standing, Left to right, 1st Row: Miss Myrtle Wheat, Mrs. E. C. Underwood, Mrs. J. L. Madison, Mrs. E. G. Watkins and Mrs. R. S. Chavers. 2nd Row: Miss Hattie Alcorn, Mrs. Nanie Young, Mrs. Ethel Winn, Mrs. A. L. Moore and Mrs. A. B. Lyney, Mrs. F. E. Thurman. 3rd Row: Mrs. M. Buchanan, Mrs. G. Sledd, Mrs. C. L. Bradshaw, Mrs. M. L. Thomas, Mrs. A. M. Brewer and Mrs. Sarah McQueen.

WEST KENTUCKY CONFERENCE BRANCH BOARD

(See picture, page 541)

Seated: Madams M. B. Abell, A. O. Reid, A. D. Rucker, R. R. Wright, Jr., Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., G. A. Jenkins, Miss M. V. Webster, M. C. Harshaw, S. B. Smith. Standing: Madams C. Hickman, V. Woolridge, W. Titsworth, B. E. Hughes, B. T. Ford, Miss M. B. Burton, E. Graham, W. R. Cross, J. Butler, E. Walker, L. Barham, E. Smith, M. Walker, S. A. Laird, S. M. Mallory.

LaMOTT, PA. CHOIR

(See picture page 469)

LaMOTT, PENNSYLVANIA. Stewardess Board No. 2. was organized at the home of Mrs. Elnora Triplett on June 8, 1934 by Rev. J. W. Mason, then pastor. So encouraging were their programs of the first year that four have been continued as annual affairs. Sats year the board has grown and progressed. Since 1934 the board has had only two presidents serving, Mrs. Elnora Triplett, first elected and Mrs. Elizabeth Triplett her successor. Mrs. Elnora Triplett is now serving as president for the second time. Under the dynamic leadership of our present pastor and wife, Rev. Dwight V. Kyle; new heights are being attained. New life has been added and the group is being faithful to their work, their church and their God. The officers and members are as follows: Mrs. Elnora Triplett, President; Mrs. Millie Hawthorne, Vice President; Mrs. Grace Lovett, Secretary; Mrs. Lulu Moore, Treasurer; Mrs. Amy Walls, Chaplain; Jennie Mae Taylor, Elizabeth Triplett, Mary Burley, Caldonia Moore, Lulu Chaires, Sarah Kellam and Sarah Griffin, and Mrs. Hannah Brown, Honorary members.

THE STEWARDESS BOARD NO. 1, of LaMott AME Church was organized in 1888 under the leadership of the Rev. W. H. Hoxter, having only three members: Sisters Hester Butcher, Jannie Johnson and Abbie Washington. Since this time the board has grown and is striving to carry on the work of the church. Grace Witherspoon, President; Estella Triplett, Vice President; Pauline Ball, Secretary; Lillian Jones, Treasurer; Addie Jones, Chaplain; Alma Johnson, Helen Studevant, Mayme Scroggins, Olice Wester, Callie Berry, Lydia Benjamin, (Mary Scroggins) Honorary.

MEMPHIS, TENN. MINISTERS' WIVES

(See picture page 415)

The AME Ministers' Wives' Alliance of Memphis, Tenn., was organized September 25, 1942 at Saint Andrew AME Church by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. Seated left to right: Mrs. F. O. Davis, Conference President of the West Tennessee Ministers' Wives Alliance; Mrs. D. L. Witherspoon, 1st Vice President of the Local Alliance; Mrs. D. S. Ransaw, President; Mrs. E. B. Couch, Secretary; Mrs. M. E. Hendricks, Chairman of Program Committee. Standing right to left: Mrs. J. C. Pruitt, Chaplain; Mrs. S. A. Garret, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Mrs. N. L. Threats, Mrs. Jesse Chalmes, Mrs. G. C. Jenkins, Mrs. F. W. Bolton, Mrs. W. L. Powell.

AME CHURCH, MILFORD, DELAWARE
Rev. J. W. Whalen, Pastor, 312 Church Street

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
New England Conference Branch
(See picture on page 432)
1947 OFFICERS

From left to right standing: Mrs. E. B. Campbell, Mrs. Pearl A. Collins, Mrs. Elizabeth Boon, Mrs. Nellie E. Crichlow, Mrs. E. Mae Richardson, Secretary-Treasurer Y. P. D.; Mrs. R. E. Jackson. Sitting from left to right: Mrs. Ada Doers, Mrs. Mozelle Drake, Mrs. Edith M. Moore, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. Lucy A. Brown, President; Mrs. Gertrude A. Shack, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Lenora Johnson, Treasurer; Mrs. Willie E. Robinson, Corresponding Secretary.

New England Conference Branch, See page 432 lower picture.

They are (seated left to right): Mrs. Ada Doers, Mrs. Mozelle Drake, Mrs. Edith Moore, Mrs. Lucy A. Brown, Mrs. Gertrude A. Shack, Mrs. Lenora Johnson and Mrs. William E. Robinson. (Standing left to right): Mrs. Ethel B. Campbell, Mrs. Pearl Collins, Mrs. Elizabeth Boone, Mrs. Nellie Crichlow, Mrs. E. Mae Richardson and Mrs. Rebecca Jackson.

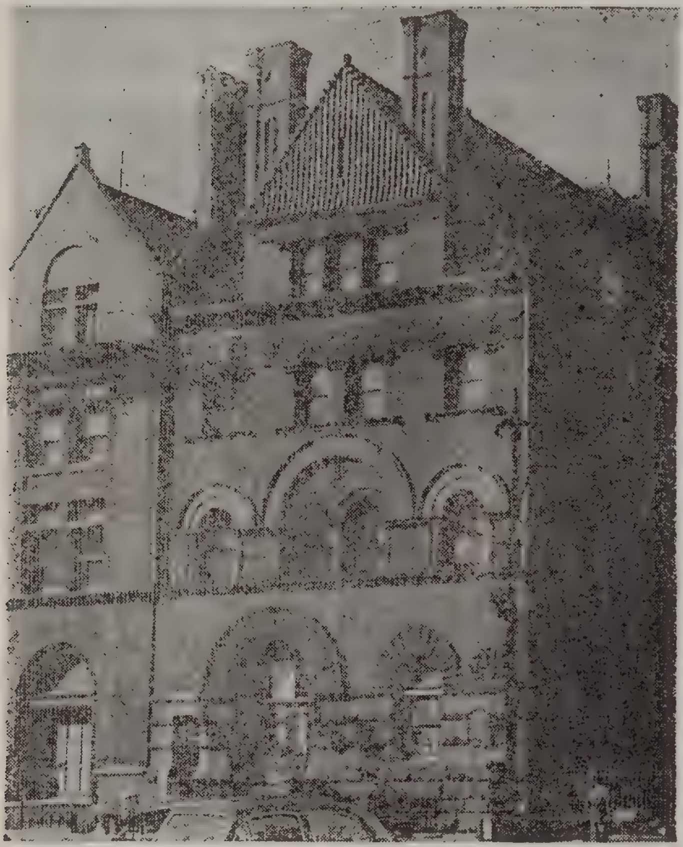
BISHOP WRIGHT IN NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

Under Bishop Wright's administration in New York (see page) among the churches, organized, returned, purchased are those on the following pages:

BETHEL AME CHURCH, mother of New York African Methodism, under Rev. Thompson, refused to recognize Bishop Wright as bishop or Rev. J. A. Portlock as pastor. The loyal members followed Rev. Portlock to a new church. After court action the disloyal members under Rev. Thompson were disposed, and Bethel Church came back in line. Bishop Wright appointed Rev. Charles E. Stewart in 1947 and Bethel is now one of the most loyal of all the churches.

PARSONAGE BETHEL AME CHURCH

BETHEL TABERNACLE, BROOKLYN, Rev. S. H. V. Gumbs, pastor. This church had many financial difficulties, and saved by Rev. Gumbs. Dr. Gumbs invited Bishop Wright in 1946 and formally announced that Bethel Tabernacle is now "a full, loyal, AME Church under Bishop Wright, and will meet all requirements of the connection."

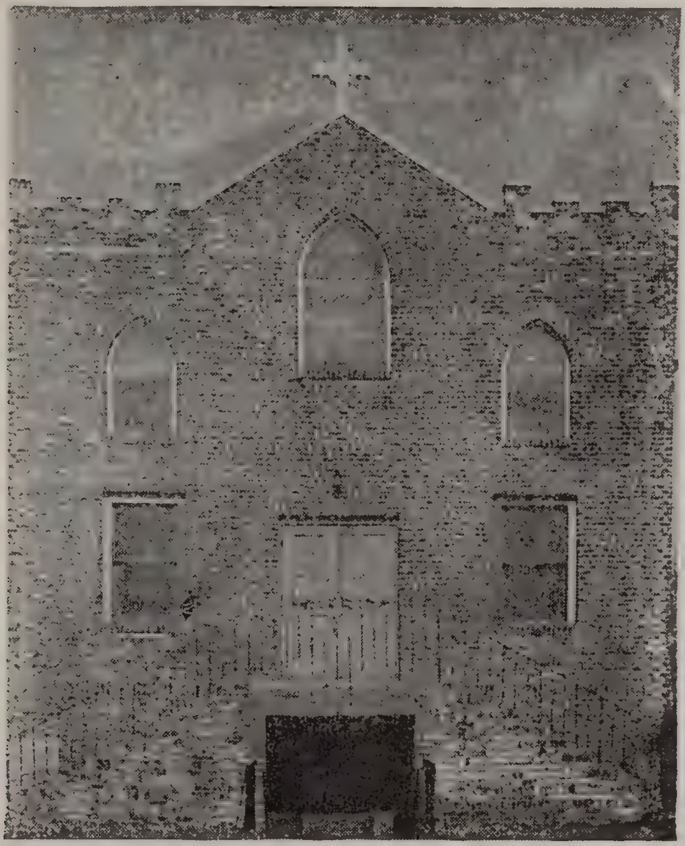


GREATER BETHEL, NEW YORK CITY, organized (1946) by Rev. J. A. Portlock out of loyal members who refused to stay in Bethel Church, while it was in rebellion. New building on 123rd St., was purchased in 1948. Approximate membership 1000.

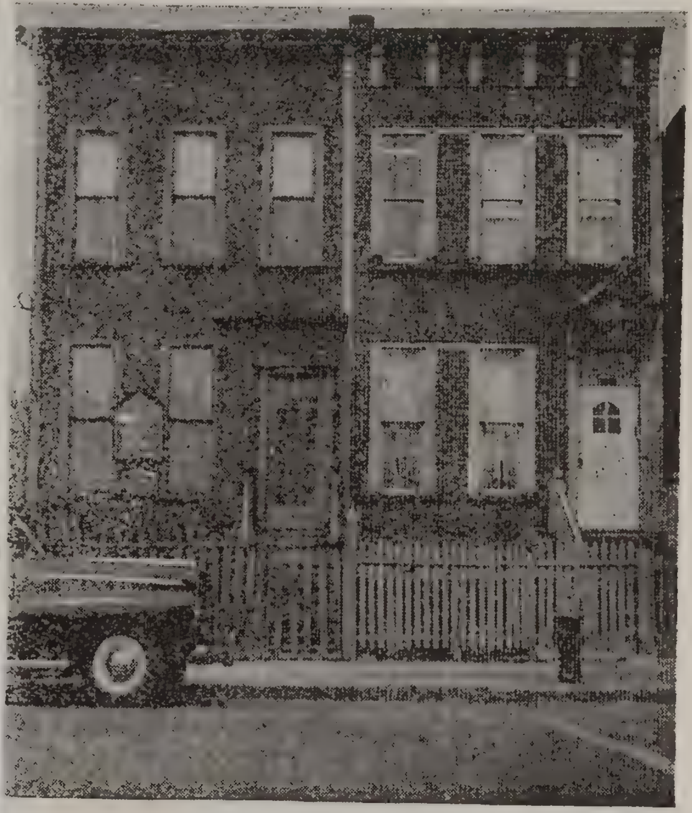
WRIGHT'S MEMORIAL AME CHURCH, Brooklyn, Rev. J. M. McMillan, pastor. This building was occupied, but the congregation was ordered to vacate because it had forfeited its contract, was far behind in its payments, and although it had been in the building since 1940, had no deed. Bishop Wright personally purchased the church with his own money, and later arranged for the church itself to take title subject to a mortgage.

AME CHURCH, LARCHMONT, N. Y.

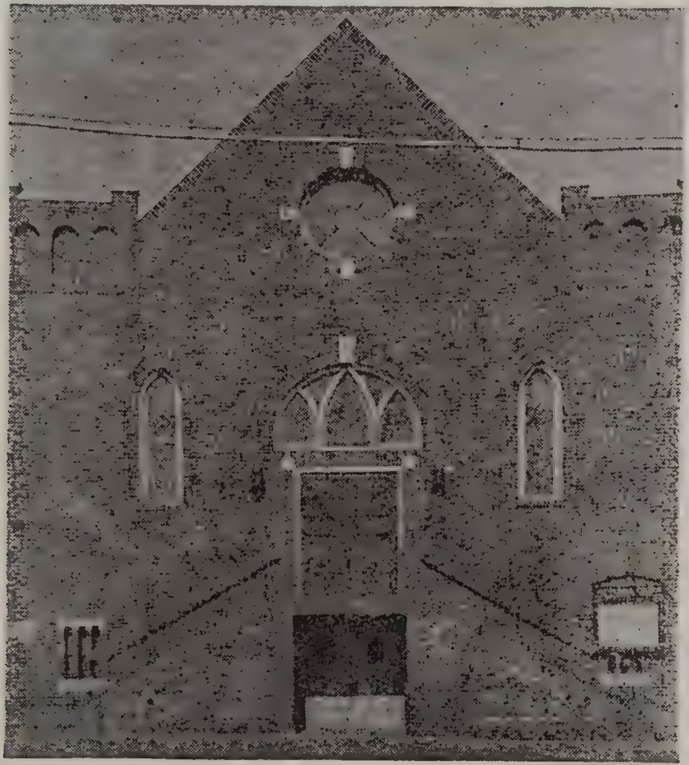
CHURCH AND PARSONAGE, LARCHMONT, N. Y., which had been sold for taxes, was redeemed in 1947 by Presiding Elder N. T. Garrison and turned over to the AME Church.



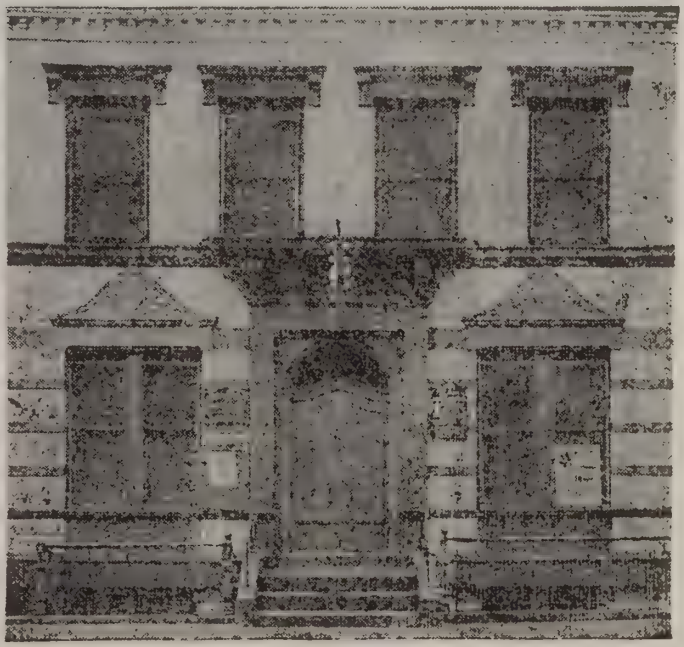
CARTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, JAMAICA, N. Y., was organized by Chaplain Julius C. Carter in 1947. Under his leadership this fine edifice was erected.



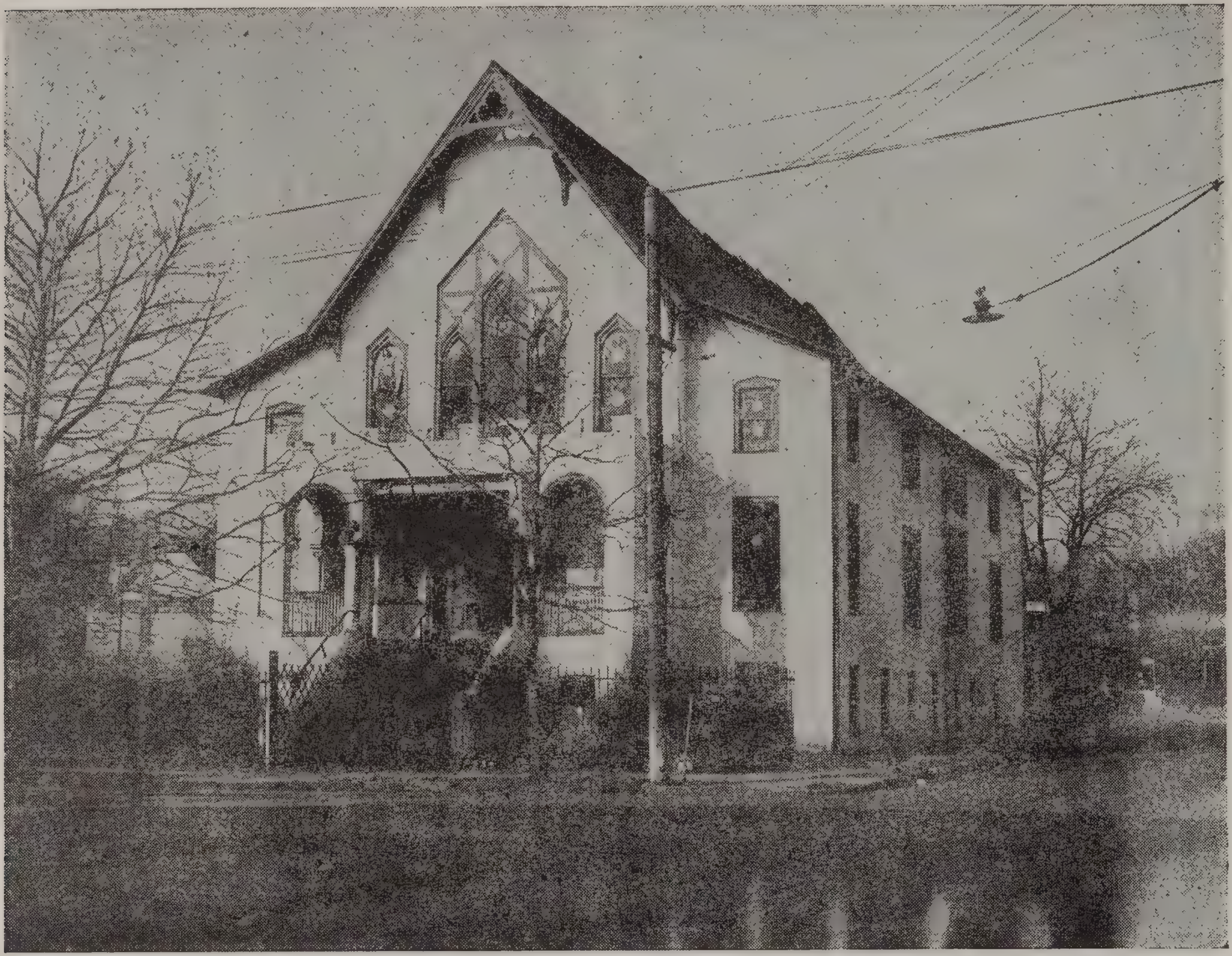
BETHEL AME CHURCH, BRONX, N. Y. This church was held out. Rev. Dreher refused to respect the appointment of Bishop Wright and tried to possess the property. The Court decided in favor of Rev. Beach, Bishop Wright's appointment in 1947-1948.



ALLEN AME CHURCH, JAMAICA, had burned. In 1946 and 1947, under Revs. Kelly A. Collins and Wm. McKinley Dawkins, it was rebuilt.

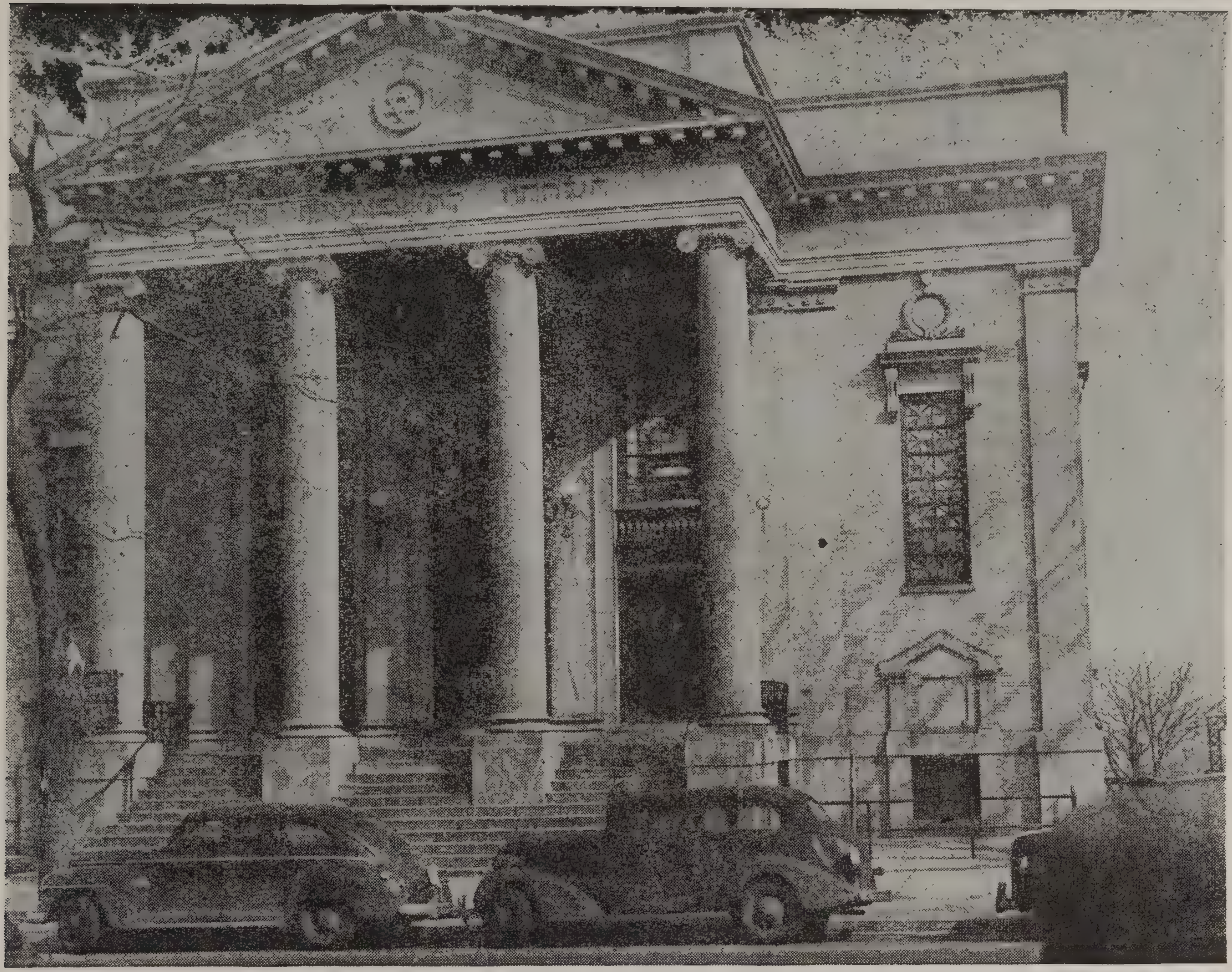


METROPOLITAN AME CHURCH, NEW YORK. An attempt was made to hold this church out from the connection. After a court decision the pastor appointed by Bishop Wright (Rev. Floyd) was heartily received by the loyal people.



NEW HOME OF BETHEL AME CHURCH, ASBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY

This is the building (Jewish Synagogue purchased by Bethel AME Church. Asbury Park, N. J., in 1948 where their new home will be placed; for many years the people had been wanting to move in a new church. A loan of $5,500 was made by the Citizens & Southern Bank, Philadelphia, Pa., to help consummate the sale. Rev. W. C. Walker is the pastor; Rev. J. Francis Vanderhorst, Presiding Elder.



NEW HOME FOR ISRAEL MEMORIAL AME CHURCH, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY

This is a magnificent building in the heart of Newark, which could not be duplicated for half million dollars; land around it for fine housing and recreational development. The congregation has been out doors worshipping in the YMCA Building. Through the leadership of Dr. D. L. Davis, the popular pastor and with the aid of Bishop Wright this loyal congregation contracted the purchase of what will be one of the finest churches in the AME Con-

ST. JOHN AME CHURCH, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

(See picture, page 501)

This church was held out by Rev. Solomon Freeman and refused to recognize Bishop Wright. After the Council's decision Bishop Wright's appointee, Rev. Roy E. Peters took charge and the church is making rapid progress.

STEWARDS AND CLASS LEADERS

(See pictures page 490-491)

ST. ANDREWS AME CHURCH

Seated in front: Mrs. Allura G. Stams.

First row, left to right: Brothers L. K. Lambert, Clifton Hudson, John Ingram, Pastor F. D. Coleman, Sr., Joe Hawthorne, James Levison, Chester Harp.

Second row: Noble Thornton, Samuel Clark, Timothy Ingram, H. A. Neale, Buford Shelby, W. L. Robinson, Rev. Robert McRae.

Third row: Shelby Russell, Ed Shields, Harper Crawford, A. W. Smith, Abram Harding, R. B. Hays.

STEWARDESSES

Reading from left to right: Sisters Willie Young, Della Hawthorne, Bessie Woods, Sarah Smith, Mattie Jones, F. J. Thompson, Willetta Craft, Ioda Jackson, Lena Hudson.

DEACONESS AND HELPERS

Reading from left to right: (First row). Evangelists Lelia Hester. Mesdames Bessie Jefferson, Lela Jackson, Evangelists L. J. Bailey, Ida Shackleford, Mesdames Willa B. Gilton, Ada Morrison, Velma Sherman.

Second row: Mesdames Emma Harp, Nettie Washington, Ernestine Clark, Mary Henley, Evangelist Emma Foster, Mesdames Maggie Brown, Irma Beardon.

Third row: Pastor F. D. Coleman, Sr., Miss Helene Russell, Mesdames Lola Lee, Alice Foster, Thelma G. Hooks, Miss Daisy A. Pride, Mr. George Evans.

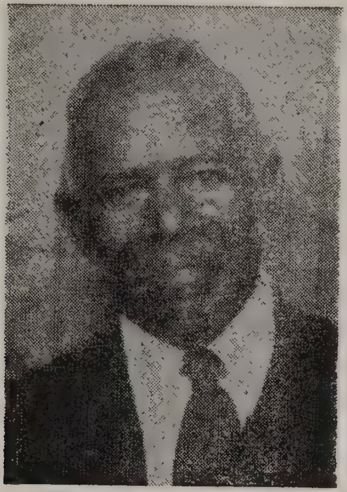
TRUSTEES

First row, left to right: Messrs. H. D. Clark, Calvin Dumas, Pastor Coleman, H. F. Patton, J. T. Thompson.

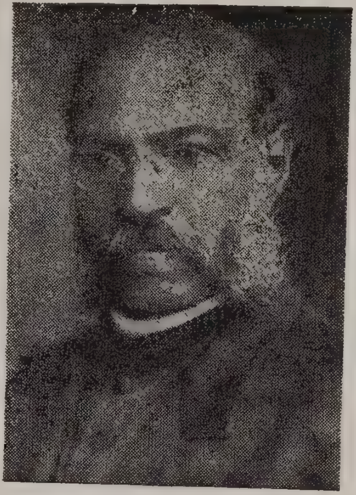
Second row: Messrs. Wm. Jackson, Harrison Byres, W. S. Jackson, Joseph Davis, Jesse Dillard.

WARD AME CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Left to right, front row: John H. Wilson, Lola Epps, Eva Harris, Delia Morris, Pelmon Epps, Rev. E. K. Nichols. Second row: Florence Wilson, Ethel Carter, Samuel Gethers, Lillie Hatcher. Third row: George Hearst, Reuben Thompson, Rev. Josiah Jefferson, Pinckney Jones, Johnie Lant, Sylvester Montgomery.



REV. S. A. AIKEN



ALEXANDER, Rev. W. G., deceased, born in Orangetown, Virginia; educated in Washington, D. C., Howard University; held degrees of A.B., M.A., D.D., S.T.D. and LL.D. from various institutions; while a young man he was called to the ministry, served as pastor in Maryland, Virginia, Alabama, Georgia, Fla., South Carolina, North Carolina; served as dean of Turner Theological Seminary, Morris Brown College, 16 years; B. F. Lee Theological Seminary, Edward Waters College, 15 years. Dr. Alexander knew personally all the bishops except the first four. At Portsmouth, Va., he built and furnished a pastor's home, and was appointed by the Governor of Virginia as curator of the Hampton Normal and Agricultural College; member of the Ecumenical Conference, Past Grand Secretary of Masons; member of many General Conferences; director of the conference institute 11th Episcopal District. He lectured on "The Divinity of the Ten Commandments". "Spiritual Lessons from The Book of Job", "The Negro Pulpit and The School Room", "Richard Allen The Inspiration and Pioneer in Afro American Achievement and Power". "The Educated Negro His Place and Mission". Author, "The Finished Preacher" etc.

BISHOP A. J. ALLEN AND FAMILY
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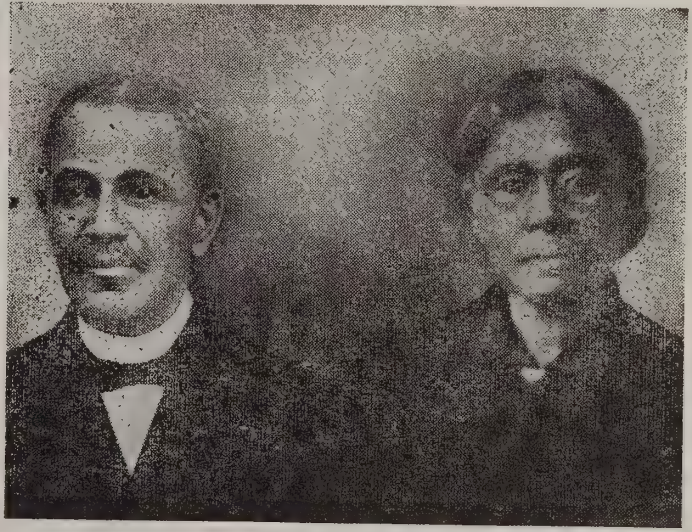
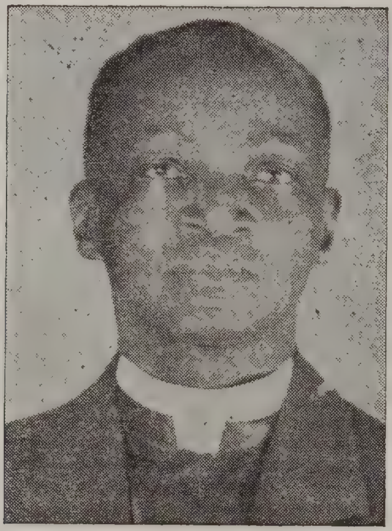


REV. AND MRS. GEORGE W. ALLEN
(See Biography page 27)

ALLEN, Sarah, wife of Bishop Richard Allen, was born in 1764 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. She was brought to Philadelphia at about eight years of age. About 1800 she was married to Richard Allen and labored with him till his death. Her son, Richard Allen, Jr., was secretary of the first conference. She died July 16, 1849, in Philadelphia at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Ann Adams.



REV. FRITZ R. ALLEYNE
Middletown, N. Y.

ANDERSON, Rev. Louis Walter, pastor Bethel AME Church, Greensburg, Pa.; educated Lutheran Emanuel Seminary, Greensboro, N. C.; B.D., and A.M., Straight College (now Dillard University), New Orleans, La.; B.D., Payne Seminary, Wilberforce University; post graduate work Ohio State University. He has been high school instructor, Orleans Parish School Board, New Orleans; boys' counsellor, YMCA, New Orleans; editorial writer and newspaper correspondent, "Louisiana Weekly", New Orleans; he held pastorates in the Mississippi, Louisiana, Ohio and Pittsburgh Conferences, and taught at Wilberforce University.

ANDREWS, Alvin Emerson, was born October 22, 1911, in Portsmouth, Virginia. He was graduated from Norcom High School, 1930; Wilberforce University, 1934; Boston University, STB, 1938; A.M., 1939; licensed to preach at Emanuel AME Church, Portsmouth, Va., 1936. He was admitted to annual conference 1936; ordained deacon 1937; ordained elder, 1938, in New England Conference by Bishop D. H. Sims. He pastored Narragansett Pier, R. I., 1938; Cranford, N. J., 1939-1941; Bridgeport, Conn., June, 1941-September, 1941. He was professor of Theology and History at Morris Brown College, 1941-1944; Field Representative of American Missionary Association, Fisk University, June, 1944-September, 1945; President of R. R. Wright, Jr. School of Religion, 1945 to present date. He married Miss Lilas Belle Crawford, of Malden, Mass., June 14, 1939.

REV. ALVIN E. ANDREWS AND
MRS. LILAS BELLE CRAWFORD ANDREWS

ARNETT, Benjamin William, 17th bishop of the AME Church; born March 6, 1838, at Brownsville, Pennsylvania; baptized at six months old; converted February 14, 1856 and joined church February 17th; licensed to preach March 31, 1865; joined Ohio Conference April 16, 1867 at Lexington, Ky.; ordained deacon April 30, 1868; elder May 12, 1870; assistant secretary to the general conference, 1872; secretary to the general conference, 1876 and 1880. In May, 1880 he was elected financial secretary and was re-elected in 1884; in May 1888, elected bishop, consecrated May 24, 1888. In 1893, he was a member of the Parliament of Religions at Chicago, Ill., and presided September 15th. The AME Church presented him a gold medal for the part he took in behalf of the church. He held the following positions: Secretary of the Bishops' Council; historian of the AME Church, trustee of the Archaeological and Historical Society of Ohio; vice-president of the Anti-Saloon League of America; trustee of Wilberforce University; director of Payne Theological Seminary (Chairman Executive Committee), trustee of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, trustee and vice-president of the Combined Normal and Industrial Board of Wilberforce University (now College of Education), statistical secretary of the Ecumenical Conference of Methodism for the Western Section, 1891-1901; chairman of statistical committee of Western Section, 1901-1911. He presided at the Ecumenical Conference, London, England, September 7, 1901; was chaplain of the National Republican Convention at St. Louis, 1896; presented to President McKinley for the AME Church, the Bible upon which he took his oath as President, March 4, 1897; he was a member of the Executive Committee, National Sociological Society; Chairman Committee on Legislation and

Transportation, National Sociological Society; life member of the Business Men's League of the United States; president of the Publication Board, 1904-1906. He died October 7, 1906, at Wilberforce, while presiding bishop of the First Episcopal District. He gave two sons to the AME ministry: B. W. Arnett, Jr., of Philadelphia, and Henry Y. Arnett, deceased.

ARMSTRONG, Josiah Haynes, bishop of the AME Church, was born May 30, 1842, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; converted at Jacksonville, Florida, 1868; joined Florida Conference, 1869; ordained deacon in 1869; elder in 1870; served as pastor and presiding elder in Florida and Texas; elected financial secretary in 1892; consecrated to the bishopric May 19, 1896; died March 23, 1898, at Galveston, Texas; was buried at Galveston, Texas, March 27, 1898. He served in the Civil War.

BISHOP JOSIAH H. ARMSTRONG

ARRINGTON, Rev. Robert E., born in Livingston, Alabama, September 9, 1869; after death of President Lincoln moved with his family to Meridian, Miss., later worked on a steamboat, which he left to go to St. Louis to live; was converted here and joined the AME Church, and went immediately to Helena, Montana where he organized an AME Church. He arrived in California in 1886 and became a member of the AME Zion Church in San Francisco under Elder Ward. In 1890, he went to Portland, Oregon, and in 1892 joined the ministry under Elder Ward. In 1898 he was ordained an elder in the California Conference under Bishop W. J. Gaines, and is still a member of said conference. He was superannuated under Bishop Williams in 1936 and is now a member of First Church, 8th and Towne, but regular in attendance at Grant Chapel, 108th at Compton, Los Angeles.

BABER, Bishop George Wilbur, 63rd bishop, son of Rev. William B. and Mrs. Emma Effie Baber, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1898, educated in the public schools of Michigan, Chicago Theological Seminary and Wilberforce University; converted at Chatham, Ontario, 1911; licensed to preach, 1919, by his father; admitted to Michigan Conference, 1923; ordained deacon 1924 by Bishop Coppin, and elder in 1926 by Bishop Vernon at Grand Rapids, Michigan; served as pastor LaPorte, Indiana 1924-1927 and built new church and purchased a parsonage paying for the same; Michigan City, Indiana, 1927-1929, built a new church with gymnasium; Benton Harbor, Michigan, 1928-1931, built a new church and paid for same; Flint, Michigan, 1931-1934, rebuilt church; Ebenezer, Detroit, 1934-1944, purchased and paid for new edifice in which the general conference met in 1940; elected to the bishopric in 1944; and assigned to the 17th Episcopal District, in South Africa. In 1945 he was assigned to Arkansas and 1946 to Baltimore. In 1918 he married Miss Alma Mims of Benton Harbor, Michigan; children: Mrs. June Woodson, Flora Annetta, George W., Jr., Benjamin S., and Barbara Dawn; one grandchild, Karen Marie Woodson; member of the Missionary Board 1940-1944; delegate to general conferences of 1936, 1940 and 1944; alternate 1928; D.D. from Wilberforce, Morris Brown and Shorter; LL.D. from Payne College and Campbell College; member of the Detroit Inter-racial Committee appointed by Mayor Jefferies; of welfare board of Flint, Michigan. With Mrs. Baber he has traveled in Europe, visiting the Conference on Life and Work, in 1937; chairman of the Exposition of Negro Progress in Detroit, 1940.

BABER, Mrs. Alma W., born in Benton Harbor, Michigan in 1898; educated in Michigan public schools, member of AME Church, organist; married Rev. Baber in 1918, accompanied her husband in all his charges, and on an extensive European tour in 1937.

BISHOP G. W. BABER AND FAMILY

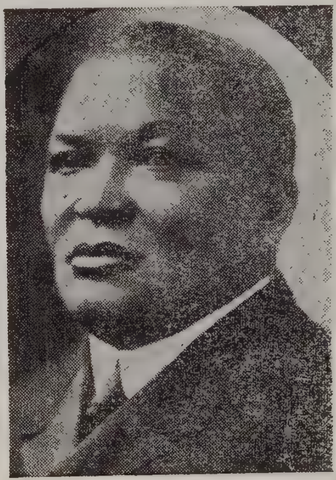
Seated: Bishop and Mrs. G. W. Baber. Standing, from left to right: Barbara Dawn, June, Wilbur, Flora and Benjamin.

BARKSDALE, Rev. James Drayton, deceased, former editor of the Western Christian Recorder; born at Goldsville, S. C., October 24, 1862; baptized in infancy in Bethel AME Church near Clinton, S. C. He attended the country schools in Columbia, S. C.; taught in the public schools of his native county, Laurens, S. C., two years. He finished Greeley Institute. Admitted to Columbia Conference in 1882; ordained deacon by Bishop Dickerson, May, 1883; elder in 1884; was pastor in South Carolina, Indiana, Michigan and Colorado. He was a member of the Centennial General Conference; was elected editor of the Western Christian Recorder and served until 1928.

BATEN, Mrs. Thennie, evangelist; licensed by the New England Conference April 7, 1924 under Rev. Lawyer by Dr. Wm. Byrd, presiding elder, and Bishop W. H. Heard; served forty-eight years in the AME Church, thirty years in the State of Connecticut; organized Sunday School in Hazelwood, East Grandby, Connecticut, in 1917; was also founder of Allen AME Church, Hartford, Connecticut, in 1936.

BAXTER, Rev. Daniel Minort, deceased, born October 2, 1872, at Charleston, S. C.; converted at Charleston, S. C., and joined Mt. Zion AME Church; licensed to preach at Washington, D. C. in 1903; joined annual conference in 1905 and ordained deacon 1905 at High Springs, Florida; was pastor and presiding elder in Florida; member General Conferences from 1912 to 1936. He was elected business manger of the Book Concern in 1920 and served until 1936 when, on account of illness, he asked for a leave of absence and appointed Richard R. Wright, III, as his deputy. During his administration the present Book Concern building in Philadelphia was built, which was lost after bankruptcy proceedings. He died in 1938.

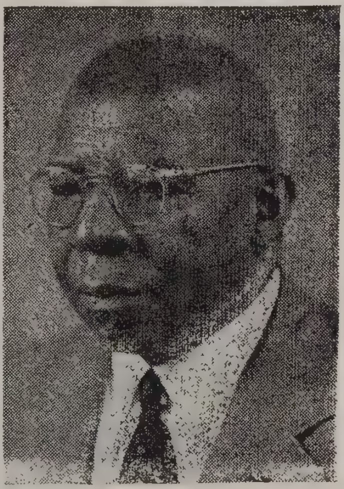
BECKETT, William Wesley, deceased, 40th bishop, son of Thomas and Martha Beckett; was born in 1859 at Edisto Island, S. C.; attended public school, Clark University and Gammon Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia. He received a D.D. degree from Allen University; converted in 1870; joined the AME Church in 1871; licensed to preach in 1878; ordained deacon 1886; joined the annual conference, Georgetown, S. C.; served as pastor and presiding elder in South Carolina; member of General Conference since 1896; elected Secretary of Missions, 1908 and 1912; President of Allen University, 1912-1916; member of South Carolina legislature, 1882-1884; inspector of Port of Charleston, 1892-1894; elected bishop May 18, 1916 and assigned to South Africa, and although World War I was in progress and the Atlantic Ocean was infested with German submarines, he visited his work in South Africa. He was assigned to Mississippi and succeeded Bishop Chappelle in South Carolina in 1924. He died in 1927.



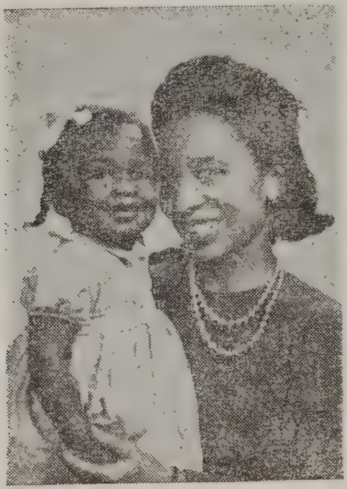
BELL, Mrs. Valleta Harper, wife of Rev. William Leroy Bell; dean of women, Virginia State College, Petersburg, Virginia; was born in Cincinnati, Ohio,

daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James A. Harper; was reared and educated New York City; received degrees, B.S. and M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University; served as assistant editor of the "Voice of Missions"—official publication of the Board of Home and Foreign Missions of the AME Church, (1941-1945); assistant dean of women of Southern University Scottlandville, Louisiana, and since 1945, dean of women at Virginia State College; member of National Council of Negro Women (life member), National Association of Deans of Women, Home Missions Conference of North America, National Association of College Women, National Education Association, Virginia Teachers Association, National Association of Deans of Women and Advisors to Girls in Negro Schools; was married to Chaplain W. L. Bell, December, 1942. (See Biography of Chaplain W. L. Bell page 35.)

BENN, Rev. J. S., Jr., presiding Elder, Philadelphia Conference, was born in Bishopsville, South Carolina, eldest of ten children of Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Benn, Sr.; attended the Bishopville public schools; graduated from High School at an early age; served as steward, trustee, class leader, exhorter, local preacher, Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent; was licensed to preach at an early age; joined the Philadelphia Annual Conference in West Chseter, 1918. His itineracy included South Carolina, Alabama, and Pennsylvania.



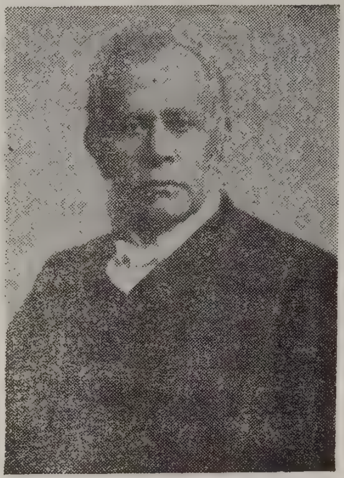
He holds the respect of the leaders of his denomination throughout the connection, as well as the Business and Professional men throughout the United States. He received the degree B.A. from State College, Orangeburg, South Carolina, B. D. from Miller College, Philadelphia, Pa., D.D., from Allen University, Columbia, South Carolina, graduate work in Presbyterian Bible Institute, Scranton, Pa., LL.D. from Campbell College, Jackson, Miss. He taught public school thirteen years in South Carolina and pastored in the State of South Carolina. At present he is Superintendent of Allen Christian Endeavor League of the First Episcopal District; served as Presiding Elder of the Greenville and Abbeyville District, Piedmont Conference, South Carolina. Presiding Elder (2 yrs.) Harrisburg District of the Philadelphia Conference (1944-1946); was the successful pastor of Mt. Zion AME Church, Darby, Pa.; Presiding Elder of West Philadelphia District of the Philadelphia Conference; he served as official reporter Ministers' Civic and Political Alliance; Executive Director of Activities of the Philadelphia Negro Chamber of Commerce; Founder, Manager and Editor of the Co-Ordinator Magazine, mouth-piece and official organ of the First Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He ranks high in the religious and civic circles in Philadelphia, Pa. As ACE League Superintendent, he sponsored a City Interracial, Inter-denominational Christian Youth Fellowship Service at Baptist Temple (white) with Dr. Daniel A. Poling as principal speaker. The huge success of this affair commended him to the Business and Civic Minded Citizens of both races of the entire City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania. He is a dynamic genius as Executive Secretary of the Negro Chamber of Commerce of Philadelphia, and well deserves the credit for reviving it. Today it stands among the leading Negro organizations in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Negro Business League. He has been presented as a candidate for Manager of the AME Book Concern by delegate in the First Episcopal District who state that—"Dr. Benn from actual test, has proven himself beyond doubt, to be a great Business Executive and a high churchman. He is a man of high sterling character, with affable nd invincible integrity. He is a man of great perseverance and dependability. His educational background as a Practical Printer and years of experience as a versatile business man eminently qualify him for the consideration of delegates in support of his aspiration. These and numerous other potential qualifications he possesses impel us to recommend him for the above consideration. Philadelphia Afro-American (April 29, 1944). He was Promoter and Host to the National Negro Business Convention in Philadelphia, Pa., August 20-23, 1946. He is one of the regional vice-presidents of the National Body. He has charge of the Eastern Sea Board Area. He is President of the Connectional Brotherhood, a body of men and women who meet at the time and place of the Bishops' Council, and inspire candidates for positions in the church. He is founder of the National Mutual Pool-Aid Association and Housewives League, Philadelphia. Dr. Benn also received a citation from U. S. Treasury Department for serving on Speaker's Bureau Industrial Division. He conducted more than 24 Rallies for the U. S. Government. He was twice married, first to Miss Lottie Mae Carter. He is the proud father of two fine sons, James S. Benn (3rd) a senior in Wilberforce University, Ohio, and Harold J. Benn, a sophomore at Lincoln University, Oxford, Penna. His first wife died in 1940. In 1942 Dr. J. S. Benn married Miss Sarah Jane Cooper, only daughter of the late Dr. H. H. Cooper, Sr. Miss Cooper is a teacher in the Philadelphia Public Schools, and a musician of no mean ability. At present Rev. J. S. Benn, Jr., is Secretary-Treasurer of the Philadelphia Conference and Finance Committee.



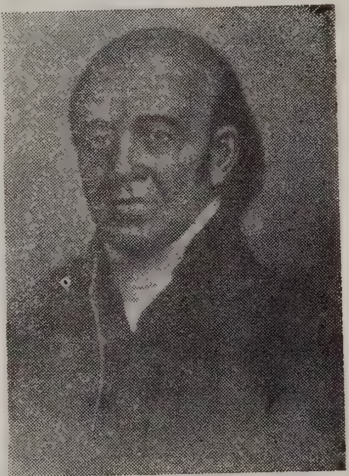
MRS. C. C. BLAKE AND DAUGHTER
(Chaplain C. C. Blake page 39)

BISHOP AND MRS. W. S. BROOKS
(See Biography page 50)

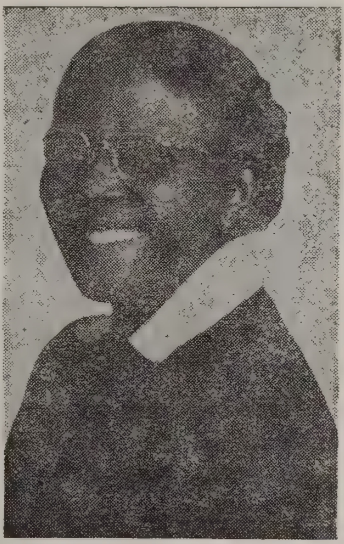
BROWN, John Mifflin, deceased bishop, was born in Canwell's Bridge, now Odessa, Delaware, September 8, 1817. He received his early education from private instructors. He declined the teaching of a Catholic priest on the ground that he would be a Methodist. He came to live in Philadelphia, where he found a home with Dr. Emerson and Henry Chester, who instructed him in the rudiments of education and religion. In 1836, he united with Bethel AME Church and 1838 entered the Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Massachuetts. He entered Oberlin College. In 1884, he opened a school in Detroit, Michigan and pastored the AME Church there from 1884-1887. He was elected principal of Union Seminary, out of which grew Wilberforce University. Later he pastored in New Orleans, La. After various pastorates in the southern states, he was elected at the general conference of 1864 as editor of the Christian Recorder, but he resigned and was elected corresponding secretary of the Parent Home and Foreign Missionary Society, which he held for four years. In 1868 he was elected Bishop of the AME Church at the general conference meeting at Washington, D. C., and was consecrated May 25, 1868.



BISHOP JOHN M. BROWN



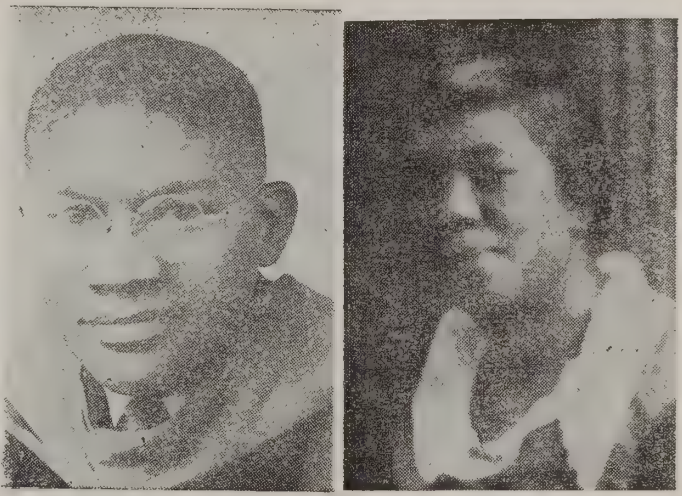
BROWN, Morris, deceased second bishop, born in Charleston, S. C., January 8, 1770 of mixed parentage. Being free, he secured a licensed to preach as soon as he professed religion; was ordained deacon in 1817; elder 1818, and began traveling. In 1822 occured the Denmark Vesey insurrection in Charleston, and the colored people were put under a ban, and many persecuted. Morris Brown was a prosperous boot and shoemaker. He assisted numbers of slaves in purchasing their freedom, and in various ways succored them, and for so doing was rigorously punished. He was imprisoned for one year before 1822, for too great sympathy for slaves. Conditions among the free colored people grew so bad that some of them, including Morris Brown, began to go North. He reached Philadelphia in 1822, though suspected of complicity in the Vesey plot, and his family followed in 1823. Here he was untrammeled, and entered with zest into church and every reform movement of that day. Bishop Allen was growing feeble and needed an assistant, and the great zeal and intelligence of Rev. Morris Brown were recognized, and he was elected and consecrated bishop, May 25, 1828. The position was no sinecure; travel was difficult, and hospitality very uncertain, but the work was prosecuted with vigor and fine results, and when Bishop Allen died in 1831, Bishop Morris Brown became the sole bishop until 1836, when Bishop Edward Waters was consecrated as bishop to assist. Bishop Brown had quite a family, the members of which, beginning in 1823, entered most conspicuously into the social life of Philadelphia. His son, Morris Brown, Jr., became one of Philadelphia's leading musicians. In 1844, while in Canada, on episcopal work, he suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which he never recovered, dying in Philadelphia, May 19, 1849.



BROWN, Miss Eva D., daughter of James and Maggie Brown; born in West Feliciana Parish, Brandon, La.; received her public school training, also 3 years high school training in New Orleans, La.; converted April 17, 1914, joined Union Bethel A M E Church, New Orleans, Louisiana. A faithful member of church and choir No. 2. Miss Brown came to Hartford, Conn., June 14, 1947; now a faithful member of Allen Chapel AME Church; a member of the steward board, also a member of the senior choir, the social center, and the Friendship club, and reporter for the New England Quarterly Conference. Miss Brown is the companion of Mrs. W. K. Hopes, 34 Suffield St., Hartford 5, Conn.

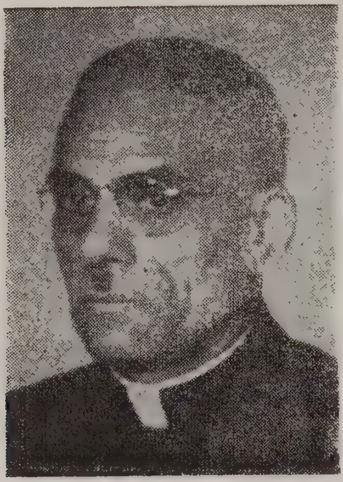
BROWN, Mrs. Daisy C. (Jefferson), wife of Rev. Norman W. Brown was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, the oldest of nine children; educated in the public schools of that city, the Extension Department of Wilberforce University, and Allen University; converted and joined St. Paul AME Church, McKeesport, Pennsylvania at the age of 14 years, and worked there as a choir member, Sunday school teacher and in the ACE League until her marriage to Rev. Brown, January 14, 1920. She is the mother of Altha C. Brown, a graduate of Wilberforce University.

BRYANT, Ira Toussaint, born at Selma, Ala., October 14, 1877, son of Mansfield Edward and Alice A. (Choice) Bryant; graduate of A. & M. College of Normal, Ala. He served as operator in the United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.; elected by half a vote as Secretary-Treasurer of the AME Sunday School Union 1908; and served until 1936, when he was defeated by E. A. Selby; refused to turn over the Sunday School Union to his successor, on the claim that the General Conference had no right to oust him. Court proceedings lasted nearly 4 years and finally the United States Courts demanded him to turn over the property to the party elected by the General Conference. He started a series of articles attacking leaders of the church, was arrested at the General Conference in Philadelphia in 1944 and released under $4,000 bonds. Rather than face trial on the truth or falsity of his charges, he failed to appear at court and forfeited the $4,000 bonds. He fought extradition so as not to face trial. At present he is technically a "fugitive from justice".



REV. AND MRS. C. T. BUCHANAN
Pastor and wife, Nicholasville, Ky.

BUTLER, Dr. William H. H., (deceased) was born in Seneca County, Ohio; son of Israel and Catherine Butler. He was in the United States Colored Troops Infantry in 1864. In 1870 he was employed by the Freemen's Bureau, in charge of Ariel Academy, at Camp Nelson, Jessamine County, Kentucky. In 1880 he was admitted at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, to the Arkansas Conference. He served principally in the First and Third Episcopal Districts; was made historian of the AME Church in 1924 and served until his death. He edited the Year Book of the AME Church during this time. He was regarded as one of the ablest ecclesiastical lawyers in the church, and published "Ecclesiastical Judicial Practice in the AME Church." October 9, 1905 he was married to Miss Evangeline R. Brown of New York who survives him.



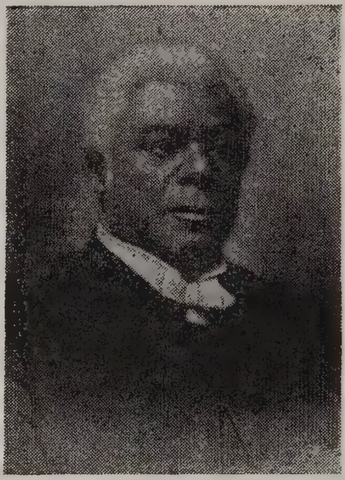
REV. N. BURTON

CAIN, Richard Harvey, deceased, 14th bishop, was born in Greensboro County, W. Va., April 28, 1826. In early manhood he moved with his parents to Ohio where he worked as a steamboat hand. He was converted at Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1841; in 1844 was licensed to preach. Soon afterward he joined the AME Church and was admitted to the Indiana Conference in 1854. In 1859 he was ordained deacon and the next year entered Wilberforce University. In 1862 he was ordained elder in Washington. In 1865, he was sent to South Carolina Conference in this state, he served as pastor and presiding elder. He became interested in state affairs, and was a member of the constitutional convention which revised the constitution of South Carolina; he served two years as state senator, editing a Republican newspaper; in 1879 he was elected to the 43rd U. S. Congress. He served as President of Paul Quinn College at Waco,

CALDWELL, Rev. Julian C., deceased, was born in Chapel Hill, N. C., November 1, 1870; licensed to preach in 1887; graduate from Payne Theological Seminary in 1896 and joined the Missouri Conference the same year. He was made district superintendent of the Sunday Schools of the Lancaster District, Philadelphia Conference. In 1908, he was elected General Secretary of the Allen Christian Endeavor League and served until 1920. Served as pastor, presiding elder in Kentucky and Tennessee, also as editor of Sunday School literature; died at Nashville, Tennesee in 1943.

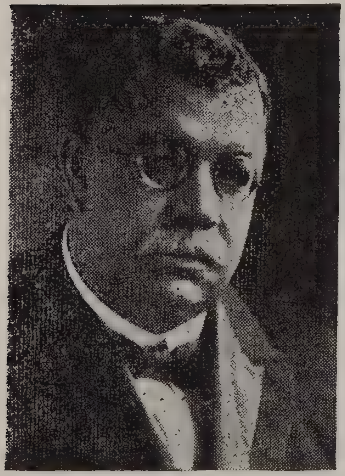
CALDWELL, William Edward, linotype operator, AME Book Concern, son of Rev. and Mrs. M. G. Caldwell, born in Greenville, S. C., April 28, 1889; was converted in 1900, in St. John AME Church, Marion, S. C.; attended the public schools of South Carolina, Flegler High School Marion, S. C., Allen University; came to Philadelphia, Pa., in 1915 and connected with the AME Book Concern, and worked on the first Centennial Encyclopaedia of African Methodism, in 1916, and now doing the typesetting on this Encyclopaedia; spent 13 months in the first World War, served in France, as sergeant; is connected with Athenian Lodge, No. 24, F. & A. M., Knight of Pythias, Hotel Brotherhood, U.S.A., Citizens Republican Club, and Wesley Square Club; was instructor in printing at Allen University for 3 years; connected with Government Printing Office for a while, in Washington, D. C.; married Miss Ruth Williams of Sumter, S. C., 1918. Mrs. Ruth Caldwell died in 1927. Married Miss Vernice Hill, of Norfolk, Virginia, in 1930.

CAMPBELL, Jabez Pitt, (deceased), eighth bishop; born in Slaughter Neck, Delaware, February 5, 1815; his father, a preacher in the ME Church, as such came into the AME Church. He ran away from Delaware at an early age, because his father was induced to give him as a collateral security for debt to one of his creditors and when the father was



unable to pay the debt, the boy was subjected to the danger of being taken for the debt. He ran away and come to the state of Pennsylvania, where he was sold for a term of years. He bought two of the years from his master and at eighteen years of age became his own master. In September 10, 1839, he was licensed to preach in the AME Church; ordained elder in 1843; married Stellar Medley in New York City in 1844. He was stationed in 1843 at Albany Station by Bishop M. Brown; was pastor and school teacher in New York and Philadelphia, 1847-1854; married Mary Ann Shire in 1855; 1855-1860 served as general book steward and editor of the Christian Recorder; 1860-1864 pastor Trenton Circuit; Bethel, Philadelphia; Waters Chapel and Ebenezer Station, Baltimore. In May, 1864, was elected bishop.

CAMPBELL, Mrs. Mary Ann, wife of Bishop Jabez Pitt Campbell; born in Philadelphia, Pa., January 10, 1818; was one of the founders of Parent Mite Missionary Society in 1874; for a short time was president and for a decade was the treasurer. She was a life member with her husband, of the board of managers of the Home for Aged and Infirm Colored Persons, Philadelphia, was one of the founders of Frederick Douglass Hospital, Philadelphia, and widely known for her works of charity. She died in Philadelphia, January, 1910.



CAREY, Archibald James, deceased, bishop of the AME Church; son of Rev. Jefferson and Anna B. Carey; was born August 25, 1868, at Atlanta, Ga.; attended Atlanta University; Chicago Theological Seminary and the University of Chicago. He was converted and joined the church at nine years of age licensed to preach 1888, ordained deacon in 1889; elder in 1890; joined the North Georgia Annual Conference in 1888 and held these appointments: Bethel, Atlanta, Ga.; Mt. Zion, Jacksonville, 1895; Quinn Chapel, Chicago, 1898-1904; Bethel, Chicago, 1904-1909; Institutional, Chicago, 1909-1920; elected bishop at St. Louis in 1920. He was member of all general conferences from 1904 to his death. He married Miss Elizabeth Davis, daughter of Hon. Madison Davis, former postmaster of Athens, Ga., in 1890. To this union were born: Eloise, Annabel, Madison, Dorothy, and Archibald, Jr.

MRS. VIOLA CARPER
(See Biography of Rev. L. M. Carper page 63)

REV. MELVIN G. CRAWFORD

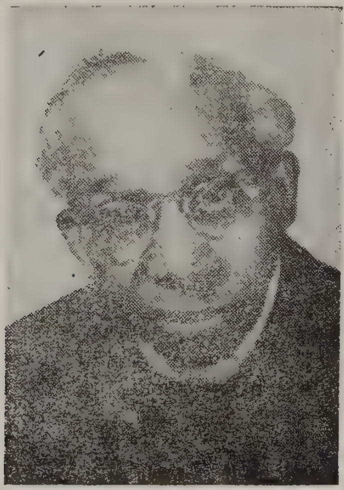
CHEEKS, Rev. Robert M., deceased, former editor of Southern Christian Recorder, born in Amelia County, Virginia, December 28, 1859 and reared near Wytheville, Virginia. He was converted at an early age and entered the Virginia Conference in 1877. He was elected editor of the Southern Christian Recorder in 1896 and re-elected in 1900. He died during session of the general conference at Columbus, Ohio, May 19, 1900.

MRS. J. A. CHARLESTON AND DAUGHTER
Wife and daughter of Rev. J. A. Charleston
(See page 64)

CHAVERS, Rev. J. W., present pastor of Quinn Chapel, Lexington; was born, reared and educated in Nashville, Tennesee; was converted there at Salem AME Church, under the influence of the Rev. S. F. Dudley, in 1930. Two mission-charges were given him in his early pastorate, i. e., Woodbury and St. Peter on Roger Williams Campus, where he served admirably for a few months, as he was promoted to a station in a very short while thereafter. This station was St. Luke AME Church, at Galatin, where he labored for four years; clearing site, laying foundation (with his own hands), building a complete church and paying off mortgage debt. At Bethel AME Church, South Pittsburgh, he built a five-room parsonage and a church basement, re-roofed the church building, elevated and beautified the lawns: and labored there three years. A splendid remodeling program was ably carried out under his leadership also, at Quinn Chapel, Chattanooga, where such additions as the Pastor's study, ladies' lounge, rest rooms, choir rooms, concrete walk-ways, landscapes were made to the church. A like program has been launched at the present charge and with a like degree of success.

Mrs. Chavers is a graduate of Prairie Institute, State Teachers College, Montgomery, Alabama and Dermis Cura College, Atlanta, Georgia, and taught for several years at Carver High School, Gasden, Alabama. He was married to Mrs. Chavers in 1945.

REV. AND MRS. J. W. CHAVERS



REV. EDWIN C. CLARK
(See Biography page 66)

CLARK, Rev. Molliston Madison, deceased first editor of Christian Recorder, 1852-1854; was born of mixed parentage in Delaware in 1807, and died while in charge of the AME Church at Alton, Ill., about 1872. He graduated from Jefferson College, Cannonsburg, Pa., in October, 1835, and was one of the first college graduates in the AME ministry. In 1852 he was elected editor of the Christian Recorder, but resigned in 1854 after having gotten out fifteen issues. He was an eloquent preacher and an able scholar.

MRS. T. G. CLARK

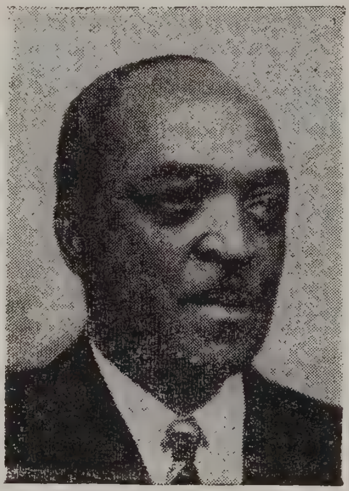
CLARK, Rev. Thomas Garrett, one of 9 children of Harry and Flora Clark, was born in Wilson county, N. C., July 10, 1876; grew up on the farm and attended the country and also public school; Lincoln University, Pennsylvania; converted May 22, 1899, and connected with the Presbyterian Church; entered Howard University, 1902, graduating May, 1905; joined the AME Church in 1906; was licensed in February at Bethel AME Church, Philadelphia; ordained deacon at the Philadelphia Annual Conference, June 14, 1908, at Carlisle, Pa., by Bishop Gaines, and also transferred to the Liberian Annual Conference, West Africa, June 15; sailed for Africa with Bishop Heard and other missionaries December 5, 1908. He preached in Africa January 1, 1909, and met the first annual conference January 27; was ordained elder January 31, 1909, and appointed to the Eliza Turner Memorial Church, Monrovia; reappointed January 26, 1910, and made principal of the Mission School, with 130 students; he rebuilt the church; was appointed to Bethel AME Church, Lower Buchanan, Grand Bassa, March 20, 1911, and established a mission station among the Kroo Tribe at Kroo Town, November 26th. He baptized 76 persons; was appointed general missionary at the Annual Conference held at Monrovia, March 15, 1912, and returned to the U. S. with a native boy "Ulch" from the mission station, for the purpose of educating him; he arrived in America April 10 and was married to Miss Sarah B. Wainwright April 21. He was pastor of Victor's Chapel AME Church, Montclair, 1912-1913; St. John's AME Church, Catskill, N. Y., 1913-1914; Elmira, N. Y., 1914-17; Jamaica, N. Y., 1917-1923; raised nearly $20,000 mortgage of long standing was burned; Flushing, N. Y., 1923-1924; Glen Cove, N. Y., 1924-1925; Stamford, Conn., 1925-1926; Middletown, N. Y., 1926-1928; Arverne, L. I., N. Y.; 1928, purchased building at cost of $1500, all of which he paid. In the recent history of the Goshen Presbyterian Church of more than 225 years standing, it is set forth therein that the branch of that denomination, founded among the Colored race near half century ago, and supervised by the Caucasian members interview the Rev. T. G. Clark, a number of times for the purpose of serving the latter branch which he eventually agreed and did for a number of years.

(See Biography of Mrs. Sarah B. Clark page 76)

REV. AND MRS. J. R. COAN
(See Biography of Rev. Coan page 68)

COAN, Mrs. Sammye (Fuller), wife of Rev. J. R. Coan, was born in Anderson, S. C., the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Fuller; studied at Presbyterian School, Anderson, S. C., and the Nannie Burrough School, Washington, D. C.; received A.B. from Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, and M.A., Atlanta University; taught at Bessemer, Ala., (TCI) 1 year; Ensley, Ala., 3 years; Oglethorpe Kindergarten, Atlanta University, 2 years; Elizabeth Day Nursery School, Atlanta, Ga., 1 year; Atlanta Public Schools, 10 years. Principal of Wesley Ave., and E. P. Johnson Schools, Atlanta, for 4 years; State Teachers College, Montgomery, Ala., for 4 years; Summer of 1945; formerly a member and choir member of Friendship Baptist Church, 12 years; organizier of junior ushers' board, Teacher of the Sunday school, and leader of the Young People's Union; became member of Allen Temple AME Church, Atlanta in 1944, and is now head of the Cradle Roll Department of the Sunday school; member of the New Deal Board, and Woman's Missionary Society. President of the Mimosa, and the Atlanta Spelman Clubs. Secretary of the Girls' Scout. Member of the National Council of Colored Women, NAACP, Tennis Club, and Dramatic Society, Sigma Gamma Rho sorority. Married Rev. J. R. Coan April, 1938, 3 months before he went to South Africa, where he spent nine years as a missionary. Unable to join her husband on the missionary field, she remained as a teacher in Atlanta. Through part-time study earned her M.A. from Atlanta University, 1944, Thesis: "A Study of Errors in Metropolitan Achievement Tests of Seventh Grade Pupils of the David T. Howard School, Atlanta, Georgia." During this period of her husband's absence, she was promoted to Principal of Atlanta Public Schools and has served at Wesley Ave. and now E. P. Johnson Schools.

COKER, Rev. Daniel, deceased, one of the founders of the AME Church; was born in Baltimore County, Md., 1780. His mother was a white woman and his father her slave. His full white brother took the greatest interest in him and, to screen him as much as possible from the effect of color prejudice, carried him to the North and secured for him a complete education. He was credited as the child of a mulatto woman on the adjoining plantation and had subsequently to be registered as free to secure such a state. To accomplish this, four men of color induced John Needles, a famous Quaker abolitionist of Maryland, to buy him and later grant him emancipation. The four men of color who furnished the money to secure his freedom were Charles Hackett, N. Gilliard, Wm. Watts and George Murray. The men wished him to teach school in Baltimore and when the whole was arranged, Daniel Coker opened about 1807 the first school for colored children in Baltimore, taught by a colored teacher. The Rev. William Douglass, author of "Annals of St. Thomas Church, Philadelphia", was one of Coker's pupils. Daniel Coker was one of the leaders in the Baltimore African Church, and with others, represented that church at Philadelphia, April, 1816, when the African Methodist Episcopal Church was organized. He was elected the first bishop, but next day resigned and was never consecrated, Richard Allen being elected in his stead. In 1817 he left the AME Church and in 1821 he joined the first party that went to Liberia. Ten days after the ship, Elizabeth, left New York, Daniel Coker called the 86 colonists together and formed on shipboard a religious society according to the discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Soon after arriving in Liberia, Daniel Coker and numerous followers went to Freetown, Sierra Leone, and there later built a church, where he died in 1846, leaving a family of considerable size, some of whom Bishop Turner met during an episcopal visit there, nearly fifty years later.



REV. J. N. COLLINS
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CONNOR, James Mayer, deceased, bishop of the AME Church, son of William and Marie Conner; was born in Winston county, Miss., in 1863 of slave parents. He was converted and joined the AME Church in 1881, and was licensed to preach in 1882. He entered the ministry and was sent to Aberdeen Mission in 1883, where he bought and built a new church. In 1884 he was ordained a deacon and elder by Bishop T. M. D. Ward, D.D. After serving at Okolona and Stormsville, he was sent by Bishop Ward to Arkansas and stationed at Forrest City, Arkansas, to build a church. This done, in 1886, he was sent to Osceda, Arkansas, to build a church and then at Newport, Arkansas, to build new church. He served 4 years as presiding elder of the Forrest City (Ark.) district, three years on the Vicksburg (Miss.) district, two years on the Jonesboro (Ark.) district and two years on the Little Rock (Ark.) district. He spent two years at Hot Springs, Ark., as pastor, six years at Bethel, Little Rock Ark., and four years at Fort Smith, Ark. He bought the ground and built the parsonage at Little Rock, Ark., paid the church out of debt at Hot Springs and almost doubled the conference dollar money at these places, also the membership. He obtained his early education in the public schools in Alabama, and attended Shorter College and The University of Chicago. He was president of the executive board, president of the Alumni Association of Shorter College. Morris Brown College, conferred the degree of D.D., upon him and Paul Quinn College gave him the honorary degree of Ph.D. He is the author of several books: "The Outlines of Christian Theology", "Doctrines of Christ" and "Elements of Success". For many years he published the Little Rock Reporter, Arkansas Statesman and Conner's Magazine. He was head of the Business Men's League of Arkansas many years. He married Miss Glovenia L. Stewart, of Kentucky in 1886 and is the parent of five children. He served as Bishop of the Eighth Episcopal District. He was elected bishop in 1912, and served in Mississippi and Louisiana, Arkansas, and Michigan, and was retired in 1928, and died.

COPPIN, Levi Jenkins, deceased, 30th bishop, whose parents, John and Jane Coppin, were both members of the AME Church, was born in Fredericktown, Md. December 24, 1848, one of 8 children. He entered school in 1865, later attended the Protestant Episcopal Divinity School, Philadelphia, Pa., and Wilberforce University. He was converted and joined the AME Church in 1865; licensed to preach in Wilmington, Delaware in 1876 by Rev. John F. Thomas; ordained deacon in 1879 at Reading, Pa.; ordained elder in 1880; joined the Philadelphia annual conference in 1877 and served the following charges: in Philadelphia, City Mission, Morris Brown Mission, Allen and Bethel, of Philadelphia; and Bethel, Baltimore, Md., in all of which he did exceptional work. He was a member of every general conference from 1880 to 1928; member of the Board of the Sunday School Union, 1884-88; president of the Educational Board, 1908-12; president of the Church Extension Board, 1912 to 1920; was editor of the AME Review, 1888-96; elected bishop in 1900. He wrote many books and pamphlets among which are: "In Memoriam", "Relation of Baptized Children to the Church", "The Key to Scriptural Interpretation", "Observation of Men and Things in South Africa", and "Fifty-two Sermon Syllabi", "Un-Written History", also many Hymns and Gospel songs, among which is "The AME Rallying Song." He was a director of the People's Bank, Philadelphia, the Frederick Douglass Memorial Hospital, the Citizens and Southern Bank and Trust Co. and others. He was married to Miss Fanny M. Jackson, of Philadelphia, for more than 20 years principal of the Institute for Colored Youth, in 1880. She died January, 1913, and in July, 1914, Bishop Coppin was married to Miss Evelyn Melissa Thompson, M.D. To them has been born one daughter, Theodocia Coppin (Thomas).

REV. H. H. COOPER (deceased)
(See Biography page 75)

MRS. MARY ELIZABETH COOPER
(See Biography page 76)

CRAWFORD, Rev. Walter Clementine, was born on September 24, 1881 in Abbeville, South Carolina, the first of 16 children of Anthony and Phoebe Crawford; attended the school on his fathers plantation; Abbeville schools, and Allen University, and through correspondence, Daniel Payne College, and Moody Bible Institute, Chicago; was converted in a college revival at Allen University, February 3, 1901, and felt the call to the ministry; October 21, 1901 licensed to preach in Crypus Chapel AME Church, and joined the Columbia Annual Conference in November, 1903; ordained an elder in 1907. In 1909 he married Miss Lula R. Williams of Greenwood, South Carolina; three children were born: Grace Lee Crawford, a graduate of Allen University, wife of Mr. Theodore Woods of Sumter; she taught in Georgetown, S. C., and Orange, and Newark, N. J. and during the war was a junior clerk in the government service; W. C., Jr., graduate of Allen and Columbia University; served in the Armed Forces over-seas for more than two years in World War, and studied at the American Baritz University; now teaching at Burton Heights High School, Williamsburg, Virginia; Josie Phoebe Crawford, B.S. from Wilberforce University, now a member of library staff of the City of New York. Rev. Crawford was trustee of Allen University 22 years; a delegate to 5 General Conferences; served Rockhill Mission, Saluda Mission and Belton, South Carolina; Belton, where the church was enlarged, and became a station in 2 years; paid out of debt in 4 years; Winnsboro, South Carolina, Promise Land Station 1 year; Hannah Circuit, 2 years; Due West Station, 5 years; presiding elder of Greenville district, 4 years, and 2 years over the Greenwood district after which he was appointed pastor of Anderson Station 9 years, where a beautiful 11 room parsonage was built at a cost of $5,800. In 1934 was stationed at Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. Church, Sumter, South Carolina for two years; many souls were added and converted. From Sumter to Newberry, South Carolina; then to Smyrna, Delaware for 1 year and St. John A. M. E. Church, New York City. After 2 years he was sent to St. John in Brooklyn where he stayed 4 years. This Church was much entangeled financially, but he was able to re-arrange and cancel the interest on a $6,000 mortgage and pay $1,000 on the principal; then to St. John, New York City, and thence to Bayshore, Long Island for 1 year; in July, 1947 he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Manhattan District by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.

REV. AND MRS. W. C. CRAWFORD

CRAWFORD, Mrs. Lula R. (Williams,) wife of Rev. W. C. Crawford, was born at Greenwood, S. C. April 12, 1886; graduated from Harbison College, Abbeville, South Carolina, May 2, 1904; she taught in Reed Street High School in Anderson, South Carolina for 17 years. She also served as 1st vice-president of the Women's Missionary State Convention of South Carolina. Also president of WHFM Society, the Greenville District of Piedmont Conference 14 years. Coming to New York she has been active in both Church and Government service. 1st Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Society, New York Conference Branch. A Civil Service worker for the past 4 years in the Office of Dependency Benefits, Newark, New Jersey. She is happiest when there is a job that she can do.

DAVIS, Bishop M. H Born in South Carolina; elected bishop in 1928; now presiding over the 8th Episcopal District.

REV. J. A. DEAN
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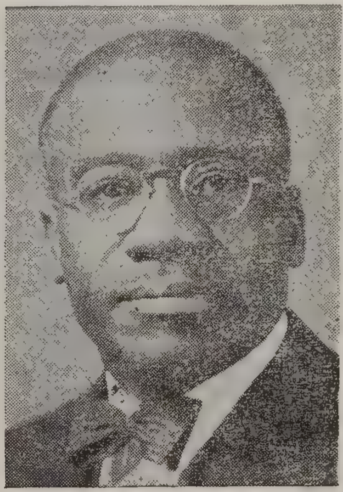
MRS. J. A. DEAN

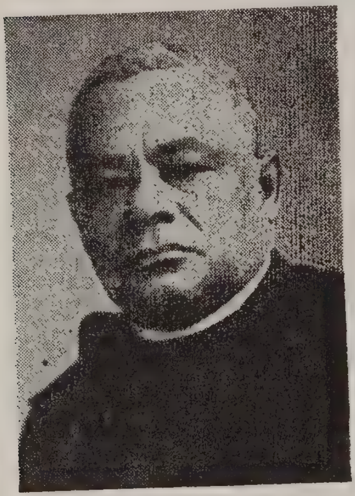
DeLYLES, Mrs. Bertie L., editor of the Women's Missionary Recorder.
(See Biography of Rev. DeLyle page 94).



DENT, Rev. Eldridge Fisher Gregory, president Kittrell College, North Carolina, son of Isaac and Vinia (Leaphart) Dent; was born October 13, 1892, near Lexington, S. C.; graduated from Allen University High School in 1916; A.M. Allen University, 1920; S..B., Boston University, 1923. Converted Aug. 23, 1908; served as superintendent of Sunday school two years; was licensed to preach in Bethel AME Church, Lexington Circuit, October 5, 1908 by Rev. J. W. Lykes; admitted to Columbia Annual Conference November, 1912 by Bishop Turner at Rimini, S. C.; ordained deacon, November, 1914 by Bishop Coppin, Union, S. C.; elder November 16, 1916 by Bishop Chappelle at Lancaster, S. C.; served as pastor of Waverly Mission, Columbia, 1914-1915; College Place Circuit, 1915-1916; Banville Church, College Place, 1916-1917; Brown Chapel, Authortown, 1917-

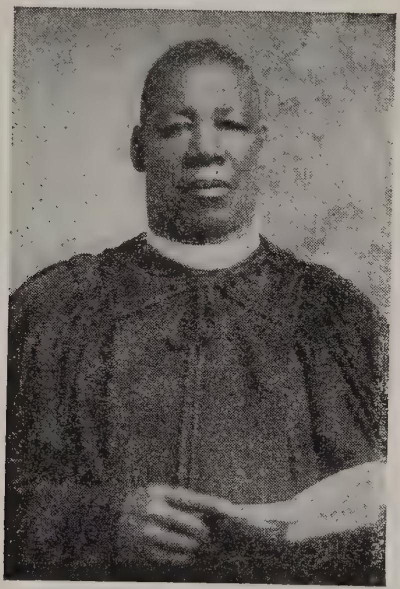
June, 1920; was relieved of pastorate in South Carolina to attend Boston University, Boston, Mass. June, 1920. Returned to South Carolina October, 1923; was appointed Mill Creek Mission, but did not serve. Pastored Saint John AME Church, Paducah, Kentucky, October, 1924 to September 1, 1925; Dean of Theology of Kittrell College 1925 to 1928. Served as professor of theology in Allen University, Dickerson Theological Seminary, and pastored White Hall, Jenkinsville, S. C. and Providence Circuit from 1928 to June, 1932; pastored Mount Pisgah, Sumter, S. C. June 1932 to November, 1933; presiding elder, Columbia District, Columbia Annual Conference, 1933 to June, 1939; State Allen Christian Endeavor League President, South Carolina, 1937-1939. President Kittrell College, Kittrell, North Carolina July 5, 1939; served on Religious Education Board AME Church 1940-1943; delegate to General Conference 1928; alternate 1932; delegate 1936-40-44-48. Married Miss Lola Peoples, December 25, 1925; no children; Married Miss Sadie E. Williams, daughter of Mr. George and Daisy Williams, Woodsdale, North Carolina, Sept. 15, 1944.

DERRICK, William Benjamin, deceased, 23rd bishop, was born in Antigua, West Indies, July 27, 1843. In 1867 he entered the itinerant ministry; was ordained deacon in 1868, ordained elder in 1870 at Norfolk, Va.; in 1888 he was elected missionary secretary and established the office in Bible House, New York. In 1896, he was elected bishop, served in the capacity for nearly 17 years. He was three times married: first to Miss Mary E. White, of Norfolk, Va., who lived a short time; next to Mrs. Lillian M. Derrick, who died in 1907 and last to Mrs. Clara E. Henderson Jones, to whom he was married in 1909. He was educated in private schools in his native land, and excelled in oratory; was apprenticed as a blacksmith, but took to sea soon after completing his trade. He came to the United States during the Civil War and enlisted in the United States Navy and served on the U. S. flagship Minnesota, and was in the famous battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac. He was converted in St. John Church, Norfolk, Va., in 1864 and joined the church the same year, being licensed to preach. He served as pastor of Mt. Pisgah in District of Columbia and was transferred to Virginia in 1869, elected assistant secretary of the Virginia Conference. In 1870 he was elected temporary secretary and appointed pastor of Staunton, Va., presiding elder of the Staunton district. He was elected secretary in 1872 and served until 1879; was a member of every general conference from 1872 till his death. In 1875 he was pastor at Richmond, Va.; in 1877 presiding elder of Richmond District; in 1879 he transferred to New York, where he became a powerful factor in politics. Believing that the rights of the race were being protected by the Republican party he threw his whole soul into the success of the Republican party. He died in April, 1913, at Flushing, N. Y.



DICKERSON, William Fisher, deceased, 13th bishop, was born in Woodbury, N. J., January 15, 1844, son of Rev. Henry and Sophia Dickerson; received common school education in his native town; was converted and received into the AME Church in New York in 1861. He entered Lincoln University and graduated; was licensed to preach while at Lincoln; joined the New York Annual Conference in 1870; ordained deacon in 1868 and elder in 1871; received D.D. from Wilberforce University; was fraternal delegate of the general conference of 1876 to the ME general conference in Baltimore. While he was pastor of Bethel, Sullivan Street, New York, in 1880, he was elected bishop and assigned to South Carolina and Georgia and during his administration the foundations were laid for both Allen and Morris Brown Universities. He was secretary of the Bishops' Council. He died December 20, 1884, and was buried at Woodbury, New Jersey.

DISNEY, Richard, deceased, 15th bishop of the AME Church; was born June 24, 1830 in North East Maryland, was converted in 1843, in Baltimore, Md. and was licensed to preach in 1856, in Massachusetts. He commenced traveling in 1857 and was ordained deacon in 1858, and elder in 1860; was ordained bishop November 21, 1875. Died April 20, 1891, and was buried in Chatham, Canada.



REV. C. J. DEAN
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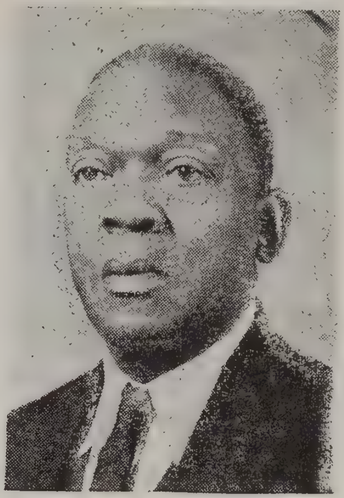
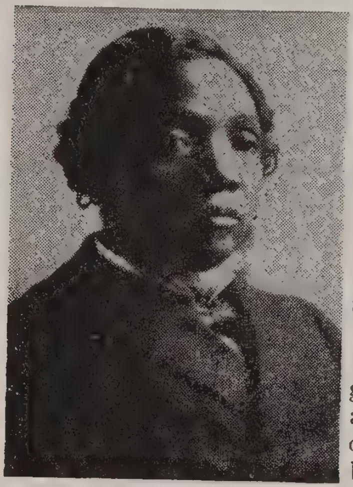
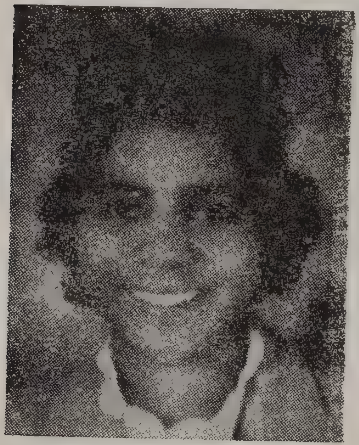


REV. H. J. EARLY

EMBRY, James C., deceased, 25th bishop of the AME Church, was born in Knox County, Indiana, November 2, 1834. His parents were Baptists. He received a good common school education and taught school prior to 1858. He was converted in 1855 in Galena, Ill., and was licensed to preach in 1856. He joined the annual conference in August, 1864 and was ordained deacon in 1866 and elder in 1870. He was financial secretary from 1876 to 1880 and general business manager from 1884 to 1896 during which time he built the present publishing house at 631 Pine Street. In 1896 he was elected bishop and consecrated May 19, 1896. He died August 16, 1897, and is buried at Philadelphia.





MRS. J. B. DOVE
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REV. AND MRS. J. E. EARLS
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MR. W. A. FISHER
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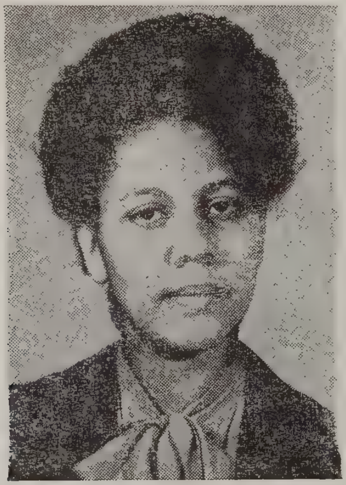
MRS. B. W. HOOD FORD
Wife of Rev. B. W. Ford, pastor of Trinity AME Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.



MRS. TROY FOSTER
(See Biography page 106)

GAINES, Abraham Lincoln, (deceased) bishop, son of Stephen and Josephine Gaines; born in Washington, Ga.; educated in public schools, Knox Institute, Athens, Georgia, and graduated from Atlanta University, A.B., and Gammon Theological Seminary, B.D.; converted in 1882 and joined Bethel, Atlanta, 1883; licensed to preach in 1887 at Madison, Ga., by Rev. C. C. Cargyle; joined annual conference and ordained deacon in 1887, at Dalton, Ga., by Bishop W. J. Gaines; ordained elder 1889, at Cartersville, Ga., by Bishop Gaines; served as pastor: Rutledge, Ga., 1887-1889; St. James, Atlanta, Ga., 1889-1892; Norfolk, Virginia, 1892-1896; Portsmouth, Virginia, 1896-1900; Presiding Elder, 1900-1903; Bethel, Baltimore, 1903-1908; Trinity, Baltimore, 1908-1913; Waters Church, Baltimore, 1913; member of Church Extension Board, 1896 to 1904; Sunday School Union Board, from 1904 to 1908; of the Educational Board, 1912 to 1916. He was fraternal delegate to CME General Conference and alternate to the Ecumenical Conference; was voted for as editor Christian Recorder in 1908, 1912 and 1916; was elected bishop in 1924. Died. Married Miss Minnie Lillian Plant of Macon, Georgia, 1890; four daughters.

GAINES, Wesley John, deceased, 16th bishop of the AME Church, was born a slave, in Wilkes County, Ga., October 4, 1840; received his theological training from an Episcopal clergyman, at Athens, Ga. Married Miss Julia A. Camper, August 30, 1863. He was licensed to preach in 1860; joined the AME Church in 1865; was ordained deacon in 1866, at Savannah and elder in 1867; served as pastor, presiding elder, missionary secretary, and was elected bishop May, 1888. He founded Morris Brown College; was builder of Big Bethel, Atlanta, at that time the largest colored church in the South. He is the author of "History of African Methodism in the South", "The Negro and the White Man". He had one daughter, Miss Mary C. Gaines. He died January, 1912, at Atlanta, Georgia, where he is buried.

GILMORE, Rev. A. L., presiding elder, East Memphis District, West Tennessee; was born in Monroe County, Mississippi; his parents, Harrison and Terry Ann Gilmore, were the parents of fifteen children of which Rev. Gilmore was the second youngest. His early school training was at Athens, Mississippi; at the age of sixteen, he attended Teachers' State Normal, Aberdeen, Miss., and studied there for 4 years. He taught in the rural schools for 3 years; after moving to Memphis in 1907, he continued teaching in a private school for 25 years. He was converted at the age of 11 years; entered the ministry in

1916 in the AME Church; ordained elder in 1921 by Bishop A. J. Carey; pastored and repaired many churches; built Wright's Chapel AME Church at Brunswick, Tennessee, and Wayman Chapel AME Church of Memphis, Tennessee. He was appointed presiding elder of the South Memphis District of the West Tennessee Annual Conference by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., in 1946, and in 1947 of the East Memphis District. Married Miss Georgia Steele of Memphis, Tennessee in 1912; no children.

MRS. MAJORIE R. S. GOOLSBY
(See Biography page 114)

GOULD, Rev. Theodore, deceased, son of Elijah and Hannah Gould; was born in Bridgeton, N. J., August 12, 1830; united with the AME Church, November, 1847; was licensed to exhort in 1851; licensed to preach in 1853; ordained deacon at Philadelphia by Bishop William Paul Quinn in 1859, ordained elder in 1862. In 1859, he served Danville Circuit, comprising Danville, Pa.; Bloomsburg, Wilkes-Barre, Abington Centre and Mount Rose, 1 year; Princeton, N. J. circuit, 3 years; Burlington, New Jersey circuit, 3 years; Zion mission, Philadelphia, 1 year; traveling agent for the Book Concern and pastor of Macedonia, Camden, N. J., 1 year; Brooklyn, N. Y., 3 years; Union, Philadelphia, 2 years; Bethel, Philadelphia, 2 years, during which time Allen AME Church was organized and property purchased for it at a cost of $8000; Harrisburg, Pa., 1 year; Allen, Philadelphia, 1 year; manager of Book Concern, elected at St. Louis, 1880, four years; Harrisburg, 1 year; Mt. Pisgah, Philadelphia, two years; Charles Street, Boston, 3 years; Bethel, New York, 2 years; West Chester, Pa., 2 years; Frankford, Pa., 1 year; Bethel, Philadelphia, 1 year; Zion, Philadelphia, 2 years; presiding elder, Philadelphia district, 5 years; Union Bethel, Brooklyn, 1 year; Darby, Pa., 2 years; presiding elder Philadelphia district, 2 years. May, 1910, at the request of Bishop Gaines, he accepted superannuation. Rev. Gould was twice married, living 58 years with his first wife, who died in 1913, and marrying his brother's widow in 1915. His son, Mr. Howard D. Gould, has worked in the Book Concern for over thirty years and for many years Rev. Gould has been treasurer of the Philadelphia annual conference. Died.

GRANT, Abraham, deceased, 19th bishop of the AME Church, was born a slave in Lake City, Fla., August 25, 1848; was sold at auction at Columbus, December, 1873; or-
1873; ordained deacon
censed to preach in
Jacksonville; was li-
converted in 1869, in
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tended night school at
schools. Later he at-
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Ga., just before the
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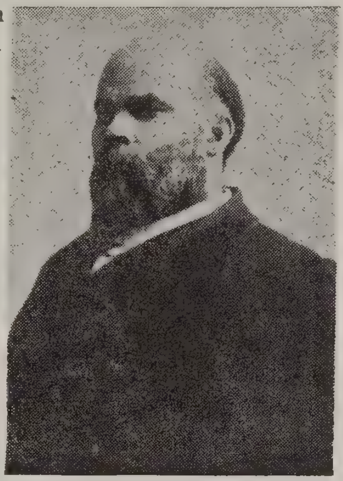
dained elder March 4, 1876. While in Jacksonville he was inspector of customs and was appointed by Governor Stearns, County commissioner of Duval County. In 1878 he was transferred to Texas and pastored San Antonio and Dallas; served as presiding elder and became vice president of Paul Quinn College. In 1888 he was elected bishop. He served as president of the trustee Board of Wilberforce and of Western University; president of the Church Extension Board, president of the Publication Board, president of the Missionary Board and president of Financial Board. He presided over the Sierra Leone Annual Conference in West Africa; died at Kansas City, Kansas, January, 1911.



MRS. T. W. GREENE
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GREGG, Mrs. Melberta, wife of Bishop J. A. Gregg. Four and one half years after the death of Mrs. Celia Ann Gregg, with whom Bishop Gregg had traveled forty-one years, down life's highway, and who had been his great inspiration, serving with him faithfully during that period, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Melberta McFarland, of Indianapolis, Indiana, by Rev. H. E. Stewart at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, December 31, 1945. Miss Melberta Stewart and John A. Gregg first met as children in Eureka, Kansas, and became life-long friends, Miss Stewart returned to her home in Paris, Illinois where she became acquainted with and married Augustus McFarland in 1897, with whom she lived happily until his death in 1936. After the death of Mrs. Celia Gregg in 1941, Bishop Gregg and Mrs. McFarland began a correspondence, which ended in their marriage as above stated. Mrs. Gregg has entered fully into the life and activities of her husband, especially in the missionary work. She is particularly interested in the work of the Young People's Department, in which she rendered marked service in class work during the recent Quadrennial Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. At present, Mrs. Gregg is the Supervisor of the Missionary work in the Fourth Episcopal District.

MRS. MABEL GROVES
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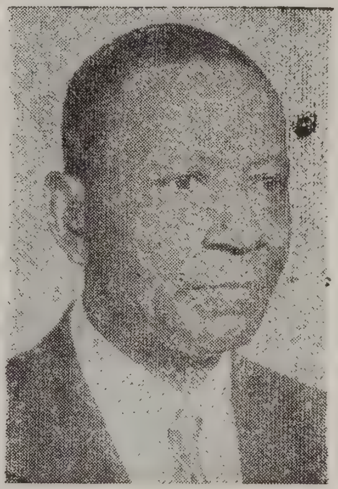
MRS. J. U. GUMBS
(See Biography page 125)

PRINCE HALL, organizer of Masonry among Negroes, September 12, 1748 in Barbadoes, BWI, and when quite young got a chance to work his passage over on a vessel bound for America, arriving in March 1765. He was both industrious and studious for in his desire to become more informed he worked days and studied nights and was especially interested in the Bible and the church which finally caused him to enter the ministry later starting a church in Cambridge, Mass., where he soon built up a prosperous congregation. In 1775 when 27 years of age he applied to General Gage's headquarters to be admitted into the Masonic Fraternity through Traveling Lodge No. 59 and he was admitted and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason the first of African Decent in America. March 6, 1775 fourteen other "men of color" were raised, passed and entered by Worshipful Master J. B. Batt and were authorized to work under dispensation until they were granted a charter, and on July 3, 1775 there was organized and dedicated to God and the Holy Sts. John the first Lodge of colored Masons in the United States. Prince Hall, not content with the limited powers of a dispensated lodge petitioned Gen. Joseph Warren for a charter, but before this request could be granted Gen. Warren was killed in battle. He then applied to the Provisional Grand Master in proper form but was rejected, it was suspected, on account of color; but these set-backs only served to sharpen his desire to try again. Meanwhile he became active in church, civic and military affairs and enlisted in the Continental Army in Capt. Dillingham's Company. The Revolutionary War over, he petitioned the Grand Lodge of England for a charter for his lodge and this was granted under date of 1784 and after a long delay was brought to America by Capt. James Scott who received the following receipt after paying the required amount. "Received the 28th of February 1787 of Captain James Scott Five Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Six pence being the fee on the Warrant of Constitution for the African Lodge of Boston for the Grand Lodge of the Society of Free and Accepted Masions. L.25.15S. 6D. William White, Grand Secretary." It is a matter of record that the Charter was delivered to Prince Hall in person by Capt. Scott on May 2, 1787. On May 6, 1787 African Lodge No. 459 installed its officers under Warrant as follows: Prince Hall, W.M.; Boston Smith, S.W.; Thos. Sanderson, J.W. After the war Prince Hall married Miss Phoebe Baker and they resided in one of his houses on Phillips St., Boston which became the meeting place of great leaders of the day. December 7, 1807 after an illness of four weeks he passed. His remains rest in the historic Copps Hill burying ground in the north end of Boston. Information furnished by Walter L. Roberts, M.W. Grand Master, Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F. & A. M.

HANDY, James Anderson, deceased, 22nd bishop of the AME Church, was born in Baltimore, Md., December 22, 1826; son of Ishmael and Nacy Handy, his father, a slave and mother a free person. His mother died when he was six years old. He attended school only 3 months in his life, but was an ardent student all of his long life; attended Bethel Sunday school at 5 years of age; was baptized April, 1833; joined the church in 1852 and held every office in it except exhorter; was licensed to preach in 1860; began traveling in 1861; was ordained deacon in 1864 and elder in 1865; served Baltimore County circuit; Union Bethel, Washington; Emanuel, Portsmouth, Virginia; St. Stephens, Wilmington, N. C.; Israel, Washington; Ebenezer, Baltimore; St. James, New Orleans; Bethel, Baltimore, presiding elder Baltimore district; presiding elder Potomac district; missionary secretary, 1868-1872; financial secretary, 1888-1892; bishop, 1892-1911. He died October, 1911, and is buried at Baltimore. His widow Mrs. Mary F. Handy, survived him.

HANDY, Mrs. Mary F., deceased, wife of Bishop Handy, was born in Baltimore, Md., daughter of John and Matilda Nichols. She secured her early training under Miss Mary F. Harding, a private school teacher in East Baltimore. Her early religious training was secured at Waters AME and Asbury ME Sunday schools. Her mother died when she was sixteen years old. At the age of seventeen, she left Baltimore for New Jersey, where she took up the trade of tailoring; locating later in Philadelphia she met Dr. S. Clark Frisby, to whom she was happily married, the ceremony being performed. At the end of six and a half years of happy wedded life, her husband died, but at the end of 4 years of widowhood, she met and married Presiding Elder James A. Handy, the ceremony being performed. Rev. James A. Handy afterwards became financial secretary and was later elevated to the Bishopric of the AME Church. They were married for twenty-four years and eleven months till the time of his death, October, 1911.



PROF. C. H. HARDEN
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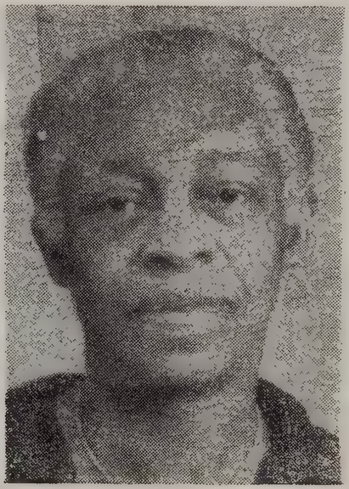
HAWKINS, Prof. John Russell, (deceased), former financial secretary of the AME Church, son of Ossian and Christiana Hawkins; was born in Warrenton, N. C. May 31, 1862, educated in the schools of Warrenton, N. C.: Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia; and the Law Department of Howard University, Washington, D. C., from which he graduated in 1915: taught school in Warren County, North Carolina, was principal of the graded school of Warrenton, from 1882-1884 he served as clerk in the U. S. Railway Mail Service. When Kittrell College was founded he became its business manager and professor of mathematics, and in 1890 was elected its president. In 1896 he was elected as Secretary of the Department of Education of the AME Church and served until 1912, when he was elected financial secretary of the AME Church, which position he held until his death in 1939. In 1892 he married Miss Lillian Marie Kennedy of Sioux Falls, a direct descendant of Bishop Richard Allen. They had two children, Esther K., now Mrs. Butler, of Boston, and J. R. Jr., killed in action in France in World War I. (See picture page 378.)

MRS. D. L. HAYNES
Wife of Rev. D. L. Haynes
(See Biography page 135)

HEARD, William H., 35th bishop of the AME Church, the son of George W. and Parthenia Heard, was born in Elbert County, Ga., June 25, 1850. His father was a Baptist and his mother a Methodist. He began attending school in 1866, Atlanta University and the Reformed Episcopal School and the University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C. He received the degree of D.D. from Allen University. He was converted and joined the AME Church in 1878, and has held nearly every office in the Church. He was licensed to preach at Athens, Ga., in 1879, ordained deacon in 1881 at Atlanta, Ga., ordained elder in 1883 at Washington, Ga.; held the following appointments: Johnstown Mission, 1880-1881; Markham Station, 1882; Aiken Station, 1883-1884; Mt. Zion, Charleston, 1885-1888; Allen Chapel, Philadelphia, 1888-1889; presiding elder, 1889-1890; Bethel, Philadelphia, 1890-1892; Wilmington, Del., 1892-1894; Harrisburg, 1895; United States Minister to Liberia, 1895-1899; Zion Mission, 1899; secretary of the Connectional Preachers' Association, 1904-1908. He built a church at Johnstown, in 1880, and parsonage at Aiken, S. C. in 1883. He has baptized 1848, married 360. He was a general officer from 1904 to 1908; and was elected Bishop in 1908 and served in West Africa. He married Josephine Delphine Henderson, of Salisbury, N. C. in 1882. He wrote "Bright Side of Africa". He was a member of the South Carolina Legislature, and from 1880 to 1882 was connected with the United States mail service.

MRS. ANNE E. HEATH
President of Woman's Missionary Society



MRS. MARY LOU HENDERSON

HENDERSON, Rev. Thomas W., former business manager of the Book Concern, was born October 12, 1845, in Greensboro, N. C. Son of Horace and Love Ann Henderson. He received a common school education; was converted at the age of eleven years; went to Hannibal, Mo., and was received into the AME Church in 1865; in 1866 he was received into the itinerancy and ordained deacon. He was editor of several newspapers. He was chaplain of the House of Representatives of Kansas. He was delegate to many national and state conventions. He pastored many churches in various sections of the South and West. In 1896, he was elected general business manager and served till 1900. He died June, 1915.

REV. AND MRS. E. L. HICKMAN
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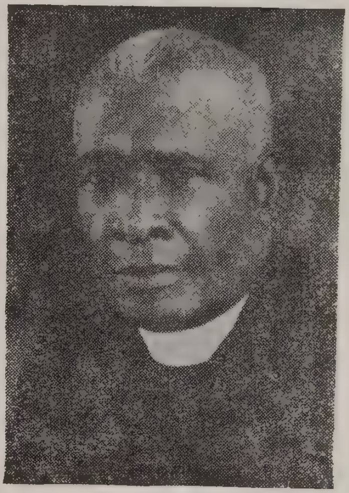
HOGARTH, Rev. George, general book steward AME Church from 1836 to 1848, was born in New York about 1790 and died in Brooklyn in the summer of 1850. Received a fair education and was sent in 1827 to Haiti as a missionary and steward to assist in building up the AME Church. He was Scipio Beanes' successor. Mr. Hogarth was a minister who belonged to the Baltimore Conference; in 1832, one of the secretaries. Was elected to the office of general book steward in 1836. He revised the hymnal of 1818 and brought out a new edition in 1837, containing 508 hymns and 512 pages. Died:

HOOD, Rev. Solomon Porter, deceased, the son of Lewis and Matilda Hood, was born in 1853 at Lancaster, Pa.; attended Lincoln University and Livingstone College and studied at Princeton University and took lectures at Columbia University. He was converted and joined the Presbyterian Church in 1869; was licensed to preach in 1880 at Lincoln University and ordained deacon at the same time. He joined the annual conference of the AME Church in 1887 at Georgetown, S. C. He was a member of the educational board from 1904 to 1908. He married Mary Davis Hood, of Providence, R. I., in 1881, and has an adopted daughter. He wrote "Life of Thaddeus Stevens", "What every African Methodist Should Know". He was the editor of the Sunday school literature of the AME Church, and a leader in advanced Sunday school movements. Died.



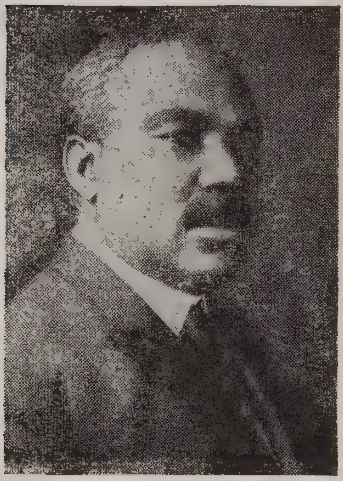
BISHOP E. J. HOWARD

HUBBARD, Rev. Phillip H., deceased, born in Kentucky, August 14, 1945, youngest child of Phillip and Rosanna Hubbard, who were slaves. He was converted when about 16 years of age and joined the AME Church. Served in the United States Army, February 7, 1863 to 1865. He was elected chairman of the first Republican convention held in Boone County, Mo.; was licensed to preach in 1872, entered the itinerancy of the AME Church, March 3, 1873; admitted to the Missouri Conference September 14, 1873; ordained deacon, September 22, 1874; elder October 9, 1870; elected financial secretary in 1900, having been "Dollar Money King" of the Connection. He was a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference which met in London. He traveled extensively in Europe. In London in September. 1901 he was taken ill and he sailed for home. He died January 14, 1902 in Washington, D. C.

MRS. LUCY M. HUGHES (deceased)
Former President WH & FMS. and first Connectional President.

HURLEY, Rev. Robert French, (deceased), was born at Gainesville, Prince William County, Va., September 16, 1846; son of Rubin Hurley and Catherine Lambert. He was converted in November, 1865, and united with the AME Church at Zanesville. He was married to Rosa Ann Tate, April 25, 1867; was licensed to preach April 25, 1868; admitted on trial to the Ohio Conference and was appointed to Delaware Station, Delaware, Ohio, 1869. He has served as a member of the educational, missionary and CPA boards. He has been a trustee of Wilberforce University for over forty years, and was a trustee of Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas. He is the author of two publications: "The Negro in America", and "The Church and Politics, or Practical Christianity". Was member of the Grand Army of the Republic and a past department chaplain of the Department of New York. He was selected to open the United States Circuit Court in Boston by prayer.

HURST, John, 36th bishop, son of Thomas and Sylvanie Hurst, was born May 10, 1863 at Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He was converted and joined the AME Church in 1877; educated in Haiti and Wilberforce University, licensed to preach in 1883 at Wilberforce; ordained deacon in 1886 at Baltimore, Md.; ordained elder in 1887 at Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He was a member of the financial board from 1901 to 1908, and elected financial secretary in 1908; delegate to Ecumenical Conference in London 1921; elected bishop in 1912; served over the 11th episcopal district (Florida), and the 7th, (South Carolina). He married Mrs. K. Bertha Hurst of Abbeville, S. C., in 1890 and had one son, Dr. Benoni Price Hurst, Harvard graduate. Bishop Hurst died.



INGHRAM, Mrs. Letitia, daughter of Turner Berry, born May 25, 1892, San Bernandino, Calif., was educated in the public school of San Jose, Calif.; married to Benjamin Inghram December 19, 1914. There are three children: Chas. Wesley, Benjamin Wilmar, Bernice Lee, one grandson, Richard Earl.

INGHRAM, Benjamin Wesley, district steward, St. Paul AME Church, San Bernandino, California, was born Dec. 16, 1894, in Indian Territory, now (Oklahoma) the third of a family of seven, the son of Henry D. and Mary (Bonner) Inghram. The family moved to California when Benjamin was 14 months old and they have resided in the west over 50 years. The father and mother are founders of St. Paul at San Bernandino, the church was founded Easter Sunday schools for 3 Sunday, 1906. Mr. Inghram was appointed District Superintendent years, Southern California Conference, State Superintendent Allen C. E. League for 4 years by Bishop H. B. Parks. Organized State ACE League Convention in San Francisco, 1919, Bishop W. A. Fountain, presiding Bishop. Appointed Director Laymen's Movement for California for 4 years, by Prof. Johnson, National Director, Wilberforce, Ohio, 1928. Chairman of Electoral College 1939-1943-1947. Elected to General Conference, 1940-1944-1948.

MRS. J. B. ISAACS
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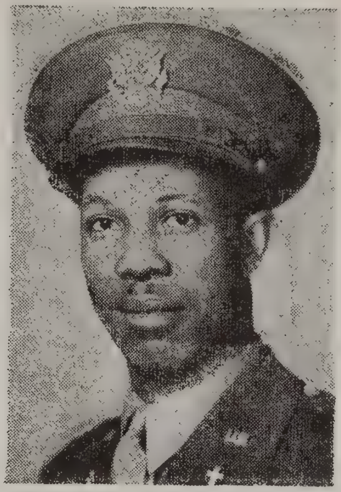
REV. E. J. JACKSON
(See Biography page 156)

MISS MINNIE NELL JACKSON

JACKSON, Dr. Thomas H., (deceased), was born in Philadelphia, Pa., March 13, 1844, son of George and Elizabeth Williams Jackson of Wrightsville, Pennsylvania. He was converted in January 28, 1865 and joined the church. He taught at Wilberforce and Shorter. He received his license to exhort in 1865 and was licensed to preach 1866. He entered the Kentucky Annual Conference in 1868 and was first secretary of this conference. He was elected and ordained a deacon at the next session and in 1870 was re-elected secretary and was elected and ordained a elder. He served 16 years as member of the eucational board. He served as dean of the Theological Department and vice president of Shorter College until 1912. He was one of the first graduates from Wilberforce, where his daughter, Miss Geraldine Jackson now is professor of English.



CHAPLAIN W. A. JANERETTE
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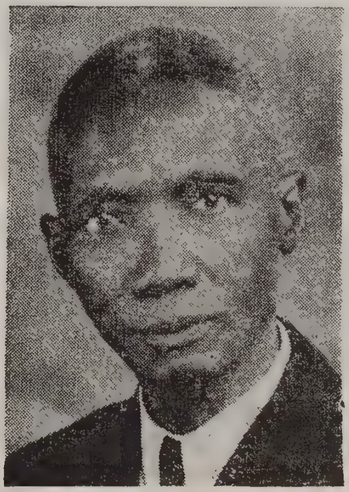

REV. I. T. JEFFERSON
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JENIFER, Rev. John Thomas, (deceased) former general officer, the son of Catherine and John H. **Jenifer, was born a slave** at Upper Marlborough, Prince George County, Maryland, March 10, 1835. He was converted in Sharp Street ME Church. April 4, 1856 and joined the AME Church in 1859. He was licensed to preach on February 5, 1862. He was ordained elder on April 22, 1869 at Wilberforce University. He served as a member of the board of examiners for the public schools of the city and secured the appointment of colored teachers at Little Rock, Ark. In 1897, the Bishops' Council chose him as secretary "The Connectional Preachers' Aid" which was organized October 4, 1897, and served for six years. He served as chairman of the execu tive committee from the Arkansas Conference, in the erection of the monument in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, in memory of Bishop Allen; was secretary of the Commission of 1880 on "Organic Union with the British ME Church"; was chairman of the Commission upon "Organic Union with the AME Zion Church"; was a member of the advisory board of the Auxiliary Congress of African Ethnology of the Chicago World's Fair in 1893; elected him historiographer of the AME Church in 1912 and published the "Centennial Retrospect History of African Methodism".

JENKINS, Rev. George C., minister, Ebenezer AME Church, Clarksville, Tennessee, son of Rev. C. D. and Agnes Jenkins, was born, May 7, 1907, Charlotte, Tennessee, graduated, Pearl High School, studied in Fisk University Theological Seminary; 3 years training in "R. R. Wright, Jr., School of Religion", was converted October, 1921, McGavock's Chapel AME Church, Charlotte, Tennessee. Served local church, as Sunday school superintendent, steward and class leader, district superintendent, A C E League; was licensed to preach by the Rev. W. A. Lewis, in McGavock Chapel, 1930; admitted to West Tennessee Annual Conference, November 11, 1932, by Bishop Tookes; ordained deacon November 10, 1933 in St. Andrews Church, Memphis; elder, St. Peter's Church, Clarksville, by Bishop Tookes, 1934. He is a 22nd degree Mason, F. & A. M., Prince Hall Affiliation; served as Worshipful Master of Lone Star Lodge, No. 15, Charlotte, Tennessee. Served as Special Deputy, Grand Master, of Tennessee. Assistant Grand Chaplain, Grand Senior Deacon and Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. Member Knights of Pythias Lodge, Griffin No. 10. Memphis, Tennessee. Member of the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches, Dean of the R. R. Wright School of Religion, Clarksville; delegate to the 1948 general conference; served the following charges: Mt. Olive AME Church, Charlotte, Tenn., McEwen, Tenn., 3 years; Palmyra, 1 year; Hollow Rock Church, 3 years; Bruceton, Tenn.; Mt. Zion AME Church, Centerville, Tenn., 3 years; Fulton, Kentucky, 1 year; and Gallilee AME Church, Memphis, Tenn., 5 years and now second year at Ebenezer. Was married to Miss Varrie Peterson, August 24, 1928. Two girls, Annie Orea and Ruby Lee Jenkins.

JENKINS, Katherine Cochran, teacher in the public schools of Louisville, Kentucky; daughter of Rev. and Mrs. G. Horace Jenkins; graduated from Douglass High School, Huntington, W. Va.; B.S. Wilberforce University; M.S. Indiana University; delegate to General Conference; in "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges"; member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; served as State President of the Kentucky Youth Council for five years; served local church as teacher in the Sunday school; President of A C E League; Church Clerk; member of Choir and Young People's chorus; advisor to young people; superintendent of Cradle Roll Dept.; Junior Stewardess; superintendent of the YPD of the West Kentucky Conference Branch, WMS.

REV. W. A. JENNINGS
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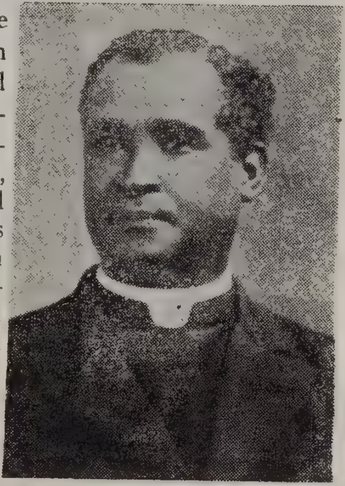
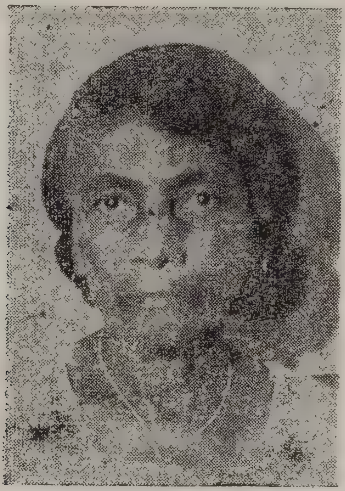
JOHNSON, John Albert, (deceased), 34th bishop, son of John and Mary Johnson; was born October 29, 1857, at Oakville, Ont., Canada; educated in Can-



29, 1857, at Oakville, Ontario, Canada; educated in Canada; studied medicine; converted and joined the British ME Church in 1874. He was licensed to preach in 1874 at Toronto and joined the annual conference in 1875; was ordained deacon in 1876, at Halifax, N. S., and elder in 1880. He was elected bishop for South Africa in 1908 at Norfolk, Va., and served there till 1916; served in America 1916-1928; married Minnie S. Gooseley of Liverpool, N. S. Canada, in 1880 and had two children: Dr Roland R., and Percival Courtland Johnson, both deceased. Bishop Johnson died in 1928.



MRS. J. S. JOHNSON
(See Biography page 163)

JOHNSON, Mrs. Rosa, missionary president, (deceased), was born in 1861 in Washington, D. C.; daughter of William and Jane Budd; graduated from Washington high school in 1879, and taught for a while in the public schols of Washington; married James Johnson, and moved to Cleveland, Ohio. After the death of Mr. Johnson in 1905, she gave her entire time to the missionary work of the AME Church, in the slums of Cleveland and rescued many from sinful lives; was president of the WMMS of the North Ohio Conference over 25 years. In 1903, she was elected field agent for the parent body. Bishop Arnett gave her an evangelistic license after she had delivered an address on temperance to the students of Miami College during conference at that town.

JOHNSON, William Decker, (deceased), 42nd bishop; born in Glasgow, Thomas County, Georgia, November 15, 1869, son of Rev. A. J. and Mattie (McCullough) Johnson; converted in 1879, joined AME Church, Wingham, Georgia; licensed to exhort and to preach in 1887. In 1889 he was admitted into the Georgia Conference: served as pastor and presiding elder in all the conferences of Southwest Georgia. He married Miss Winnifred E. Simon, December 3, 1891; gave three sons to the ministry, W. D. Johnson, Jr., (see sketch): Chaplain Simeon T. Johnson (see sketch); founder of the Johnson Home-Industrial College, Archery, Georgia, a little village founded by him: chief secretary of the General Conferences of 1908 and 1912; elected bishop in 1920, while presiding elder of Blakely District: died 1936, while bishop of South Carolina.

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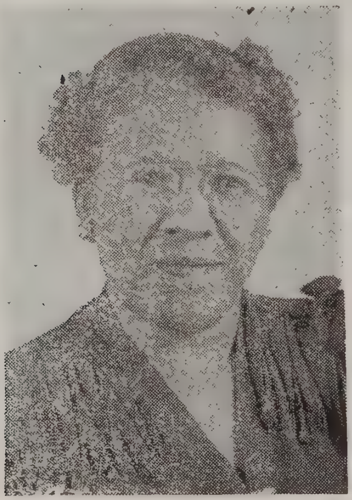

MRS. INEZ K. JONES
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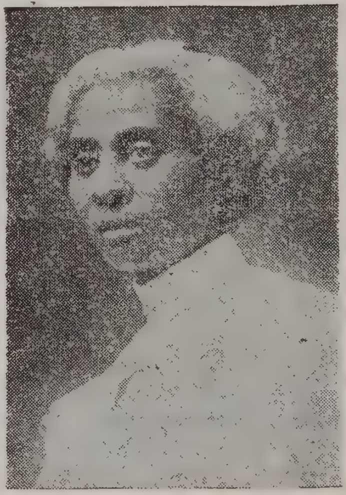
REV. JOHN L. JONES

JONES, Rev. James A., (deceased), former President of Turner College; was born in Tennessee. He was converted at the age of 17 while in Fisk University and he joined St. John AME Church. He was licensed to exhort and preach in 1880. In 1881 he joined the Tennessee Annual Conference at Payne Chapel in Nashville. He served as president of Turner College for many years. He married Miss Gazella C. Roberts, of Memphis, Tennessee, in 1880 and had eight children.

JONES, Joshua H., (deceased), 38th bishop; born in Lexington County, South Carolina, June 15, 1856; converted at the age of 10 and immediately joined the Shady Grove AME Church. At 18 was licensed to preach; attended Claflin University, Howard University and Wilberforce University; A.B. and B.D. from Wilberforce; served 8 years on the School Board of Columbus, Ohio; in 1900 elected president of Wilberforce University, serving till 1908; presiding elder 1908-1912; elected bishop in 1912. As chairman of Wilberforce Board of Trustees, organized payment of Wilberforce out of debt, and building of Shorter Hall and Jones Auditorium at a cost of over $300,000; died November, 1934; was very unjustly suspended in 1932. Had he lived the error would most certainly have been corrected in 1936. (Editor).



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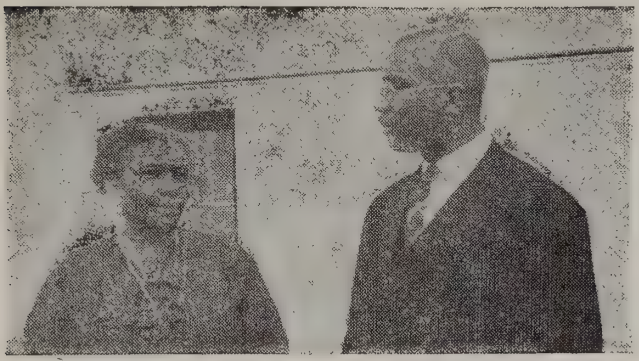

REV. AND MRS. W. H. JONES
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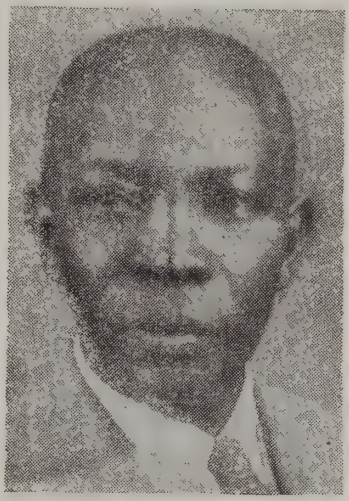
KEALING, Prof. Hightower, (deceased), former general officer and college president, born 1859 at Austin, Texas; educated in Austin public schools, Straight University, New Orleans and Tabor College in Iowa; converted in New Orleans in 1875; joined the church and was the assistant pastor; principal of Paul Quinn College, 1881 to 1883; assistant principal of Prairie View State Normal School, 1883-1886; principal grammar school, Austin, Texas, and organized the colored high school in 1887; supervisor all colored schools, 1890 to 1892; president of Paul Quinn College, 1892-1896; editor of the AME Review in 1896-1912. In 1910 he was chosen president of Western University, Quindaro, and served till his death. He is the editor of "Minor Prophets", "How to Live Longer", "Church Problems" and numerous pamphlets. He was married twice: Miss Selina Saucier of New Orleans, in 1887; and Miss Celia G. Shaw. They had six children. Prof. Kealing was ordained elder in Nashville, Tennessee in 1909.

MRS. MARTHA B. KEYS
(See Biography page 174)

KINCH, Mrs. Emily Christmas, deceased, daughter of Rev. Jordan C. H. Christmas; was born in Orange, N. J.; educated in public schools of New Jersey and Pennsylvania; was the first president of the New Jersey conference Sunday School institute; was delegate to the International Sunday School Convention in Toronto, Canada in 1905; served as organizer, secretary and president of the New Jersey conference Sunday School institute, 1906-1908; served 1908-1910 as missionary to West Africa and began the work of the Eliza Turner primary school at Monrovia; served as head of YPD of Connectional WMMS; died 1932.



MR. L. B. KINCHEON

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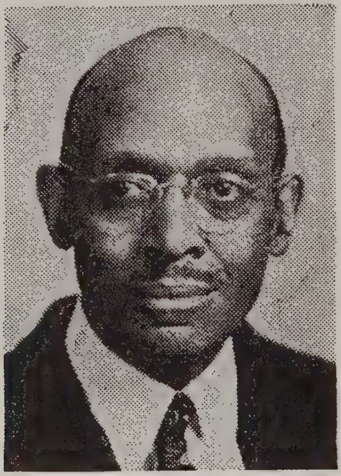

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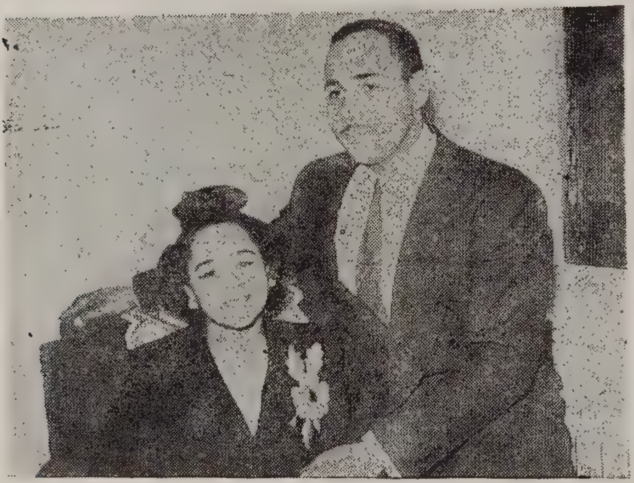


REV. AND MRS. DWIGHT VINCENT KYLE

KYLE, Dwight Vincent, pastor of Avery AME Church, Memphis, Tennessee; director of the Goodwill Service Center; born in Abington, Virginia; son of Prof. Duncan Huey and Senie Curtis Kyle; graduate of Kelly Miller High of Clarksburg, West Virginia, Wilberforce University, A.B., (cum laude) Payne Theological Seminary, B.D.; Boston University, A.M.; Boston University School of Theology, STB and STM, candidate for STD. Studied at Harvard, Crozier, Temple Universities, Berlitz School of Languages, Emherst College of Oratory, Boston, Mass.; awarded D.D. degree from Payne Theological Seminary, 1946; converted 1920 at Clarksburg, W. Va.; joined West Virginia Annual Conference at Wheeling under Bishop Heard in 1930; ordained deacon at Wilberforce University by Bishop Ransom in 1933; and elder in 1936 at Hartford, Conn.; pastors at Worcester, Mass.; AME Church, York, Pa., 1938-1940; Murphy AME Church, Chester, Pa., 1940-1942; LaMott, Pa., 1942-1944; Avery, Memphis, 1944-1948. In addition to pastoring, paying church debts, building churches, he has served as lecturer on Social Service for the New England Conference, secretary of Social Service Department of the First Episcopal District, counselor for boys at Bedford Center, Director of Boys work at Friends Guild, Philadelphia, Pa.; founder and president of Citizen's Club, Chester, Pa., President of FEPC, Memphis, (Tennessee) Branch, Chairman of Executive Committee of NAACP, Memphis, member Omega Psi Phi fraternity, 32 degree Mason, Shriner, member of the National Association of Church Social Workers; author, "Paul from Pesecutor to Advocator," "The Comforter", and many magazine article on missions. Book now ready for print, "Reifications Affecting Missions in Our Church Today"; delegate to General Conference 1940, and 1948, and elected member to the episcopal committee by the 13th district, but resigned; elected leader of the delegation of the 13th District; candidate for Secretary of Missions and runner up to Dr. L. L. Berry, receiving more votes than all the other candidates running for Secretary of Missions; trustee of Wilberforce University; member of the Board of Payne Theological Seminary; president of Wilberforce University Alumni Association, professor of Missions and New Testament in the R. R. Wright School of Religion, member executive board Fraternal Council of Churches of America, delegate to National Association of Social Workers in Atlantic City, attended Ecumenical Conference of Methodism in Springfield, Mass, 1947.

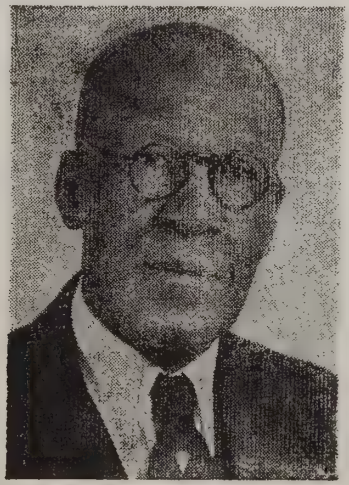
KYLE, Grace Lydia Wright, youngest daughter of Bishop and Mrs. R. R. Wright, Jr., wife of the Rev. D. V. Kyle, was born in Philadelphia, Penna.; was baptized in infancy by Bishop Tyree in Mt. Pisgah, Philadelphia; graduated from West Philadelphia High School; B.S., Wilberforce University; M.Ed., Temple University; served during World War II in Personel Dept. of Sun Ship Company, Chester, Pa.; has done Social work in York, Pennsylvania, Chester, Pennsylvania and Memphis, Tennessee; she is an active missionary worker, local superintendent of YPD, first Vice President, West Tennessee Conference Branch, Parliamentarian of the Parent Woman's Missionary Society; editor "AME Youth," quarterly magazine of YPD of WMS; teacher in R. R. Wright School of Religion, secretary Woman's Exchange, member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Sunday school teacher and worker in many civic affairs; was married to Rev. Kyle June 14, 1938; member of general conferences of 1940, 1944 and 1948; delegate to Quadrennial Convention WMS, at New Orleans, 1947.

LAMPTON, Edward Wilkinson, (deceased), 31st bishop; born at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, October 21, 1857, son of Albert R. Lampton; converted September 18, 1874 and was admitted into the conference in 1886; ordained deacon, 1886 and elder in 1888. Served in Kentucky and Mississippi; selected financial secretary upon the death of Dr. P. A. Hubbard in 1902. Some of his works are: "Analysis of Baptism" and "Digest and Decisions of the Bishops of AME Church". He was elected bishop, May, 1908, Norfolk, Va., and assigned to the Eighth Episcopal District. He died in 1910 in Michigan. He was Grand Master of the Masons of Mississippi. He was twice married and had four daughters.

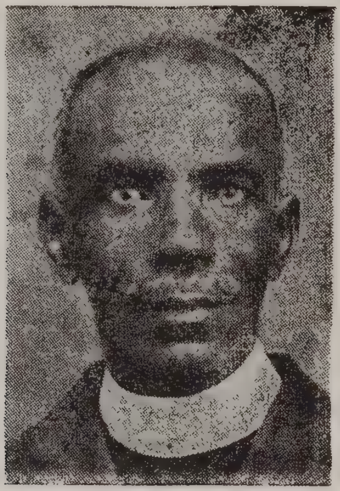
LEAK, Rev. R. H. W., (deceased), former business maneger of Book Concern, was born in Richmond, N. C., about 1842; son of Richard and Hannah Leak; converted in 1862; licensed to preach in Wilmington, N. C., April 10, 1868; was received into the itinerancy in 1874; ordained deacon and elder. In 1900 he was elected general manager of the Book Concern, and served for 2 years, being replaced by Rev. J. H. Collett.

LEE, Benjamin Franklin (deceased), 20th bishop: born September 18, 1841, at Gouldtown, New Jersey; converted in 1865, at Wilberforce; licensed in 1868, at Xenia, Ohio; ordained deacon in 1870 and elder in 1872; educated at Wilberforce University, graduating in 1872; married Miss Mary E. Ashe, December 30, 1872. In 1876 he succeeded Bishop Payne as president of Wilberforce, serving until 1884; editor of "Christian Recorder", 1884-1892; elected bishop in 1892. Upon the death of Bishop Arnett, 1906, was secretary of the Bishops' Council, 1906-1915; senior bishop 1916-1924. He is the author of "Wesley, the Worker" and "Cause of Success of Methodism"; retired voluntarily in 1924; died 1926.

LEBALA, Rev. John Metiro Pangone, deceased, presiding elder, prince of the Matseke Tribe; was born in 1863 at Hutwane, Kraal, Spelonken, Zoutpansburg, District Transvaal, South Africa, and converted July, 1887, in the Wesleyan Church, Pretoria. He was ordained deacon in 1898, at Pretoria and elder in February 27, 1903, at Bruhgersdorp and appointed presiding elder of the Pretoria District November 10, 1910. He was a member of the trustee board of Wilberforce Institute, Transvaal, and was ministerial book steward of the Transvaal and Natal Annual Conferences.



DR. B. F. LEWIS
Physician, Columbia, Tenn., trustee of St. Paul AME Church, member of annual and general conferences.



REV. SAMUEL E. CHURCHSTONE LORD

Poet, author and lecturer, presiding elder of the Nova Scotia Conference, born in Kingstown, St. Vincent, British West Indies, was the first to introduce Industrial and Vocational Education in the West Indies and South America. or seven years he was superintendent of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the Republic of Haiti. He built at Port au-Prince, Haiti, a Church edifice nearly as large as Mother Bethel, Philadelphia, Pa. He published and circulated on behalf of Industrial Education in the West Indies a book entitled "The Gospel of Industry", the same being dedicated to His Majesty, King George V. Dr. Lord is an elected member of the National Geographic Society of America. His laboArbETAOINNUnaononanon Society, and of the Southern Sociological Society of America. His labors of twenty-eight years in the missionary field have been of an outstanding character. Dr. Lord is now pastor in missionary outpost in Amherts, Nova Scotia, Canada, as well as presiding elder.

LOWE, Rev. Jacob Israel, (deceased), former general officer, son of Mathew and Deborah Lowe, born in the Bahama Islands. He was converted in 1859 and joined the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He was licensed to preach in 1871 at Key West, Florida; joined the AME Conference in 1872 at Gainesville, Ga., and was ordained deacon the same year and ordained elder in 1876. Served as pastor and presiding elder chiefly in Arkansas. He was a member of the Church Extension Board for twelve years; business manager of AME Book Concern 1912-1916.

LYNCH, Rev. James, (deceased), former general officer; born in Baltimore, January 8, 1839. He joined the Presbyterian Church in New York. He went to South Carolina with Rev. J. D. S. Hall as the first African Methodist preacher to that part of the South, in May, 1863. From February 24, 1866, to June 15, 1867, he was editor of the Christain Recorder. Later he was connected with the Freedmen's Bureau and became active in politics and was elected in 1871 Secretary of State for a two-year term. In 1872 suffered nervous prostration and died December 18, 1872.

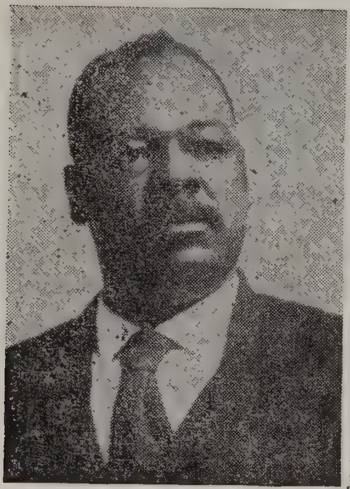
McDONALD, Rev. J. Frank, (deceased), former general officer; born in Lafayette County, Missouri, around 1867 he was converted in Kansas City, Mo., was licensed as a local preacher and at the same time he became a public school teacher. September 25, 1876, in Columbia, Mo., he was admitted to the annual conference and served as missionary, circuit rider, pastor and presiding elder. In 1878 he was married to Miss L. Louise Sanford, of Macon, Mo.; he established the "Western Christian Recorder", in 1891 and served as editor until his death.

EVANGELIST NANNIE V. McADOO
Norfolk, Va., member of St. John AME Church

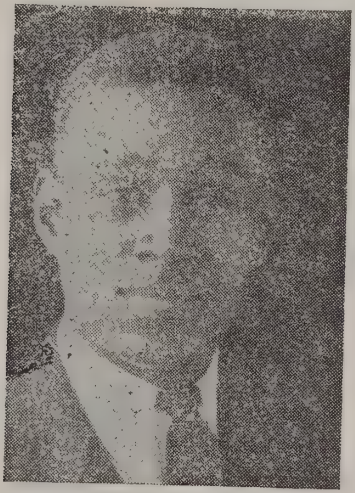
MISS MADISON
Daughter of Rev. J. L. Madison, teacher, M.A. from Columbia University

MANCE, Robert Weston, deceased, former president of Allen University, was born September 27, 1876 at Cokesbury, S. C., son of Rev. Montgomery Mercer and Charity A. (Nash) Mance; educated at A. & M. College, Orangeburg, S. C.; was principal of Hoge High School, Newberry, S. C., from 1899 to 1907; Mance was converted in 1889, and joined

Miller Chapel AME Church; licensed to preach 1901; admitted to the Columbia Conference 1901; ordained deacon November 29, 1903, at Newberry; elder December 3, 1905; served on the Financial Board; Mason, Knight of Pythias. He was married in 1902 and is the father of two sons and three daughters. One son, Dr. Mance was member of the committee on compilation of the discipline; one daughter, Nerissa is office secretary in the Pension Department; received large vote for bishop 1928.



MOORE, Morris Marcellus, (deceased), 27th bishop, was born November 15, 1856, in Quincy, Fla., and was converted in 1861, and licensed to preach in 1876; joined the conference in 1878; ordained deacon in 1880, and elder in 1881; he was elected financial secretary in 1896, and elected bishop May, 1900. He died November 23, 1900, serving as bishop only six months.



REV. W. R. MUNDAY

MANNING, Rev. Cornelius Maxwell, deceased, son of Moses and Millie Manning; born December 8, 1845, at Edenton, N. C.; converted in October, 1867, and joined the AME Zion Church; licensed to preach in 1873, at Philadelphia, Pa.; ordained deacon in 1878, at Montgomery, Ala.; elder November 30, 1879, at Athens, Ga.; married Mary Ann Manning, February 19, 1884, and they had 4 children: Lorenzo, Robert, Louise and Sarah. Robert and Louise (deceased). He wrote "Is God Knowable" and "Creative Week". He attended the Constitutional Convention, North Carolina, 1867; Secretary of the United States Legation, Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa. He was honorary Commissioner of World's Fair, at New Orleans, 1884.

NAZREY, Willis, (deceased) 6th bishop; born March 5, 1808 in Isle of Wight, Virginia, converted in 1837, in New York City; licensed to preach in the same year in Bethel on Sullivan Street, New York City; commenced traveling in 1840; ordained deacon 1841; elder in 1843; elected bishop May 13, 1852, while pastor of Bethel AME Church, Philadelphia, died August 22, 1874, and was buried in Chatham, Canada.

REV. ELMER H. NEWTON

MISSES WARDEAN AND SUSAN NICHOLS
Daughters of Bishop D. Ward Nichols
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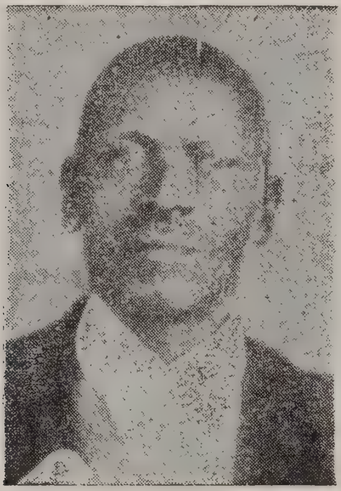

REV. P. T. NONTHAHALA
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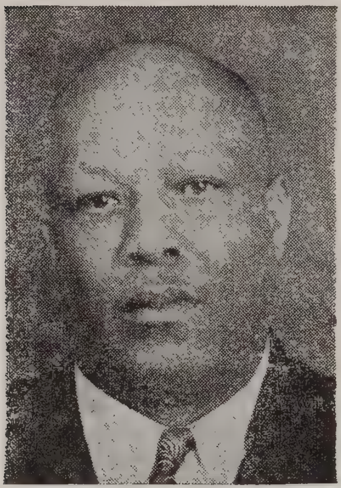

REV. E. J. ODOM
Director of General Commission on Evangelism
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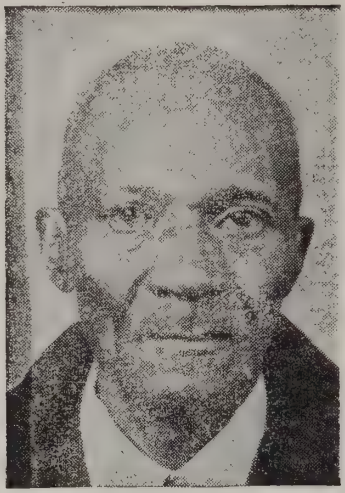
REV. AND MRS M. L. OLIVER



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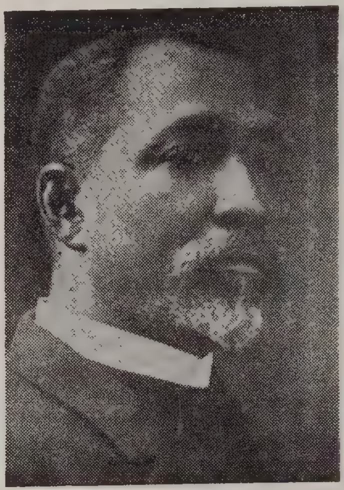
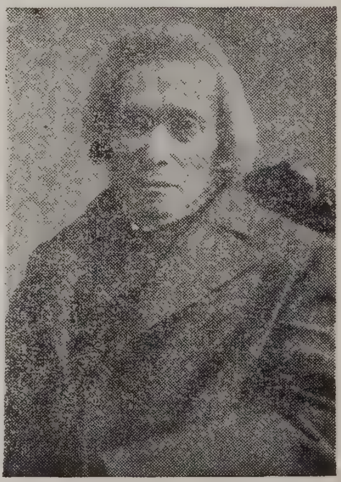
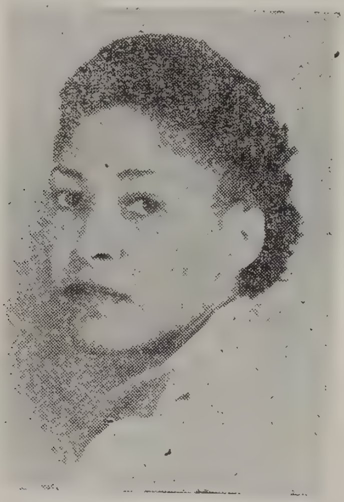


PARKS, Henry Blanton, (deceased), 32nd bishop; born in Georgia about 1856, converted at early age and joined Bethel AME Church, Atlanta, Ga.; educated in Atlanta University. In 1896 was elected missionary secretary, serving 12 years. In 1908 he was elected bishop and assigned to Alabama and Tennessee. Upon the death of Bishop Grant in 1911 he was assigned to the additional work of the Fifth Episcopal District, comprising all of the Northwestern part of the United States; served as the president of the Financial Board, 1912-1916; and was chairman of the Missionary Board, at the time of his death, Feb. 1936.

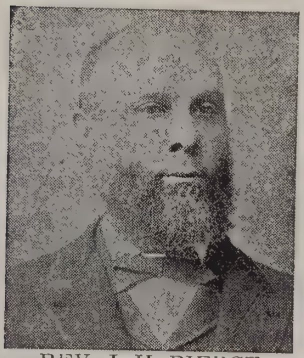


PAYNE, Daniel Alexander, (deceased), 6th bishop; born in Charleston, S. C., February 24, 1811; converted in 1829; licensed to preach in Gettysburg College; ordained deacon in 1838; elected bishop May, 1852. Died November 29, 1893 and was buried in Baltimore, Md. He was senior bishop for over 20 years. He was the Negroes' first apostle of education, was one of the founders of Wilberforce University, in 1856; and after the ME people closed Wilberforce in 1862, in connection with others he bought the present Wilberforce University property for the AME

Church in 1863. He was a carpenter by trade beginning at twelve. While working, he spent his time reading and studying and became one of the first colored qualified teachers in South Carolina; when he became famous he read Rev. John Brown's "Self-Interpreting Bible", and he resolved to be what John Bunyan was. He planted the banner of the connection on the soil where he had thirty years before suffered imprisonment and oppression.



ALMA E. PENDLETON



REV. J. H. PIERCE
Organizer of St. James AME Church
Atlantic City, N. J.

REV. J. L. POOLE

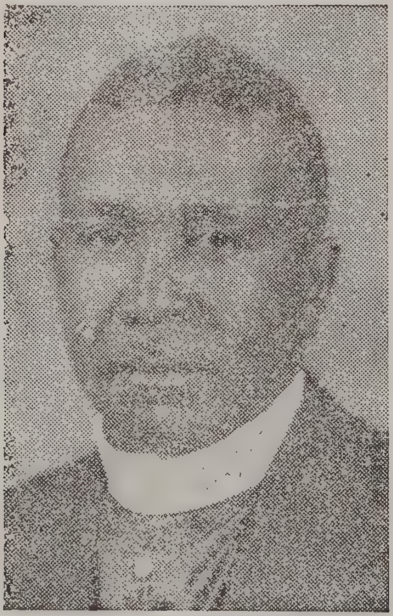
MRS. J. W PRICE

REV. N. PRYOR

MRS. SARAH H. PUCKETT
(See Biography page 231)

QUINN, William Paul, (deceased), 4th bishop; born in the East Indies, in 1788, and was converted in 1808 in Bucks County, Pa.; licensed to preach in 1812; commenced traveling in 1816; was ordained deacon in 1818, and elder in 1838; was general missionary of AME Church, planting churches in many parts of the "Middle West"; was consecrated bishop May 19, 1844, and died February 3, 1873, and was buried in Richmond, Ind.; was senior bishop 24 years, 9 months and 14 days.

RANKIN, Rev. J. W., (deceased), former Secretary of Missions; born a slave and reared in Mississippi; converted and joined the AME Church in 1877, at Brookhaven, Miss.; licensed to preach, 1877; admitted to annual conference at Frair's Point, Miss., and ordained a deacon, 1878; transferred to Texas and served as pastor and presiding elder; elected Secretary of Missions 1912 and served till his death.



REV. EDDIE REED
Little Rock, Ark.

MRS. DORA REED
Wife of Rev. Eddie Reed

MRS. S. S. RICE

RIDLEY, Rev. Lendell Charles, (deceased, November 22, 1940), former professor at Wilberforce University, son of James and Mamie (Johnson) Ridley; born April 12, 1896, Vicksburg, Miss.; married Martha Tatum of Cincinnati, Ohio, June 25, 1917; educated: public schools, Vicksburg; B.D., Payne Theological Seminary, 1918; A.B., Wilberforce University, 1919; M.A., Ohio State University, 1920; D.D., Payne Theological Seminary 1926; admitted to the Ohio Conference at Washington Court House, Ohio, in 1916; student charge: Harveysburg, Eaton, Long, London, Ohio; pastored: Third AME Church, Columbus, Ohio, (1919-1920); Eliza Turner Memorial AME Church, Monrovia, Liberia. (1921-1922); Quinn Chapel, Wilmington, Ohio, (1923-1927), Holy Trinity AME Church, Wilberforce, Ohio, (1927-1934), Allen AME Church, Dayton, Ohio, (1939-1940); organized: ACE League, West Coast of Africa, 1921; Brooks AME Chapel,

Kroo Town, Monrovia, Liberia; served as missionary in West Africa with Bishop Sampson Brooks, 1921-1923; secretary to the American Legation in Monrovia, Liberia, 1921-1923; professor of Hebrew at Payne Theological Seminary, 1924-1927; director of The Tawawa Assembly (Ministers' Seminar), Wilberforce, Ohio, 1929-1937; founder, (1936), published, and edited The Negro Journal of Religion, 1936-1940; was executive secretary of Fraternal Council of Negro Churches; was member of Ohio Academy of Science; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

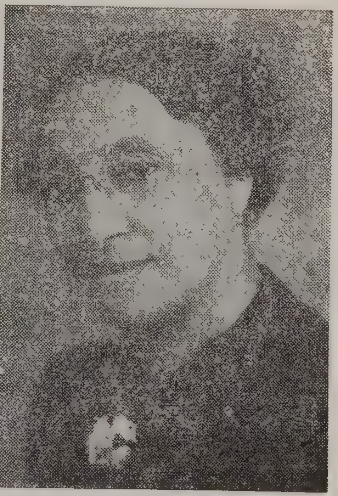
ROMAN, Dr. Charles Victor, (deceased), former editor AME Review and professor in Meharry Medical College; son of James and Anne Roman; was born July 4, 1864 at Williamsport, Pa.; graduated Hamilton Collegiate Institute, Fisk University and Meharry Medical College; married Margaret Lee Roman in 1891; was instructor in Meharry; editor of the Journal of National Medical Association; editor of the AME Review, 1910-1912; voluminous pamphleteer: "Science and Christian Ethics", "After Life, What?", "Dethronement of a King", "Negro and American Civilization"; was member of St. Paul Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and taught a large Sunday school class there during most of his active life.

ROSS, Isaac Nelson, (deceased) 41st bishop, was born January 22, 1856, in Hawkins County, Tennessee. In 1861 his parents moved to Green County, Ohio with 10 children, 4 of whom became ministers of the A M E Church: Revs. W. P. Ross, founder of Edward Waters College, Rev. O. P. Ross, former dean of Campbell College, Jackson, Mis.; Rev. A. H. Ross, one of the founders of Wayman Institute, Kentucky, and Isaac N. Ross, the youngest. He was converted at an early age; joined the annual conference in 1880, was ordained deacon in 1882 and elder in 1883; served in Ohio, Pennsylvania; entertained the general conference while pastor at Columbus, Ohio in 1900; served as pastor of Allen Temple, Cincinnati; Big Bethel, Atlanta, Ga.; Metropolitan, Washington, D. C.; and Ebenezer, Baltimore, where he was when elected bishop in 1916. He served in West Africa which he visited during the first World War, and in Arkansas. Died November, 1927. January 1, 1879, he was married to Miss Mary Robinson Fletcher of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, to which union six children were born.

HENRY ROBINSON
(See Biography page 243)

ROSEBOROUGH, Rev. Sandy D., (deceased); son of John B. and Maria Roseborough; was born July 4, 1850, in Winnsboro, S. C.; converted and joined the AME Church in 1872; licensed to preach in 1876, at Key, Ga.; was admitted to the Georgia Conference, at Bainbridge, in 1877; ordained deacon at Cuthbert, Ga. in 1879; elder at Savannah in 1881. He was chairman of the Georgia delegation, 1916; member of the Sunday School Union Board, 1907-1910. He was the presiding elder who licensed Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., as an exhorter in 1898.

RUCKER, Mrs. Alice D., President of the West Kentucky Conference Branch from 1941 to date. Under Sister Rucker the Conference Branch has grown to almost double what it was. The finances have increased nearly four times and the amount of funds given to the ministers has increased more than five times. Mrs. Rucker is a member of Quinn Chapel AME Church, Louisville and for many years has been the President of the Quinn Chapel local missionary society. Mrs. Rucker is President of the "Faithful Few" Club, the Poinsetta Literary Club, The One Club, and the Celestial Rose Club. She has been sent by her conference branch as an observer to the General Conference in Kansas City. She was a member of the quadrennial convention in New Orleans in 1947.

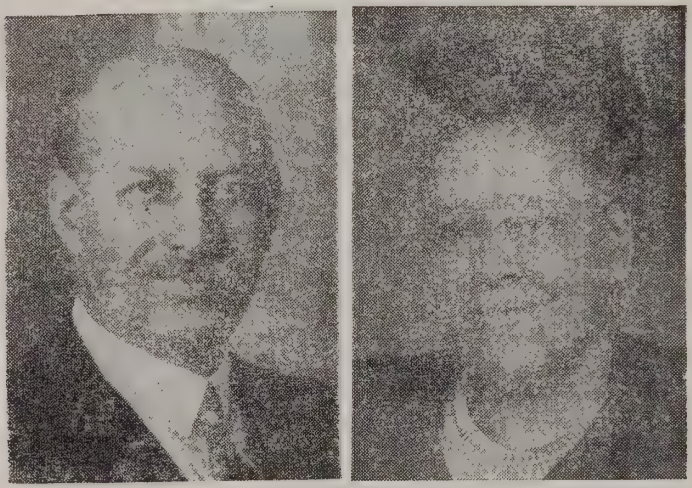


SALTERS, Moses Buckingham (deceased), 21st bishop; son of Moses B. and Mary M. D. Salter; was born February 13, 1841, in Charleston, S. C., converted in 1857; in 1860 he was made a class leader, and licensed to preach in 1865. He commenced traveling in 1866, and was ordained both deacon and elder in 1866; 1868-70 he was presiding elder; 1870-1874, he studied at Wilberforce University; 1885, he was pastor of Emanuel Church, Charleston, and in 1892 was elected bishop; retired May, 1912. He died March 25, 1913, in Charleston. He married Miss Priscilla Smith, September 2, 1874 and she survived him many years.

MRS. MARY W. SANDERS

SCARBOROUGH, Dr. William Sanders, (deceased), former president of Wilberforce University; was born in Macon, Georgia in 1854; was elected head of the Classical Department in Wilberforce University. In 1881 he published through A. S. Barnes & Co., "First Lessons in Greek", the first Greek text book ever written by an American Negro. He also wrote a treatise entitled, "The Birds of Aristophanes—a Theory of Interpretation". In 1891 he was given chair of Hellenistic Greek in Payne Theological Seminary, at its opening. In 1879 he was again elected as professor of Latin and Greek in Wilberforce University. In 1908 he was elected president of Wilberforce and served until 1920; he married Sarah C. Bierce, a teacher at Wilberforce. He served as exegetical editor of the AME Church Sunday School publications. He was a delegate to the Ecumenical Methodist Conference held in London in 1901. After his retirement from the presidency of Wilberforce he served for a time in the United States Government.

SCOTT, Thomas Leslie, pastor of Mt. Zion AME Church, Roanoke, Va., son of Anthony and Anna Scott; born May 21, 1884, Topeka, Kansas; married Adah Catharine Richards of Trinidad, Colorado May 27, 1909; educated public schools, Topeka, Kansas; Lane College, Jackson, Tenn.; D.D. Turner College, Fayetteville, Tenn.; 4 children, Ahnastasia Elizabeth, born December 3, 1911; Theon Leslie, Jr. born April 12, 1912; Geraldyne Edmonia, born Aug. 22, 1916; Alvin Lionel, born February 24, 1922 (in Chicago, Ill); converted September 22, 1890; joined CME Church, Topeka, Kansas; held offices librarian of Sunday school, teacher, superintendent, class leader, steward; licensed to preach 1899 by Rev. J. M. Brown, Topeka, Kansas; admitted to conference 1902; ordained deacon, 1905; elder, 1909 by Bishop Isaac Lane at Mexico, Mo. Re-obligated by Bishop B. F. Lee, Chicago, Ill. Pastored AME Church at Sedalia, Mo., St. Joseph, Mo., and Chicago, Ill. Organized Grant AME Chapel in a hall, 47th and State Sts.; bought at 46th and Evans Ave. Church, vacant lot, and a two flat parsonge 1913-23; left a debt over $7,000; while there organized St. Luke mission with Henry Byrd in charge, Carey mission with Spencer P. Johnson, pastor. In 1923 Bishop L. J. Coppin appointed him to old Bethel; organized Allen Temple; organized Mt. Olive mission with George Gordon, pastor; 1925 went to First Church, Gary, Indiana; then St. Paul, Des Monies, Iowa; Ebenezer, Detroit, 1928-1933; Flint, Mich., St. James, Asheville, N. C.; Bethel, Greensboro, North Carolina; St. Paul, Raleigh, N. C.; Davis Memorial, Baltimore; Allen, Baltimore; Mt. Zion,

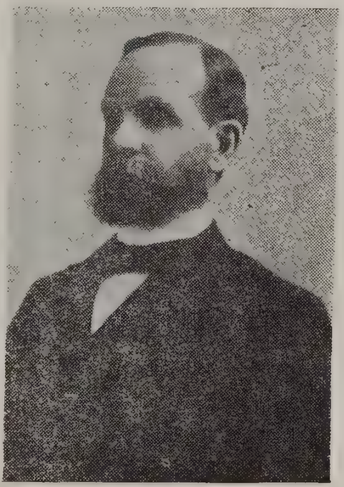


REV. AND MRS. THOMAS LESLIE SCOTT

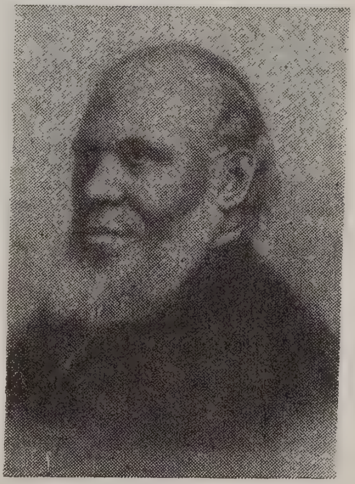
Roanoke, Va., 1940-1948; was trustee of Wilberforce from Chicago Conference, also Northwestern conference; delegate to General Conference 1920, 1924, 1940, 1944, 1948 (leader), alternate, 1936; connectional evangelist; has taken in the church nearly 30,000 souls, member of the General Commission on Evangelism, vice president of the Evangelist Convention.

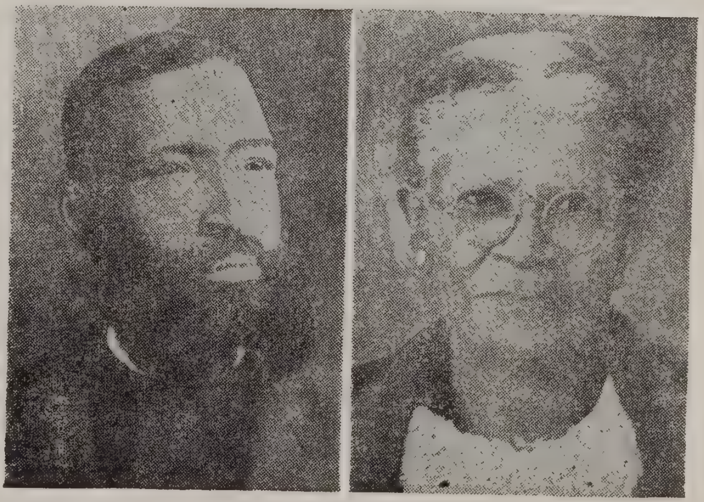
SCOTT, Mrs. Adah C. (Richards), wife of Rev. T. Leslie Scott; daughter of Edmond and Elizabeth F. (Wright) Richards, was born in Trinidad, Colo., March 1, 1891; educated in the public school of Trinidad, and Boulder, Colo., B.S.D. Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo.; married May 27, 1909, Topeka, Kansas. Taught school in Savannah, Mo. Joined Ebenezer AME Church, St. Joseph, Mo. 1904; member of choir, ACE League; delegate Parent Body missionary conventions, Jacksonville, Fla., Brooklyn, N. Y., and New Orleans, La. 1947 and life member of same; Conference Branch Treasurer N. W. Iowa 1928; member executive board Virginia Conference Branch, WMS; vice president, National Ministers Wives Alliance, 1945-1946; national representative, of the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial 1947. Served as announcer for W.R.O.V. radio station on the religious program "The Hour of Meditation", member O.E.S. Fidelity chapter No. 54, Roanoke, Va. Daughter Elk, Warden Temple, Chicago, Ill.

SHAFFER, Bishop Cornelius T., (deceased), 29th bishop; third son of John and Margaret Shaffer, was born in Troy, Ohio, January 3, 1847. He attended the public schools of Ohio and Indiana; enlisted in 1864 as a soldier in the Civil War. After the war he entered Berea College, Kentucky; took up special courses in Cadiz, Ohio; and in Philadelphia, Pa.; studied medicine and graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia in 1888; was converted and joined the AME Church in 1861; licensed to in 1867, admitted into the Kentucky Conference in 1870; ordained deacon by Bishop Payne, 1872, and elder in 1874; served as pastor and presiding elder in Kentucky, Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania; was delegate to the Good Templars Grand Lodge of the World in Liverpool, England, 1879. He was elected secretary-treasurer of the Church Extension Department, 1892, while pastor of Mother Bethel, Philadelphia; bishop in May, 1900, though not assigned by the general conference to West Africa, he went, after the death of Bishop M. M. Moore. He arranged to secure 100 acres near Arthington, Liberia, for "Shaffer Boys' High School." He was united in marriage to Miss Annie Marie Taylor of Lexington, Ky. in 1870. To this union three children were born, two girls—Mary Naomi and Claria Belzoora, and a son, Carl Wilberforce. The Bishop wrote many pamphlets, and books including "The Minister's Companion", "The Presiding Elder's Quarterly Journal", "The Quarterly Conference Journal", "The Annual Conference Statistical Journal". He died in 1919.



SHORTER, James A., (deceased), 9th bishop; born February 4, 1817, in Washington, D. C.; converted in 1839 and joined the ME Church, and later coming east, he joined Bethel AME Church. He was licensed to preach in 1839 by Rev. John Cornish in Washington; was admitted in the Baltimore Conference, April, 1846; was ordained deacon in 1848 and elder in 1850; moved to Ohio and became associate with Bishop Payne in developing Wilberforce; was agent for Wilberforce and collected about $3,000 for educational purposes. In 1868, was elected bishop. He died July 1, 1887 and is buried at Xenia, Ohio.

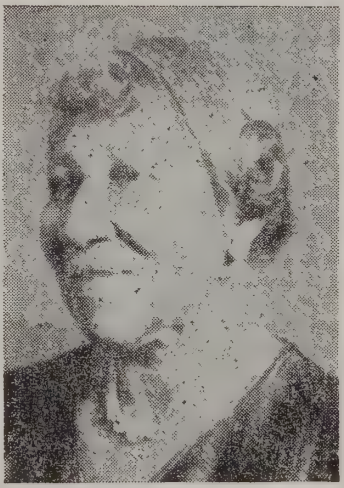




REV. AND MRS. F. R. SIMS (deceased)

SMITH, Mrs. Amanda, deceased, evangelist and African missionary Bishop A. Grant wrote of her: "Her whole life is a living, tangible testimony of God's power to save and grace to provide. These two, power and grace, have been made so manifest unto her that at one time at the very word power she fell prostrate to the ground, and now, constantly, there is in her heart and on her lips the expression: "In some way or other, the Lord will provide". "She was born a slave January 23, 1837, at Long Green, Md., of Samuel and Marian Berry. But her father bought her fredom when she was a child. While she had comparatively no advantages for an eduction. Yet her godly parents, in her early childhood, exerted a wholesome spiritual and moral influence over her. Her grandparents, her father and mother were devout Christians. When a small girl she was happily converted in the Baptist Church, Columbia, Pa. She continued in this happy state until by chance one day she found some old infidel literature, which someone took possession of her. But God in a very peculiar way completely delivered her. One day she got into conversation with her aunt on religious subjects, and she began to use her infidel arguments which she had gotten from that kind of literature. Her aunty was astonished, but, being a woman of good sense, severly rebuked her. She didn't argue with her, but, as one having authority she rebuked that satanic spirit, and it left her entirely. From her conversion on up until God took her into the evangelistic work solely, she worked very hard at manual labor, cooking, washing, ironing, etc. But she always found some time to do at least a little work for perishing men and women and for the glory of Jesus. She held prayer meteings, distributed tracts, visited the sick, dying and distressed. She did the work of a deaconess, although she had not been appointed nor consecrated by earthly hands. But it is to her credit that the first colored deaconess was ever to take a regular course of training, graduate nd receive a crtificate to the same was by her efforts. The womn who did this was Mrs. Sarah (Slater) Stewart. She was at that time a member of Bethel AME Church, Chicago. Sister Smith worked throughout America, in India, England and Africa, and everywhere her labors were attended with great success and aditions to the Kingdom of God. When in England, God asked her: "Why not start an Industrial Home for Colored Children?" This rang in her ears continually. She earnestly sought God to know whether it was His will that she should start an orphan home. God said to her, "Is there need for such a home?" She said, "Yes." Then the Lord said: "What is your duty to a need?" She said; "I see, I see." She opened the home for children at Harvey, Illinois, ner Chicago, and for a long time published a monthly paper, **"The Helper",** through which medium many souls were kept in contact with her rich Christian experience. She died in the early 1900's.

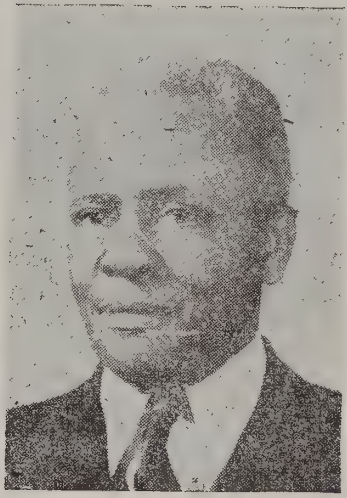
SMITH, Rev. Lewis Henry, Sr., (deceased), 3rd son of Joseph and Ann Smith; was born June 11, 1853, in Talbot County, Ga.; was licensed to exhort and then to preach; and in June, 1874, was appointed pastor of his home church; served as pastor in the Augusta, Macon and Georgia Annual Conferences and was pastor of St. Phillips AME Church in 1898 and 1899 when Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., was licensed to exhort and to preach; served in many general conferences and on various connectional boards and was treasurer of Morris Brown College until his death. He was married in September, 1873, to Miss Hester S. Love and they had ten children. His son, Rev. L. H. Smith, Jr., is presiding elder in the Colorado Conference.



MRS. ETTA SMITH

MRS. P. V. SMITH

SNELSON, Rev. Floyd Grant, deceased, pioneer missionary; born December 19, 1865, at Ellaville, Georgia, one of three children of Rev. Floyd and Nancy Snelson, educated at Dorchester Academy, Beach Institute and Atlanta University, all in Georgia; A.B., Atlanta University, 1891; M.A., Allen University; Ph.D. (honorary) from Wilberforce; D.D. from Morris Brown; F.R.G.S., London, England, Fellow Royal Society of Arts, Manufacturers and Commerce of Great Britain; converted in 1876; licensed to preach in 1889; by Rev. D. T. Green: joined Annual Conference at Marietta, Georgia, in 1892; ordained deacon in 1894 by Bishop Grant; elder in 1896 by Bishop Turner; he has held the following appointments: St. Peter's mission, Atlanta, Ga., six years; St. Matthew's Mission, 1891-1892; Warrenton, N. C., 1893; Cartersville, 1894-1895; Bethel, Athens, Ga., 1896; Supt. of West African Missions, 1896-1900; Bethel, San Francisco, Calif., 1900-1902; Topeka, Kansas, 1903-1904; presiding elder of Kansas City District, 1904-1905; St. Paul, Cambridge, Mass., 1905-1907; Supt. presiding elder in the Bermuda Islands, 1907-1808; Hamilton, Lockland, Bellaire, Flushing, Cleveland, Steubenville, Columbus and St. Mary's, Chicago, 1908-1915. He served in California, Kansas and Bermuda Conferences; was superintendent of all West Indies work of the AME Church; built Bethel, Cartersville, Ga., at a cost of $900 in 1894; Mt. Zion, Freetown, Sierra Leone, at a cost of $5,000, in 1897; Allen Chapel, Rotumba and Port Lokkoh, all of Sierra Leone, in 1898 and 1899. He lifted mortgages on Bethel, San Francisco, to the amount of $2,500 in 1901; St. John, Topeka, Kansas, to the amount of $8,000 in 1904; Benton, Springfield, Mo., to the amount of $800 in 1905; St. Paul, Cambridge, Mass., to the amount of $2,300 in 1907; Bethel, Bellaire, Ohio, to the amount of $600; was a delegate to the general conferences of 1896, 1900, 1904, and 1908. He was a member of the educational board of 1900-1904. He was voted for the bishopric several times; married three times; Mrs. Waterloo Bullock, Ga. His second wife is Mrs. Blanche Ward Snelson of Columbus, Ohio and his third wife, Mrs. Charles Banks of Mississippi. He is survived by four children of his first wife, Floyd G. Snelson, Jr. Mrs. La Ursa Nedrich, Blydena Lovett and Arnetta Snelson. Dr. Snelson died in February, 1932.



MR. J. A. SPIVEY
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MRS. C. F. STEWART (deceased)
Wife of Rev. C. F. Stewart
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TANNER, Bishop Benjamin Tucker, (deceased), 18th bishop; born in Pittsburgh, Pa., December 25, 1835; son of Hugh S. and Isabel H. Tanner; educated at Avery College, Allegheny, Pa., and Western Theological Seminary. Converted in Pittsburgh in 1856 and joined the AME Church; licensed to preach 1856; admitted to conference and ordained deacon in 1860; also elder the same year; editor of Christian Recorder 1868-84; founder and editor of the AME Church Review, 1884-88; elected bishop in 1888; retired in 1908. Author: "The Origin of the Negro", "Is the Negro Cursed?", "Apology for African Methodism", "Outline of AME Church History", "The Negro in Holy Writ", "Hints to Ministers, Especially of the AME Church", "The Color of Solomon—What?" He was a delegate to the Third Ecumenical Conference of Methodism, September, 1901, in London, England, and read a paper before that body on "The Elements of Pulpit Effectiveness"; married Sarah E. Miller, August 19, 1858; is father of Henry O. Tanner, distinguished artist of Paris, France; Rev. Carl M. Tanner, Mrs. Bell Tanner Temple, Dr. Hallie Tanner Johnson, first Negro woman physician of Alabama, and three other daughters; grandfather of Dr. Sadie Tanner Alexander, Philadelphia lawyer, (see sketch). He died in 1915.

TANNER, Mrs, Sarah Elizabeth, deceased, wife of Bishop B. T. Tanner; was born May 18, 1840, and raised in Pittsburgh, Pa.; attended the public schools and Avery College in Pittsburgh; taught in the day schools and later taught at Avery College; married August 19, 1858, B. T. Tanner, then a barber in Pittsburgh. They had 5 girls and 2 boys. She was a charter member of the Parent Mite Missionary Society, and also of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Hospital of Philadelphia.

TAYLOR, Mrs. Nora Fields, (deceased), evangelist; born in Carrollton, Carroll Co., Mo., January 22, 1870; converted and baptized in 1881, and became a teacher in the Sabbath school. She joined Ebenezer AME Church in 1888. She came to Chicago in 1891 and joined Quinn Chapel and did a great deal of prison and slum work. The Iowa Annual Conference which met at Des Moines, Iowa, September, 1903, officially authorized her as singing missionary evangelist. She served as president of the local Mite Missionary Society of Quinn Chapel, president of the Chicago District Missionary Society which she organized; president of the Chicago Conference Branch Missionary Society and president of the Parent Mite Missionary Society. She went to Africa and was instrumental in purchasing the episcopal residence at Monrovia, Liberia. She died in Chicago.

MRS. E. C. THORNTON
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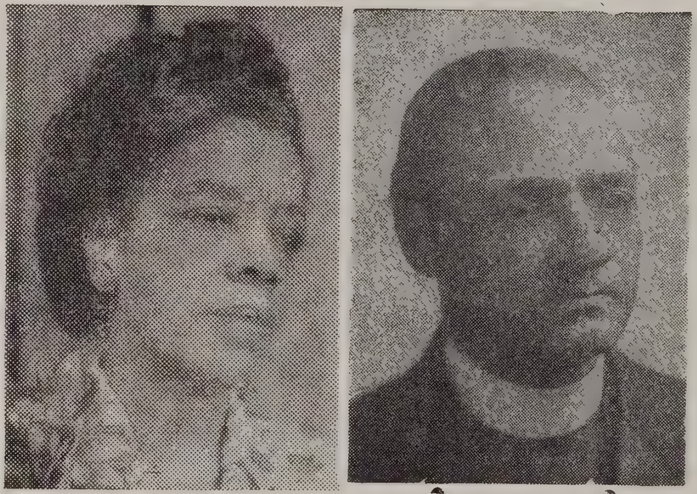


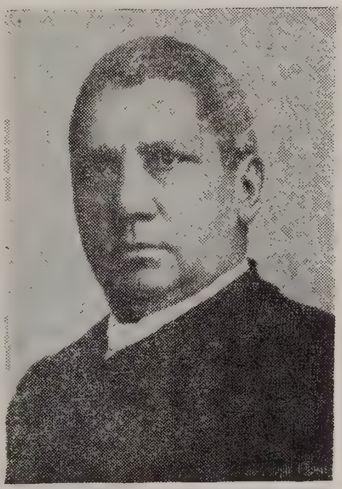
REV. AND MRS. MONTROSE W. THORNTON
(See Biography page 274)

TILLMAN, Mrs. Katherine Davis, (deceased), former editor; born in Illinois; educated in the public schools, at the State University, at Louisville, Kentucky, the public schools of Yankton, S. D., and Wilberforce. She was one of the literary pioneers among the AME women and was editor of the Women's Missionary Recorder. Her pamphlets and books include: "How to Live Well on a Small Salary", "The Afro-American Queen", "Thirty

Years of Freedom", "Fifty Years of Freedom" and a popular poem: "Bring Me the Flowers Now". She served as secretary of the Iowa Conference Branch, president of Junior League of St. Paul's Church, Columbia; honorary president of the City Federation of Colorado Springs, and California State Federation, etc. She was the wife of Rev. George M. Tillman, deceased.

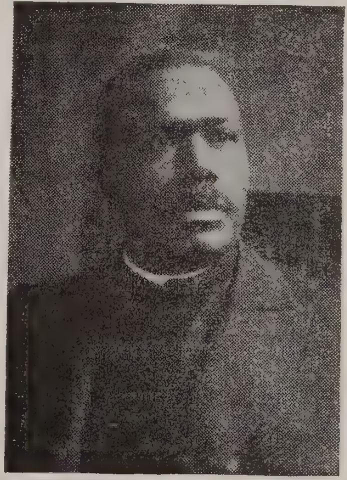
TOWNSEND, Rev. James Matthew, (deceased), former general officer; born in Gallipolis, Ohio, Aug. 18, 1841. In 1853, he professed religion and united with the AME Church at Oxford, Ohio; licensed to exhort in 1857, to preahc in 1859. He served as principal of the colored schools of Evansville, Ind. In 1871 was ordained deacon, in 1873 elder. At the General Conference he was elected corresponding secretary of the Parent Home and Foreign Missionary Society. He was one of the commissioners on "Organic Union" and a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference, London, 1881. In 1884 he was elected to the Indiana State Legislature. He served as Counsul to Haiti; was pastor at Richmond, Ind.; Institutional Church, Chicago; and built Bethel, Wylie, Ariz.; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

TURNER, Bishop Henry McNeal, (deceased), 12th bishop; born at Newberry, South Carolina, February 1, 1831; son of Hardy and Sarah Turner. He joined the M E Church (South) in 1848; was licensed to preach 1853, and joined the AME Church in 1858. He was ordained deacon in 1860, and elder in 1862; was the first colored commissioned chaplain U. S. Colored Troops appointed by President Lincoln in 1864 during the Civil War; was elected member of the Constitutional Convention of Georgia in 1867; member of Georgia Legislature in 1868 and 1870; appointed postmaster of Macon, Ga., later inspector of customs and U. S. Secret Tetective. Elected manager of the Book Concern of the AME Church in 1876; elected bishop in 1880. He founded the Southern Christian Recorder, the Voice of Missions, Women's Christian Recorder; author of the "Methodist Polity", compiler of Hymn Book of AME Church; also Turner's Catechism, various sermons and lectures. He died in Windsor, Canada, May 8, 1915 and was buried in Atlanta, Ga. He visited West Africa in 1891 and South Africa in 1898 firmly planting the AME Church in both places; was senior bishop from 1895 to 1915, succeeding Bishop Wayman.



MRS. E. E. TYLER
(See Biography page 280)

TYREE, Bishop Evans, (deceased), 26th bishop, son of Harry and Winifred Tyree; born a slave in Tennessee in 1853; converted in 1866 at Carthage and joined the M E Church; licensed to preach in 1869 at Hartsville, Tenn.; ordained deacon in 1875 at Chattanooga, Tenn.; ordained elder in 1876 at Pulaski, Tenn. He joined the AME Annual Conference at Clarksville, Tenn., 1872; was elected bishop at the General Conference at Columbus, Ohio, in 1900, and consecrated May 23, 1900, while pastor of St. John AME Church, Nashville, Tenn. He served over the Eighth Episcopal District, embracing Mississippi and Arkansas, 1900-1904; the Tenth District, 1904-1908 and Texas, 1908-1912; First District, 1911-1920; Eighth District, 1920-1921. He was chairman of the Publication Board and also of the General Conference Commission for 1916. Educated at Central Tennessee Conference and Meharry Medical College (M.D. degree). He gave one son to the ministry, Rev. Herman F. Tyree, retired member of Philadelphia Conference. Bishop Tyree died in 1921.



REV. AND MRS. H. S. TYSON
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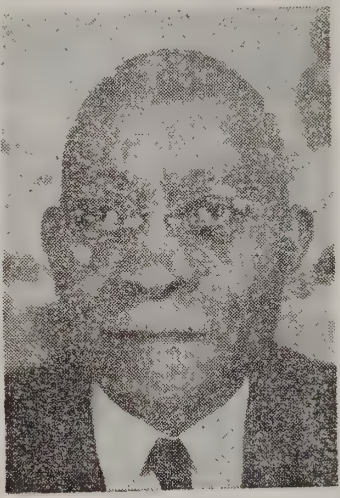
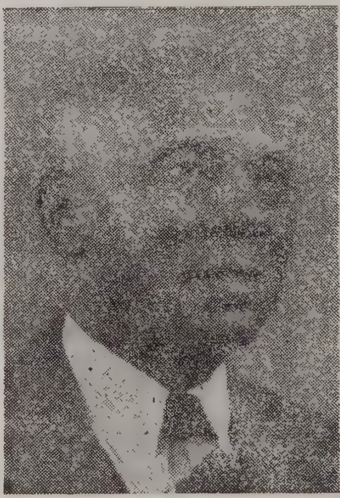
UPSHUR, Miss Edna M., teacher of commercial stenography; member of Allen AME Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; was born in Philadelphia February 1, 1895; the daughter of Samuel and Frankie K. Upshur. She attended the public schools of Philadelphia, graduating from E. M. Stanton Elementary School and the William Penn High School for Girls and having studied at the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania; she has served as secretary of Allen AME Church; junior teacher in the Sunday school, superintendent of the Young People's Missionary District and Director of Religious Education—all in Allen Church; she was a delegate to the General Conference of 1944; contributed articles to the Christian Recorder, the Philadelphia Tribune and the Afro-American; she has been connected with YWCA; formerly a board member and chairman of the committee; also the Good United Order of Moses; the Good Samaritans and the Daughters of Samaria; she is past daughter ruler of the Elks; a graduate of the Detroit School of Business; Philadelphia School of the Bible; the American Theological Seminary; she has been a delegate to her own annual conference three consecutive times, 1941-1942-1943, quadrennial convention of the Women's Missionary Society in Louisville, Kentucky, 1943.

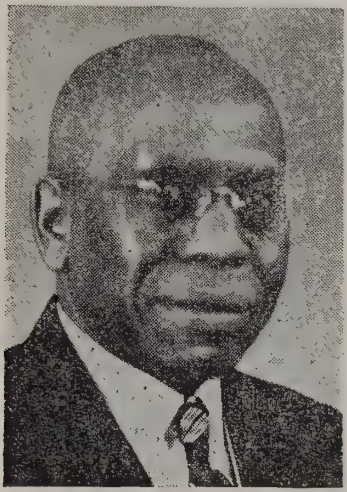
VALENTINE, Rev. J. A., S.T.B., D.D., was born in Petersburg, Va., September 16, 1888, but spent most of his young life in Richmond; he attended Lincoln University College, and graduated from the Seminary S.T.B. course; took special courses at Miller College and Hampton Institute, and honorary degree D.D. from Kittrell College; for 4 years he was Dean of School of Religion, Kittrell College, N. C.; Dr. Valentine is a Columnist of The Carolina Times of Durham, North Carolina, and he is an associate editor of Journal of Religious Education; for several years he has served as the National Director of the Boy Scouts of AME Church, and is pastor of St. Joseph AME Church, Durham, N. C., for nearly 13 years he has pastored this one of the most prominent churches of the race; Dr. Valentine has a wife and three boys.



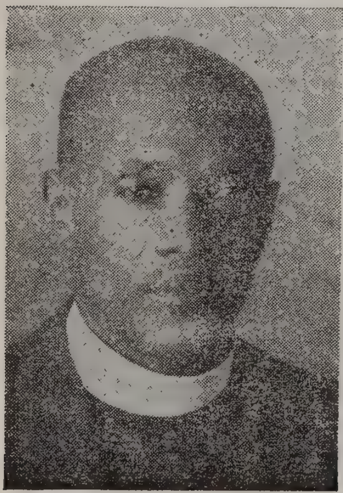
VANDERHORST, Mr. Byron C., occupation, public relationship representative for Jacksonville Motor Transit Co.; son of Robert and Mary (Johnson) Vanderhorst; educated, public school, Howard Graded School, Georgetown, S. C.; held offices: vice chairman trustee board, Mt. Zion AME Church; served as trustee at Stanton High School 1923 to date; member of the Negro Business League, Jacksonville Negro Welfare League; representative of Seaboard Finance Co.; owner and manager of Van's Store, Ticket Agent of Orange Bus Line for Negro Soldiers, Chairman, Negro 1944 Red Cross fund that raised $30,436. June 1, 1905, married Isolene Ruth Whittington. Children: May Ellen (deceased), Ruth Celestine. Winona Marion Britt. Grace Ellen Mizelle, Verdelle. Byron; member of General Conference of 1940, 1944 and 1948.



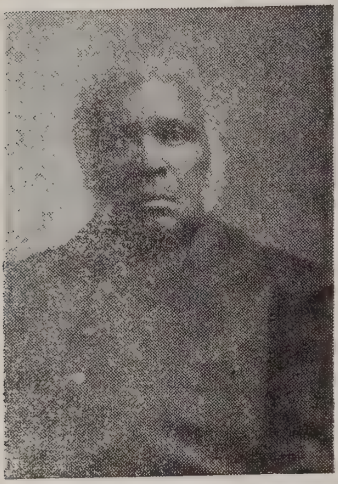
VANDERHORST, Rev. John Francis, presiding elder, New Brunswick District, New Jersey Conference; son of Robert and Mary C. Vanderhorst; born Georgetown, S. C., educated public schools of South and North Carolina, Theology of Howard University 1906, D.D. Allen University 1924, S.T.D. Miller College and Wilberforce University 1937; licensed to preach at Bethel Church by Rev. T. E. Franklin, Dr. I. W. L. Roundtree, presiding elder, 1905; admitted to New Jersey Annual Conference at Long Branch in 1906; ordained deacon by Bishop Wesley J. Gaines at Orange, 1907, elder by Bishop Wesley J. Gaines at Camden, 1910. Pastor Stroudsburg, Pa. St. Luke, Newark, N. J., Milburn, N. J., Rahway, New Jersey, Long Branch, N. J., Fair Haven, N. J., and Elizabeth; presiding elder Newark District, 5 years, New Brunswick District, 19 years; member of every General Conference from 1924 to 1948; chief teller for the election of bishops and general officers in Chicago 1928, Chairman of Committee on Statistic; served on the Board of Control Southern Christian Recorder, Financial Board 1936-1944; leader of New Jersey Conference 8 years and Chairman of the First Episcopal Delegation to the General Conference 1940. Served in the New Jersey Conference 42 years, pastorate 18 years, presiding elder 24 years and recording secretary 10 years; member of the Episcopal Committee 1936; married Mrs. Annie Ford Vanderhorst June 18, 1907.



VAN PUTTEN, Rev. Philip Bortin, was the 4th child of William and Mary Van Putten, both Methodist; was born in the Island of St. Martin, French West Indies on July 23, 1889; at an early age he was taken to the Island of St. Thomas, then Danish West Indies, where he grew up and was educated. At the age of 20 he went to the Dominican Republic as a missionary. There he married Ethel Romeo of Antigua, British West Indies, in 1916; they have three daughters, all living in New York City. He studied theology under the late Rev. J. A. D. Bloice, A.M., D.D.; was licensed to preach by Rev. J. P. James, presiding elder of the Santo Domingo District in 1914; after serving as a pastor for six years he was compelled to travel 1200 miles to the U. S. A. seeking ordination as no AME Bishop ever visited that Republic. He joined the New York Annual Conference in 1921; was ordained deacon in 1922, and elder in 1923 by Bishop W. H. Heard; was transferred the same year and sent to Santo Domingo by Bishop W. A. Fountain to succeed the late Rev. J. P. James. Since then he has spent 12 years in Santo Domingo, and 8 in Haiti, where he has traveled over 10,000 miles between the two Republics; baptized over 2,000 infants; married over 500 couples and had over 5,000 conversions, from September 1941 to 1943, 840 at St. Paul Church, Port au Prince, Haiti. Knowing what he suffered to obtain ordination owing to not having a visiting bishop to the West Indies, he fought for the establishment of the 18th Episcopal District in 1928. He has organized the Haiti-Santo Domingo Annual Conference, prepared and had ordained 4 natives Dominicans, 2 Haitians in Spanish and French. He preaches and teaches in French and Spanish. He has built 4 churches and 2 parsonages; one church, Christine Smith Mission, 26 feet by 43 feet by 14 feet, with his own hands in one year, working 4 days a month. He is also active in Fraternal Societies, a P.M.V.P. in the G.U.O. of Odd Fellows, a 33rd degree Mason of the Scottish Rites and was Mayor of the City of Samana, Dominican Republic, from 1930-1932.



VERNON, William Tecumseh, (deceased), 45th bishop; born at Lebanon, Mo. He graduated from Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri; studied at Wilberforce and in 1896 he joined the Missouri Conference of the AME Church and was assigned to the presidency of Western University at Quindaro, Kansas. He was appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt as Registrar of the United States Treasury, having to sign all paper money of the nation. Resigning from this position he became president of Campbell College at Jackson, Miss., 1912-1916; pastor of Avery Chapel, Memphis, 1916 to 1920 when he was elected bishop. In 1901, he married Miss Emily J. Embry, a graduate of Wilberforce University and daughter of Bishop Embry. He served in South Africa, 1920-1924; was suspended in 1932; restored and retired in 1936. He died in 1944 at Quindaro, Kansas. He has no children.

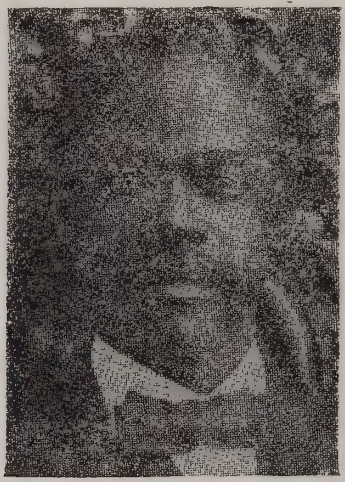


WARD, Thos. M. D. (deceased), 10th bishop; born in Hanover, Pennsylvania, Sept. 28, 1823; was converted in 1838 at Philadelphia and joined the AME Church; licensed to preach in 1843 at Harrisburg, Pa., and in 1846 was admitted to the New England Conference; ordained deacon in 1847; and elder in 1849. Was missionary to the Pacific Coast; in 1868 was elected bishop and returned as bishop to the Pacific Coast. He died June 10, 1894, and is buried in Washington, D. C.

REV. R. F. WASHINGTON

WATERS, Edward (deceased), 3rd bishop; born in West River, Mo., March 10, 1780; was converted in Baltimore, Md., in 1798 and licensed to preach in that city in 1810; commenced traveling in 1818; was ordained deacon in same year; ordained elder in 1820; consecrated bishop May 25, 1836. He died May 5, 1847, and was buried in Baltimore, Md. He never presided independently over an annual conference and is the only bishop to resign, having tendered his resignation in 1844.

WAYMAN, Alexander W., (deceased), 7th bishop; born in Caroline County, Md., September, 1821. He worked on his father's farm when he was quite young. His father taught him to spell and read. He taught himself to write. In 1835 he was converted; joined the ME Church in 1837; in 1839 was licensed to preach. In 1840 he united with the AME Church. In 1843 he joined the Philadelphia Annual Conference and was ordained deacon and elder. He served as pastor in Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, D. C. He was chief secretary of the general conference of 1856, 1860, and 1864. The degree of D.D., was conferred upon him by Howard University. He was elected bishop in 1864 and consecrated May 23, 1864. He served as bishop 31 years and became the senior bishop upon the death of Bishop Payne in 1893. Bishop Wayman died November 30, 1895 and was buried at Baltimore.



REV. L. A. WELLS
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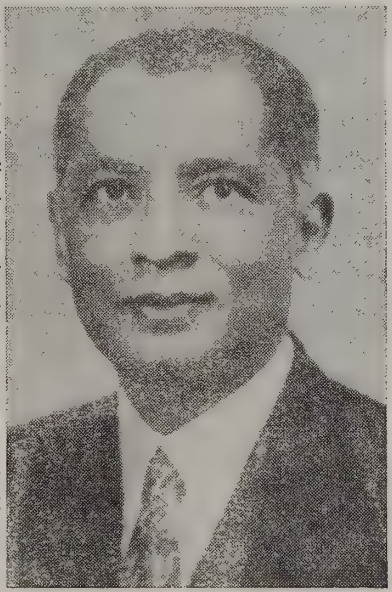
WEST, Mrs. Jean Helen (Gillespie), wife of Rev. T. Gene West, daughter of George W. and Malinda (Darrell) Gillespie; was born in Winchester, Tennessee; was educated in public schools of Winchester, Tennessee; and attended Tennessee State College and Knoxville College; converted in Winchester in 1917. Member of St. John Church; pianist for Senior Choir; advisor of Volunteer (Youth) Club; Supervisor of Young People's Department, South Chattanooga District; President East Tennessee Ministers' Wives' Alliance; member of Twentieth Century (Civic) Club; member of Tennessee Negro Education Association; married Rev. West, April 19, 1935, now primary teacher at Townsend Training School, Winchester, Tenn.

CHAPLAIN J. H. WHITE

WILLIAMS, James (Jeff) Fleming, Clergyman, Teacher, Civic Leader, 1882-1936; born in Milance, Texas; one of 15 children; son of Lucy and Flem Williams. Early education in schools of Texas, where he taught for many years; graduate work in Paul Quinn College, University of Kansas, Wilberforce University, Cincinnati University and Ohio State University. Great spiritual preacher, civic and youth leader. Successful minister at St. James A M E Dallas, Texas; St. Paul, Waco, Tex.; Wilks Barre, Pa.; Wayman Chapel, Dayton, Ohio, at Allen Temple, Cincinnati, Ohio; St. Paul, Columbus, Ohio, and Historic First AME at 8th and Towne Ave., Los Angeles, California. Former President of Paul Quinn College; General Conference delegate; married Miss Lucille M. Adams, youngest daughter of Lucy and John Adams, February 8, 1912, Dallas, Texas. Adopted daughter, Lois Williams Rabb, teacher in Carver Junior High School, Los Angeles, California.

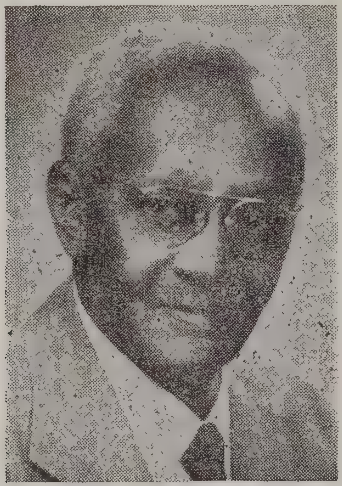


WHALEN, Rev. John Wesley, pastor of the AME Church of Milford, Delaware. He was appointed since May, 1938. He found there no church building. The old church building having been torn down, and the people were worshipping in the AME Church Hall. Within a year, December 12, 1937, they worshipping in the beautiful edifice herein shown. It cost $8,000.00. Rev. Whalen is now serving in his 10th year. The trustees are: Joseph E. Shockley, Clifton Green, Howard Powell, John Harmon, Carl Carney.

REV. AND MRS. E. B. WILLIAMS

REV. AND MRS. C. H. WILLIAMS

WILLIS, Richard D., member of Mother Bethel Church, Philadelphia; admitted to the Philadelphia Conference by Bishop S. L. Greene, at St. Matthews AME Church, Philadelphia; admitted to the Philadelphia Conference by Bishop S. L. Greene, at St. Matthews AME Church, 1947; ardained deacon by Bishop D. Ward Nichols, at Mother Bethel AME Church, Philadelphia, May, 1948.



MAJOR RICHARD ROBERT WRIGHT, SR.
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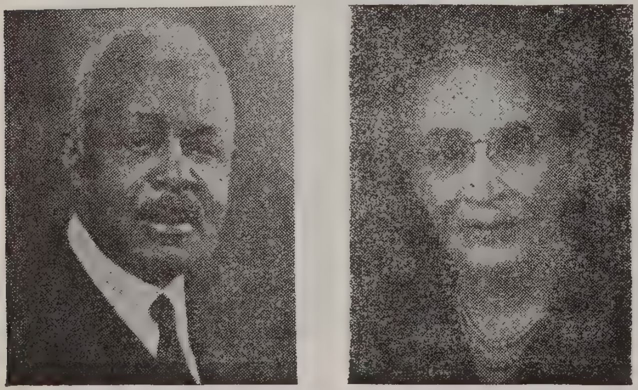

BISHOP AND MRS. R. R. WRIGHT, JR.
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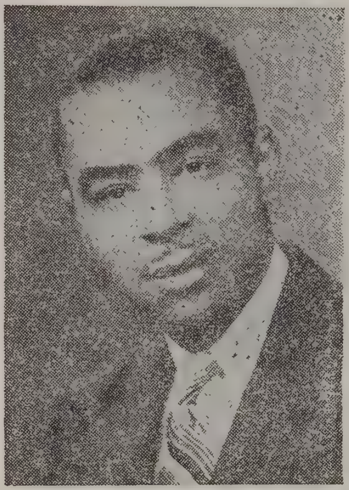

RICHARD ROBERT WRIGHT, III
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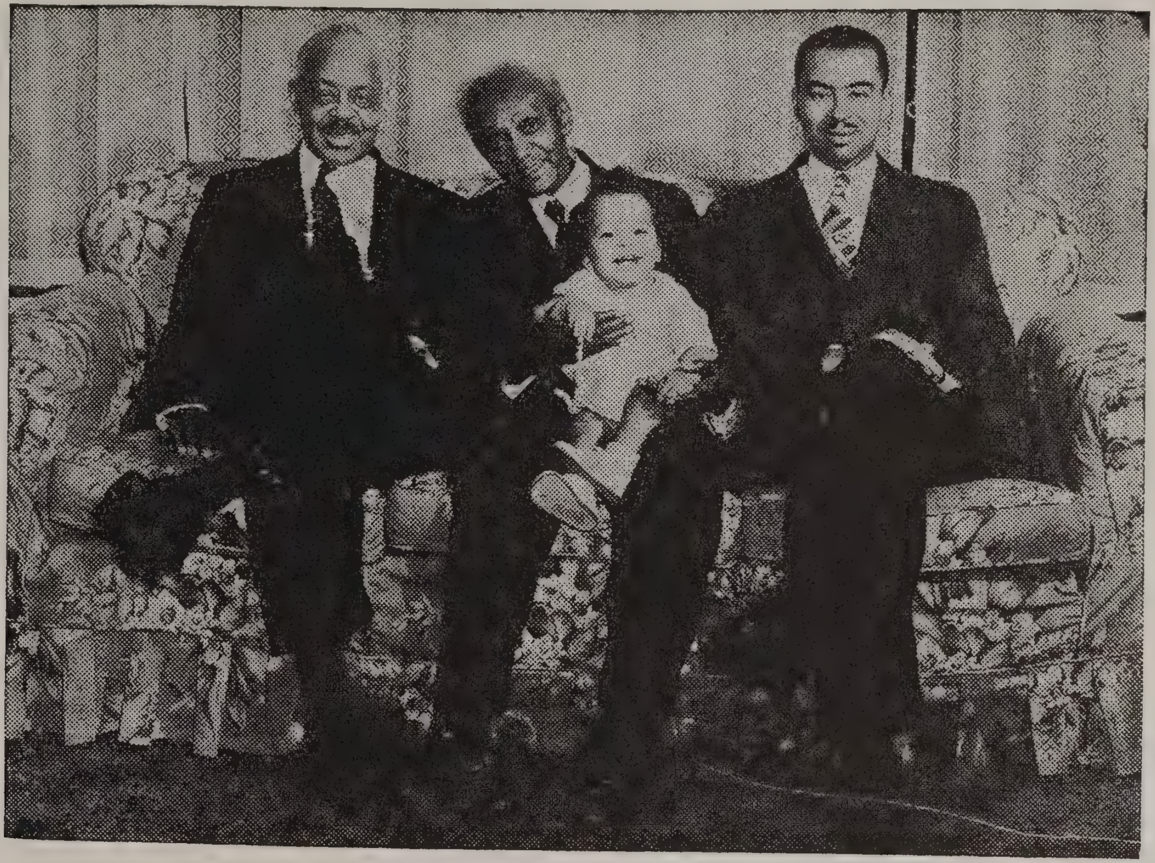
BISHOP WRIGHT
as president of Wilberforce University confers degree of LL.D. upon his father, Major R. R. Wright, Sr., June, 1942.



THE R. R. WRIGHTS, FOUR GENERATIONS

WYNN, Ethel B.,
Miss. Civic Worker,
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Supplement

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1948

The 33rd General Conference of the AME Church was held at Kansas City, Kansas, May 5-18, 1948, and was perhaps the most epochal General Conference of many years. The First AME Church, Kansas City, Kansas was the official host. Services were held, however, in the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium of Kansas City, Kansas, which has a seating capacity of about 3,500 and proved all too small for the enormous crowds that came. From the point of view of delegates this was the largest General Conference ever held having over 1800 delegates. Indeed the large number of delegates made it quite an unwieldy conference, and made difficult the kind of deliberation which should characterize all democratic deliberative bodies. The seating was uncomfortable and the people were crowded. Because of the bad precedent in the 1944 General Conference by which bishops were permitted to appoint delegates to represent the foreign fields, and also some to represent home conferences, and the admission indiscriminately of all chaplains, the General Conference had at leats 700 persons as delegates who were not legally entitled to that name. Had the rule as laid down in the discipline been clearly adhered to, the General Conference would have numbered less than a thousand persons and would have been far more satisfactory. The padding of delegations became a scandal at this General Conference. The General Officers could not make their full reports. Many of the reports were made amid so much noise that they could not be understood. Some of the General Officers were elected by standing votes, contrary to the law of the church, and the presiding officer was frequently dominated by just a few people around the platform.

A resolution to move all of the bishops was passed by a vote of 1433 to 307. The episcopal committee had the largest number of charges and complaints in its history; it was- deadlocked for more than 48 hours in its efforts to make assignments of bishops to episcopal districts and had to call in the Bishops' Council to give some suggestions. In spite of the noisy atmosphere in which the General Conference worked there was a considerable amount of constructive work done. It was decided that no bishop sent to the foreign field, was to be paid his salary if he did not go to his assignment, and stay on the job until time to come home, which will be only once during the quadrennium. Bishops George B. Young and Noah W. Williams were retired, and Bishop Ransom was given the office of historiographer with a $10,000 annual budget and headquarters at Wilberforce University. Six bishops were elected: Revs. L. H. Hemmingway, secretary-treasurer of the Church Extension Society; D. O. Walker, pastor of Bethel AME Church, Buffalo, New York; Joseph Gomez, pastor of St. James AME Church, Cleveland, Ohio; Isaiah H. Bonner, pastor, Metropolitan AME Church, Mobile, Alabama; W. R. Wilkes, pastor of Allen AME Church, Atlanta, Georgia, and Carey A. Gibbs, pastor of Mt. Zion AME Church, Jacksonville, Florida. The general officers were all re-elected except Rev. W. K. Hopes, who was succeeded as business manager by Rev. W. D. Johnson, Jr., of Georgia. Rev. P. W. Rogers of Louisiana was elected secretary of the Church Extension Department to succeed Bishop Hemmingway, and Jesse E. Beard of South Carolina was to succeed Rev. D. L. Witherspoon (deceased) in the Pension Department. The vote to ordain women was overwhelmingly in the affirmative. Wilberforce University was connectionalized, and additional supporting areas voted; Salaries of the bishops and general officers raised; visitors came from all parts of America and South America, West and South Africa, and the Isles of the Sea. The largest delegation from the foreign fields came. Rev. J. R. Coan, who spent nine years in South Africa without returning once was, an outstanding member of the African delegation and received 360 votes for the bishopric, being the second highest of those not elected. The program was as follows:

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Opening Service—Wednesday, May 5, 1948, First AME Church (Transferred to Soldiers and Sailors Auditorium on account of the great crowd), Kansas City, Kansas, 10:00 A. M.

1. PROCESSIONAL
    Bishops
    General Officers
    President and Officers of the Missionary Society
    College Presidents and Deans
    Ministerial and Lay Delegates
    Alternates
2. PRELUDE
3. DOXOLOGY
4. CALL TO WORSHIP .... Bishop W. A. Fountain
5. OPENING HYMN No. 295—"And Are We Yet Alive"
6. PRAYER .... Bishop R. C. Ransom
7. ANTHEM... .... Choir
8. Responsive Reading .... Bishop J. A. Gregg
    (To be selected)
9. ANTHEM
10. SECOND SCRIPTURE READING—Bishop S. L. Greene
11. SELECTION
12. DECALOGUE................. Bishop G. B. Young
13. HYMN ... ... Bishop M. H. Davis
14. QUADRENNIUM SERMON—Bishop Noah W. Williams
15. PRAYER .... Bishop H. Y. Tookes
16. INVITATION.... .... Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.
17. HOLY COMMUNION
    Celebrants—Bishops D. Ward Nichols
    F. M. Reid, A. J. Allen, G. W. Baber
    and J. H. Clayborn.
18. ANNOUNCEMENTS
19. DOXOLOGY—BENEDICTION

AFTERNOON SESSION

Bishop W. A. Fountain, Presiding

DEVOTIONS
EPISCOPAL ADDRESS ... .. Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.
ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BENEDICTION

EVENING SESSION

Bishop N. W. Williams, Presiding

WELCOME PROGRAM—LOCAL COMMISSION
The Honorable Governor of Kansas, and His Honor the Mayor of Kansas City, Kansas, will address the Assembly.
RESPONSE .. .. Bishop D. Ward Nichols
ANNOUNCEMENTS
RECEPTION BY THE LOCAL COMMISSION
Music will be furnished by the General Conference Chorus, Dr. John S. Williams, Director.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY, MAY 6, 1948—

MORNING SESSION

Bishop R. C. Ransom, Presiding

DEVOTIONS

ORGANIZATION COMPLETED

BUSINESS SESSION

AFTERNOON SESSION
Bishop R. C. Ransom, Presiding

BUSINESS SESSION

EVENING SESSION
Bishop D. Ward Nichols, Presiding

FRATERNAL ADDRESS.. The Methodists, The AME Zion and The Baptist Churches.
RESPONSE..... Representatives of the 1st, 7th and 13th Episcopal Districts.
Music by General Conference Chorus.
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BENEDICTION

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1948—MORNING SESSION
Bishop J. A. Gregg, Presiding

DEVOTIONS
ADDRESSES................ President Harry S. Truman
Judge Francis Rivers
RESPONSE..................... Bishop R. C. Ransom
BUSINESS SESSION
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BENEDICTION

AFTERNOON SESSION
Bishop J. A. Gregg, Presiding

BUSINESS SESSION
BENEDICTION

EVENING SESSION
Missionary Night

Program under the direction of Dr. L. L. Berry, Secretary of Missions.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1948—MORNING SESSION
Bishop S. L. Greene, Presiding

DEVOTIONS
BUSINESS SESSION

AFTERNOON SESSION
Bishop S. L. Greene, Presiding

TRAVELING EXPENSES of pastors may be paid by

BUSINESS SESSION

EVENING SESSION

MUSICAL PROGRAM. .... Local Commission
BENEDICTION

FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY, MAY 9, 1948

9:00 A. M.—QUADRENNIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL—Under the Direction of Drs. E. A. Selby, S. S. Morris and C. W. Abington.
10:45 A. M.—WORSHIP SERVICE—
Bishop Noah W. Williams, Presiding
DEVOTIONS
SERMON .... Bishop H. Y. Tookes
INVITATION
OFFERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BENEDICTION
3:00 P. M.—MEMORIAL SERVICE..Bishop J. A. Clayborn Presiding

IN MEMORIAM

BISHOP J. S. FLIPPER .... Bishop W. A. Fountain
BISHOP W. T. VERNON.............. Rev. T. J. Burwell
MRS. L. M. HUGHES................ Mrs. Anne E. Heath
REV. J. G. ROBINSON................ Dr. A. S. Jackson
REV. D. L. WITHERSPOON........ Rev. Horace Jenkins
MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE—
J. S. Johnson

RESOLUTIONS BY COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS
BENEDICTION

6:00 P. M.—ACE LEAGUE............. Dr. S. S. Morris
PROGRAM TO ARRANGED

WORSHIP SERVICE—7:45 P. M.
Bishop G. W. Baber, Presiding

DEVOTIONS
SERMON.............................. Rev. J. W. Hair
INVITATION
OFFERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BENEDICTION

SIXTH DAY—MONDAY, MAY 10, 1948—MORNING SESSION
Bishop G. B. Young, Presiding

DEVOTIONS
BUSINESS SESSION
TWO HOURS LEGISLATION (Minimum)

AFTERNOON SESSION
Bishop G. B. Young, Presiding

BUSINESS SESSION

EVENING SESSION
Bishop F. M. Reid, Presiding

DEVOTIONS
FRATERNAL GREETINGS...... CME Fraternal Council and Federal Council of Churches.
RESPONSES.... Representatives of the 3rd, 12th. and 4th Districts.

SEVENTH DAY—TUESDAY, MAY 11, 1948—MORNING SESSION
Bishop M. H. Davis, Presiding

DEVOTIONS
BUSINESS SESSION
TWO HOURS LEGISLATION

AFTERNOON SESSION
Bishop M. H. Davis, Presiding

BUSINESS SESSION

EVENING SESSION
Bishop M. H. Davis, Presiding

BUSINESS SESSION

EIGHTH DAY—WEDNESDAY MAY 12 1948 MORNING SESSION
Bishop Noah W. Williams, Presiding

DEVOTIONS
BUSINESS SESSION

AFTERNOON SESSION
Bishop Noah W. Williams, Presiding

BUSINESS SESSION

EVENING SESSION

Mrs. Sadie T. M. Alexander, Chairman
WOMEN'S NIGHT—Program to be Arranged

NINTH DAY—THURSDAY, MAY 13, 1948 MORNING SESSION
Bishop H. Y. Tookes, Presiding

DEVOTIONS
BUSINESS SESSION
TWO HOURS LEGISLATION

Bishop H. Y. Tookes, Presiding

BUSINESS SESSION

EVENING SESSION

Bishop D. Ward Nichols, Presiding

PENSION ANNIVERSARY—Program to be Arranged by Pension Department.

TENTH DAY—FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1948

MORNING SESSION

Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., Presiding

DEVOTIONS
BUSINESS SESSION

AFTERNOON SESSION

Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., Presiding

BUSINESS SESSION

EVENING SESSION

Bishop A. J. Allen, Presiding

EDUCATIONAL NIGHT
(Program arranged by Dr. E. A. Adams, Secretary of Education)

ELEVENTH DAY—SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1948

MORNING SESSION

Bishop D. Ward Nichols, Presiding

DEVOTIONS
BUSINESS SESSION

AFTERNOON SESSION

Bishop D. Ward Nichols, Presiding

BUSINESS SESSION

EVENING SESSION

AME YOUNG PEOPLE'S TALENT NIGHT
LOCAL COMMISSION

TWELFTH DAY—SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1948

9:00 A. M.—QUADRENNIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL—Under the Supervision of Drs. Selby, Morris and Abington.
10:45 A. M.—MORNING WORSHIP—
Bishop R. C. Ransom, Presiding
DEVOTIONS
SERMON .... Bishop W. A. Fountain
INVITATION
CONSECRATION OF BISHOPS
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BENEDICTION

3:00 P. M.—ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER
Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., Presiding
DEVOTIONS
SERMON .... Rev. R. E. Brogdon
OFFERING
ANNOUNCEMENTS
BENEDICTION

THIRTEENTH DAY—MONDAY, MAY 17, 1948—MORNING SESSION

Bishop F. M. Reid, Presiding

DEVOTIONS
BUSINESS SESSION

AFTERNOON SESSION

Bishop F. M. Reid, Presiding

BUSINESS SESSION

EVENING SESSION

Bishop S. L. Greene, Presiding

WORLD CHURCH NIGHT

ADDRESSES .... Dr. A. S. Jackson, Hon. William Houston

FOURTEENTH DAY—TUESDAY, MAY 18, 1948—MORNING SESSION

DEVOTIONS
BUSINESS SESSION

AFTERNOON SESSION

Bishop A. J. Allen, Presiding

BUSINESS SESSION

EVENING SESSION

Bishop Frank Madison Reid, Presiding

CHURCH EXTENSION NIGHT
(Program Arranged by Dr. L. H. Hemmingway, Secretary)

ADDRESSES Representatives of the 5th, 11th, and 6th Districts.

FIFTEENTH DAY—WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1948—MORNING SESSION

Bishop G. W. Baber, Presiding

DEVOTIONS
BUSINESS SESSION

AFTERNOON SESSION

Bishop J. H. Clayborn, Presiding

BUSINESS SESSION
MORNING PRAYER MEETINGS AND EVANGELISTIC SERVICES WILL BE CONDUCTED EACH MORNING BY MRS. W. D. JOHNSON AND REV. E. J. ODOM—AT 6 O'CLOCK.

Each day at noon, there will be services thirty minutes conducted by a minister appointed by the Presiding Bishop.

Guest Soloist each day.

The General Conference Chorus will serve under the direction of Rev. John S. Williams.

Rev. E. N. Robinson will have charge of the platform services.

The General Conference adjourned Monday night, May 17th, because the Soldiers and Sailors Auditorium could not be used any longer. The balance of the program as arranged by the General Conference Commission was never carried out.

The following local committees did fine service.

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMS

Chairman—Mrs. John S. Wilson

Mrs. Irma C. Johnson, Mrs. Ophelia Jackson, Mrs. Gertrude Lann, Mrs. Armeta Holly, Mrs Sophronia A. Dave, Mrs. Golden Brooks, Mrs. Elizabeth Stokes, Mrs. Irene Jacks, Mrs. Nettie Randall, Mrs. F. J. Peck, Mrs. Julia R. Hall.

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MRS. MARY D. LEWIS, General Chairman
MRS. LOUISE T. CUMMINGS, Secretary

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 8, 1948— MUSICAL SOIRE'E
From 3 to 6
Place—Trinity AME Church—5th and Greeley

The General Conference, Delegates, and Guest are cordially invited to a "Musical Soiree" given by the Missionary Societies and Ministers Wives Alliance of Greater Kansas City. Mrs. Helen A. Williams, Supervisor of the Missionary Society of the 5th Episcopal District.

COMMITTEE ON DECORATIONS
Chairman—Mrs. Eunice Jackson

Mrs. Maulcie Hames, Mrs. Florence E. Burch, Mrs. Mattie James, Mrs. Alberta Herriford, Mrs. Chloe Green, Mrs. Mary Kidd, Mrs. Flossie Gregory, Mrs. Eleanor Howard, Mrs. Sadye S. Cawthorne, Mrs. Francis Cloud, Mrs. Isabelle Flipper.

COMMITTEE ON REFRESHMENTS

Mrs. Doretha Russell, Mrs. Pearl Ward, Mrs. Dessie Washington, Mrs. Lillie B. Yates, Mrs. C. A. Williams, Mrs. Annie Taylor, Mrs. Maude Bluff, Mrs. Pearl Fisher, Mrs. Anna McClure, Mrs. Susie Freeman, Mrs. J. J. Gamble, Mrs. Camile Briggs, Mrs. Mona Page, Mrs Winifred Newton, Mrs. Ida M. Bythwood, Mrs. Ora Lee Roberson, Mrs. Missouri Wilson, Mrs. L. B. Pryor, Mrs. Mollie Blake.

QUADRENNIAL SERMON DELIVERED BY BISHOP NOAH W. WILLIAMS

ISAIAH 32:2—

"And a Man shall be as an hiding place from the wind and a covert from the tempest: as rivers of water in a dry place, and as the shadows of a great rock in a weary land."

AN IDEAL CHRISTIAN

To the Bishops, General Officers, College Presidents, and Deans and the Delegates and Alternates of the 33rd Session of the General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, meeting in Kansas City, Kansas, May, 1948.

I shall treat this subject as a Textual Sermon with four sub-divisions:

Viz: 1. "A man as a hiding place from the wind."
2. "A man as a covert from the tempest."
3. "A man as rivers of water in a dry place."
4. "A man as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

I. "A man as hiding place from the wind."

1 We become great by ministering to others rather than being administered to. A great many people are always looking to themselves. They never think of other people's rights and privileges. This is the self-ward ideal * * * and is an awful bad spirit. It never gets you anywhere. People can see right through you, and they soon find out if you are always working for yourself. You may think you are not being seen, but you are.

Do you want to be great? Then work for others. Many people have found this out and are spending their time working for other people and the community. THEY ARE NOT THINKING CONTINUALLY OF THEMSELVES, ONLY AS THEY CAN BE OF SERVICE TO SOMEONE ELSE.* * * * * * *

The Prophet, in this simili, is talking about Christ and the people of His Kingdom. Jesus Christ is the greatest example of "A Man as a hiding place from the wind" and every Christian is just that; ALWAYS doing something for others.

When Bishop Abraham Grant who ordained me as an Elder, I thought of him "AS A HIDING PLACE FROM THE WIND." * * * *

It seems to me that any Christian would delight to be a hiding place from the harsh wind of temptation and hardship. He should always desire to be "A covert from the destructive tempest, and should want to be as rivers of waters in a dry place, and as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

In that way you will always be happy and will know the benefit of being a Christian. YOUR LIFE WILL NEVER BE DRAB AND UNINTERESTING. * * * *

The reason some people become tired of being a Christian is because they never put their Christianity to any good use. * * * *

During the Crimean War a bomb shell was fired by the Russians from the fortifications of Sebastipol which shell buried itself in the earth on the side where the British were incamped. Immediately there came out a cool stream of water. The shell had tapped the hidden fountain in the dry thirsty land and had broken the rocky cover which hid it. So the British solders that had been complaining of being thirsty had their wants supplied. And the enemies shot meant for their death proved to be their salvation. It always does.

So the wounds in the Rock of Ages produced a safety for you, and opened a Fountain of refreshment. Christ became a "hiding place."

The cross meant for His total destruction simply lifted Him to the throne of the world. "GOD FORBID THAT I SHOULD GLORY SAVE IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST MY LORD."

II. "A man shall be as a covert from the tempest."

When I was in France I walked several times from Ishurtille to Dijohn, and saw a good many coverts in the side of the road during those four mile walks. I THOUGHT OF THOSE COVERTS WHEN I READ THIS TEXT.

A VERY LARGE PART OF THE BIBLE IS AN APPEAL TO DUTY. But ALSO A LARGE PART OF IT IS A CALL TO REST.

"A COVERT FROM THE TEMPEST A PLACE OF REST AND SAFETY."

Jesus said to His disciples one day "Come ye yourselves apart in a desert place and rest awhile." * * * * *

The wind at certain times passed over the desert, blasting every thing and withering every thing, and carrying death and destruction in its train. But if you are in a covert you will not be harmed. A covert from the tempest: violent thunder-storms, destroying by lightning. What tempests some people have at times. The contrary wind of the tempest, conflicting troubles, but God has placed coverts along your way, that you may find rest and shelter. The Church, good people serves as coverts. What would you do without the Church? What a place it fills in your life. * * * * * * *

You come in sometimes burdened down and almost ready to give up, and some choir sings one of the songs of Zion, "Help me to watch and pray, and on thyself rely", and you are refreshed and ready to go forward to your goal. "A man shall be as a covert from the tempest." Wouldn't you wish to be as a shelter from the wind, and a covert from the tempest. Every CHRISTIAN SHOULD BE THAT AND ESPECIALLY EVERY CHRISTIAN MINISTER.

Being a positive help in the community, and to every body you may meet.

III. "A Man shall be as rivers of water in a dry place."

The wilderness through which we pass on our journey is especially dry at times. The fullness of the Lord is not a rill but rivers. His unselfishness, gentleness, purity, patience and charity, are as rivers of water in a dry place. There are some people like that. Their natures overflow in blessings. To have known them is an education in morals and religion.

Great men are not the whole of life but they are the condition of all the rest. If there were no great men, the little ones could scarcely live. Jesus Christ is the most conspicious example. None others are near Him. On this personal influence of Jesus, Isaiah places all the shelter and revival of society.

"He saves His people from their sin", Says Isaiah.

Sin is the most powerful habit of the individual. Men have raised against its governments, education, philosophy, system after system of Religion, but sin overwhelmed them all. Only Christ has resisted and His resistance saves the world.

IV. "A man shall be as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

We can be like Christ the Rock in shutting out blame from other people. In sheltering others from the wind of pitiless prejudices, quarrels and bitter drift of scandal and gossip. One heroic character is often the salvation of many.

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"As the shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

It is said that in the East the following phenomenon is often observed: Where the desert touches the river the sand is in a constant state of drift from the wind. It is this drift that is the cause of barrenness in such portions of the desert. Under the rain or the infiltration of the river, plants often spring up through the sand and there is sometimes promise of considerable fertility. It never lasts. Down comes the periodic drift, and life is stunted and choked out. But set a rock down in the sand and see the difference its presence makes.

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After a few showers to the leeward side of the rock some blades will spring up. If you have patience you will see in time a garden. The rock has produced this by arresting the drift. Now that is how great men benefit human life.

The Prophet has no individual especially in view, but is rather laying down a general descripton of great men of which the man. Christ Jesus is the highest instance.

IN THIS HEAVENLY KINGDOM He who is King of Kings, and Lord of lords, became a man, and a poor man, that He might lift all up to His Kingdom to sit on His throne HE IS THE HIDING PLACE THAT HAS ALL POWER AND STRENGTH OF DEITY IN IT. AND ALL THE TENDERNESS AND SYMPATHY OF HUMANITY IN IT. Listen to Paul the Apostle:

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerers through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor power, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

The shadow of a great rock! The sun and wind strike the rock, not the person that is in its shadow.

A SAINT MAY ALWAYS FIND SAFETY AND SHELTER IN THIS WEARISOME WORLD. ANY SAINT, WEARY, TIRED, OPPRESSED, WOUNDED, TORN AND BLEEDING, CAN ALWAYS FIND REST AND COMFORT IN OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST."

A man walking across the desert finally sees a large rock and quickens his steps and goes to it for shelter from the sun.

The man, Christ Jesus has gone through cold, and heat, and storms, and tempests, the labours and troubles of this world, and He KNOWS what it is to be faint and weary. He KNOWS what it is to be alone and deserted, and He has the tenderest compassion for His friends in distress and want."

CONCLUSION

"CHRIST IS ALL AND IN ALL."

ANY CHILD OF GOD MAY BE AS A HIDING PLACE FROM THE WIND. A COVERT FROM THE TEMPEST, AS RIVERS OF WATER IN A DRY PLACE, AND AS THE SHADOW OF A GREAT ROCK IN A WEARY LAND."

The rock and its shadow means its power and pity. It is a fit emblem of our God who is also our Father. The Creator of Heaven and Earth. From everlasting to everlasting He is God. And yet He is, as Jesus, a man.

If He was only God we might have some fear to go up to Him; If He was only man we might have some doubt of His ability to help under some conditions. But being God and Man we have no fear or doubts.

How gentle He is. "How gentle God's commands, how kind His precepts are. Come cast your burdens on the Lord, and Trust His constant care. See on the mountain top, the standard of your God. In Jesus' name I'll lift it up, all stained in Hallowed blood."

OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

1948

COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, 1948

Rev. J. A. Alexander of Indianapolis, Indiana, chairman; Rev. O. Sherman of Little Rock, Arkansas, vice-chairman; Dr. R. W. Mance of Columbia, S. C., secretary; C. H. Henry of Quincy, Fla., chief marshal; J. J. Simmons, Jr., of Muskogee, Oklahoma, chief messenger; Attorney W. C. Buford, of Louisville, Ky., attorney; Rev. W. T. Alexander, Dallas, Texas, chairman of Judiciary Sub-Committee; Attorney C. L. Robinson of Jackson, Tennesee, assistant attorney.

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SIXTH DISTRICT

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SEVENTH DISTRICT

Rev. R. E. Brogdon, Charleston, S. C.; Rev. N. I. Robinson, Sumter, S. C.; Dr. R. W. Mance, Columbia, S. C.; W. C. Jackson, Charleston, S. C.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

Rev. H. Thomas Primm, New Orleans, La.; Rev. C. F. Johnson, Cleveland, Miss.; Dr. R. O. Pierce, Monroe, La.; J. L. Adams, Jackson, Miss.

NINTH DISTRICT

Rev. G. R. Polk, Ensley, Ala.; Rev. J. C. Jarrett, Dothan, Ala.; A. G. Gaston, Birmingham, Ala.; A. W. West, Montgomery, Ala.

TENTH DISTRICT

Rev. P. D. Saddler, Houston, Texas; Rev. B. T. Alexander, Dallas, Texas; Roy Washington, Ennis, Texas; L. B. Kinchion, Belton, Texas.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

Rev. R. W. Whitehurst, Marianna, Fla.; Rev. H. M. Harris, Orlando, Fla.; Dr. J. A. White, Tampa, Fla.; C. H. Henry, Quincy, Fla.

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Rev. P. W. DeLyles, Tulsa, Okla.; Rev. O. Sherman, Little Rock, Ark.; J. J. Simmons, Jr., Muskogee, Okla.; E. W. West, Little Rock, Ark.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

Rev. T. W. Gaines, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. A. B. Williams, Atty. W. C. Buford, Louisville, Ky.; E. L. Jenkins, Nashville, Tennessee.

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Rev. W. T. White, West Africa; Rev. W. F. Ogleton, West Africa; W. H. Ketter, West Africa; Russell Brown, Jr. West Africa.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT

Rev. Francis H. Gow, South Africa; Rev. M. N. Tilo, South Africa; Chief B. M. Monyoke, South Africa; A. LaSwine, South Africa.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT

Rev. D. P. Talbot, South America; Rev. P. A. Van Putten. Haiti; Evelyn Robersen, South America, D. A. Talbot, South America.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT

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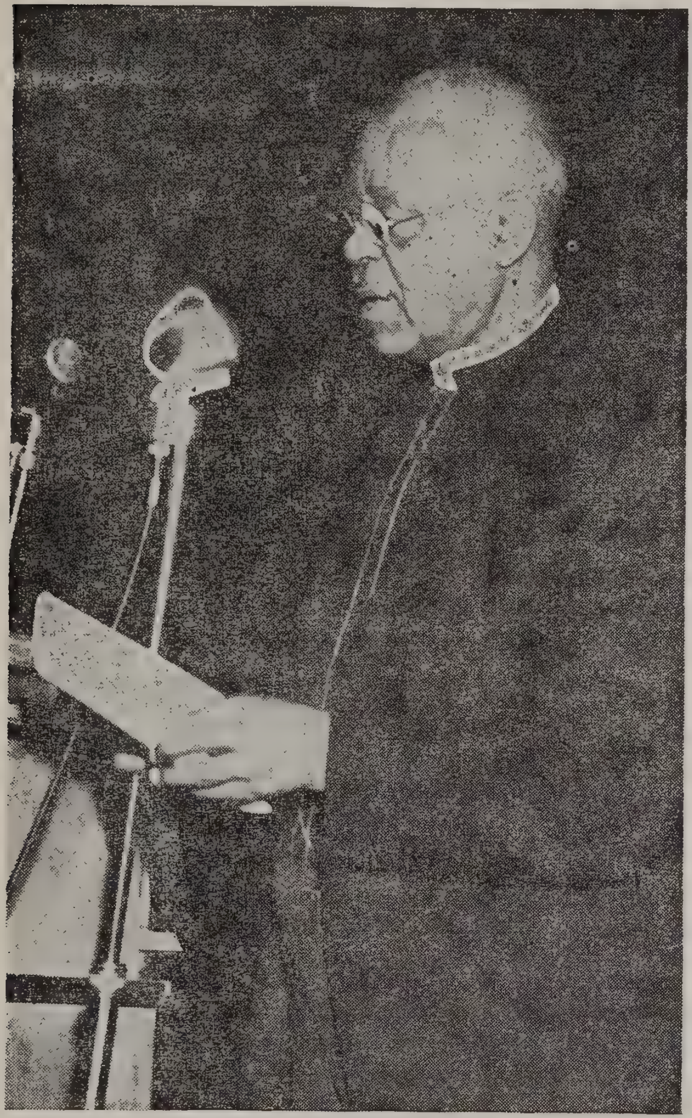

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Delivering Episcopal Address
Bishop Richard R. Wright, Jr., was chosen by the Council of Bishops of the AME Church to deliver the Episcopal Address at the quadrennial session of the General Conference Wednesday afternoon, May 5th. He is shown here as he urges the conference to "work for the church and eliminate factionalism."

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Greetings in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost. May that peace, which is the gift of God, be yours, and may His spirit dominate our every moment, and direct all our deliberations to the end that this may be the most effective and most worthy General Conference ever held in our African Methodism.

According to our established custom, the Bishops do now take this opportunity to present to you some of their thinking in order that our minds and spirits may the better meet as we deliberate upon the great problem of man's salvation through the instrumentality of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Perhaps not since the first General Convention in 1816, have we had so important an assembly of the hosts of African Methodism as we have today. Upon what happens here in this General Conference of 1948 will depend the entire future of our great church. We have serious and difficult tasks awaiting us.

NECROLOGY

In the midst of life we are always exposed to death. God in His wisdom has from time to time reached out and taken our leaders home. The church lives on while the individuals drop out one by one, reporting to our Heavenly Father for their stewardship here.

Bishop Joseph Simeon Flipper, 1856-1944; Senior bishop 1936-1944.

Bishop Flipper, thirty-third bishop of the AME Church, son of Isabella and Festus Flipper, was born in Atlanta, Georgia, February 22, 1856; educated at Atlanta University. He was converted in 1877, licensed to exhort and preach in 1879; admitted to the Georgia Conference in 1880; ordained deacon in 1882, and elder in 1884; taught school in Georgia many years; was pastor of many leading churches in Georgia among them Big Bethel and Allen Temple and St. Paul in Atlanta; served as presiding elder, dean of Turner Theological Seminary, president of Morris Brown College, from which he was elected bishop in 1903. He served as bishop of Oklahoma and Arkansas, 1908-1912; of Georgia, 1912-1928; of Florida, 1928-1936; of Tennessee and Kentucky, a few weeks in 1936; of South Carolina, 1936-1944. He was a great churchman, a learned scholar in ecclesiastical law, and a true friend. Early in life his friends called him "Honest Joe", because of his scrupulous integrity in all matters. He was twice married; in 1880 to Miss Amanda Slater, and after her death to Mrs. Susie Rembert who survives him. He gave one son, Reverend Carl F. Flipper, of Kansas City, to the AME Ministry.

VERNON, BISHOP WILLIAM TECUMSEH, (deceased); 45th bishop; born at Lebanon, Mo. He graduated from Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo.; studied at Wilberforce and in 1896 he joined the Missouri Conference of the AME Church and was assigned to the presidency of Western University at Quindaro, Kansas. He was appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt as Registrar of the United States Treasury, having to sign all paper money of the nation. Resigning from this position he became president of Campbell College at Jackson, Miss., 1912-1916; pastor of Avery Chapel, Memphis, 1916 to 1920 when he was elected bishop. In 1901, he married Miss Emily J. Embry, a graduate of Wilberforce University and daughter of Bishop Embry. He served in South Africa, 1920-1924; was suspended in 1932; restored and retired in 1936. He died in 1944 at Quindaro, Kansas. He had no children.

Among others who have passed since the general conference are:
General Officers

Reverend D. L. Witherspoon, secretary-treasurer of the Pension Department—January 1, 1948,

Mrs. Lucy M. Hughes, president of the Woman's Missionary Society.

The following is a partial list of delegates of the 1944 general conference:

1st District—Rev. L. J. B. Bell, New Jersey Conference;
Mrs. Gertrude B. Lee, Philadelphia Conference.
2nd District—Rev. M. E. Davis, Virginia Conference;
Rev. C. C. Ferguson, Baltimore Conference.
3rd District—Rev. Wm. H. Truss, Pittsburgh Conference;
Revs. J. Otis Haithcock, A. H. Turner, North Ohio Conference;
4th District—Rev. T. H. Henderson, Ontario Conference;
Rev. W. H. Peck, Michigan Conference;
Revs. S. R. Maguinez, W. H. Griffin, and G. W. Gordon, Chicago Conference;

Revs. C. E. Brooks, Geo. A. Brown, W. D. Shannon, Illinois Conference.
5th District—Rev. R. A. Adams, Nebraska Conference.
6th District—Rev. W. W. Stevens, Georgia Conference;
Mr. J. S. Allen, Atlanta Conference.
7th District—Rev. R. L. Pope, Northeast South Carolina Conference;
Rev. B. F. Hilderbrand, Central South Carolina Conference.
Prof. C. G. Garrett, Columbia Conference.
8th District—Rev. H. D. Rhodes, Mississippi Conference;
Rev. L. T. Pondexter, Central Mississippi Conference;
Dr. A. Maceo Hair, East Mississippi Conference;
Prof. H. R. Baranco, Louisiana Conference.
11th District—Rev. J. M. Wise, Florida Conference;
Mr. A. L. Lewis, East Florida Conference.
12th District—Rev. L. C. Fisher, West Arkansas Conference;
Revs. W. T. Eskridge, L. S. Overall, J. D. Lunon, South Arkansas Conference; Rev. J. H. Redd, J. W. Nelson, East Arkansas Conference.
13th District—Rev. H. H. Brewer, Mrs. D. B. Miller, Kentucky Conference
Rev. B. M. Hughes, West Kentucky Conference.

THE STATE OF THE WORLD

There is no need to dwell at length upon the present state of the world. Its general outlines are known to nearly every intelligent man on the street. Two major global wars in one generation have set the world back for centuries to come. Notwithstanding ten years ago we were accustomed to the boast that we lived in the best educated world, the richest and most profitable world, the most comfortable and the best organized world of all ages, and the most peaceful world, we now find ourselves in a world where there are more suffering, doubt and fear, disorganization and hatred than at any other time in the history of man. The things men trusted most, such as intellectual training and alertness, production of wealth, organization of business, industry and labor, strong and efficient governments, strong armies, navies, swiftness of transportation and communication, etc., have failed to give us the peace and satisfaction we longed for; and the most conspicuous thing before the world today is a big question mark (?),—"Whither are we tending",—and no one seems to have the answer.

One thing, however, is certain, on which preachers, politicians, educators, financiers, industrialists, labor leaders, military men and "men on the street" agree, and that is that the breakdown is spiritual; and with the spiritual breakdown, everything else seems to be tumbling. Man, himself, is the great problem. Man has lost something. Man has conquered the earth, the seas and the air; he has made the chemical and physical elements obey him as a little child; but he has not conquered himself, and finds himself defeated in the midst of his material conquests. He has found that the machine has no spirit, no morals, no aspiration, no objjectives and no hopes; that even science and education and finance do not in themselves bring order. It is MAN AND MAN ALONE THAT COUNTS, in a moral world. So today many men, who a dozen years ago, were doubtful as to the very existence of the spirit, see clearly that the only hope for the world is a new spirit in man. In deed and in truth, the most practical and necessary thing for this old world today is that man discover in himself a new and higher spirit—he must be born again from above. Today the world has a choice between the Christian spirit and complete annihiliation. For greed and exploitation, hatred and war, lead only to destruction. Christ alone leads to salvation. And strange as it may sound to many worldly minded: the spirit of Jesus Christ is perhaps more needed for the world today than when He lived over 1900 years ago. With this in mind we dedicate these two weeks to the task of perfecting our organization and regenerating our spirits to the end that we may do our part in this great work of the salvation of men throughout the world.

AN EVENTFUL QUADRENNIUM

The quadrennium of 1944-1948 has been eventful and dramatic. Forces that have been at work more or less silently for many years came to grips above the surface and exposed to the entire world the struggles that have gone on within our church much behind closed doors. To say that, up to this moment, we have manfully met the emergency is to express the truth; but that the battle has just begun is a thing of which we would have you now to become seriously aware. The Church must save itself.

This eventful quadrennium has seen the establishment of seventeen (17) episcopal districts, (by adding another district in South Africa, making two in that great territory); the establishment of the Pension Department; the organization of one Connectional Women's Missionary Society by merger of the Women's Mite Missionary Society and the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society; the death of a senior bishop, the Right Reverend Joseph Simeon Flipper, the vigorous exercise of the authority of the Bishops' Council in the regulation of the church; the first extra session of the General Conference; long and expensive court actions in New York and Philadelphia; the seceding of the College of Education and Industrial Arts in Ohio from Wilberforce University, and the attempt to establish a "Jim Crow" State College in the Northwest Territory of Ohio, and many other minor things which justify us looking back over this as the most eventful quadrennium. Truly we can say:

> "Through many dangers, toils and snares,
> We have already come,

(And we may add with equal truth):

> 'Twas grace that brought us safe thus far,
> And grace will lead us through."

OUR PAST ACHIEVEMENTS

These serious happenings should cause us to review carefully the history of justice of our African Methodism and to seriously plan for her future.

The achievements of the past are history. We cannot recall them. We should learn from them something of what is good and what is not so good. Our past is a past, for which, on the whole, we thank God—a past to be sure with many misgivings, misadventures, mistakes, but which looms nobler and nobler in its faith, courage and accomplishments, a past whose best points we should use every effort to hand down to our children and their posterity. We should never cease telling the story of the founding of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Perhaps no story has been more inspiring to Negroes everywhere in their long tedious line of progress during the last century and a half than ours. No story has contributed more to the building of manhood than our story. It has been heard all over America, in Africa and the isles of the sea: how a young man of twenty-seven (27) years of age, named Richard Allen, born a slave in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after buying his freedom by the work of his hands, and the sweat of his brow, incensed by the injustices of segregating his people in the house of God, walked out of old St. George's Church in Philadelphia in 1787, and set up a church, Bethel, a "House of God" in which there was no respect of persons as to race or color, but where there should be equality of worship for all, and where black men and women would have their opportunity to rise from the lowest to the highest position offered in the church organization. Richard Allen refused to take alms from white people, but taught his people to shoulder their own responsibilities and pay their own bills. He traveled up and down the east coast urging his people to be free not only in body but in spirit and aspiration; and after twenty (20) years of urging and pleading with his people, and fighting in the courts of Pennsylvania, he finally emerged victorious; and in 1816 brought forth the African Methodist Episcopal Church as a distinct denomination in the Church of Christ, and became its first bishop. This was the first time in the New World that a Negro group assumed the leadership in a Christian Church organization. The story of Richard Allen is worth preserving as one of the "Makers of America", one of the leaders of its early church, one of the greatest men of all times.

Richard Allen brought forth something new. For 1800 years of Christian organization, most denominations and divisions of the Christian Church have been brought about on purely theological differences. But for the first time certainly in American history, there was a Christian denomination built entirely upon sociological grounds: to promote brotherhood and equality across racial lines. For Richard Allen and his followers made no protest against Methodist theology or polity. They accepted the twenty-nine (29) Articles of Religion, The Catechism of Faith, the General Rules, the Rules for Bands, the Orders of the Ministry, the general organization from pastors, local preachers, class leaders to bishops, the annual conferences, etc. They established the General Conference as the chief authority, and put the same restrictions on the Genral Conference as the Methodist did. It was Richard Allen's interpretation of the "second great commandment"—"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" to mean "thou shalt give equality to black people"—that caused the organization of Richard Allen's AME Church. And this was the first time in the history of western Christianity that a church included in a practical way black people on terms of equality. And this makes Richard Allen one of the outstanding Christian statesmen of all times. Careful research into the development of Christian activity, in our New World fails to reveal a single outstanding leader that thought it necessary to include black people in Christian Church life on terms of equality. Not even Augustine, who was born in Africa, and became one of the great bishops in the church; nor Martin Luther, the great reformer, nor John Calvin, the great theologian of Protestantism, nor even our own John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, who lived among the slaves in Georgia, nor any great American churchman antedating Allen, advocated and implemented equality in the church. Allen did. Well might we pass on Richard Allen to the world, in historical narration, in drama and song, statuary and painting and architecture. He stands head and shoulders above any black man ever born on American soil, and alongside America's greatest souls.

Again, referring to the past, let us pass on to our posterity the story of Daniel Alexander Payne, (who was also bishop in the AME Church) who is too little known to the outside world. Born in 1811 in Charleston, South Carolina, he taught school 120 years ago; he had white people among his students. A law passed by the legislature of South Carolina forbidding Negroes to teach or be taught, closed his school, and drove him from his native state. Undaunted he came North and opened one of the first schools for people of color in the city of Philadelphia, and later was one of the founders of Wilberforce College for Colored People in 1856. Perhaps there has been no exhibition of individual faith among black people, or other people, greater than that exercised by Daniel A. Payne in Wilberforce! For when the white people who had been supporting Wilberforce thought they could no longer do so on account of the Civil War, and in 1862 withdrew and closed its doors, it was Daniel Alexander Payne, who declared that "Wilberforce shall not be closed. It MUST remain open." "God means some day to free the Negro slaves," said he, "and we must keep this school open so as to prepare teachers and preachers and other leaders for them." He persuaded the white people to sell him the Wilberforce property for ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) and although there were no funds in sight, he contracted to purchase Wilberforce "in the name of God and the great AME Church"; and in 1863 he re-opened the school. He raised and paid the ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00). A new and greater Wilberforce was born—the first college on American soil owned and operated by Negroes. And here Bishop Payne started preparing leaders for the time of the freedom. Today we face another crisis at Wilberforce which this General Conference must consider lest the enemies of African Methodism and the Negro race wipe it from the face of the earth.

We might tell the story of African Methodist missions; how out of our poverty, we have shared with our brothers in Africa and the isles of the sea. In 1826 we sent our missionaries to Haiti; in 1889 to West Africa; in 1898, Bishop H. M. Turner went to South Africa. Today we have over 100,000 members in foreign lands and perhaps own more property abroad than all the other Negroes of America combined. When our people were freed we came to their rescue with schools in every large center; and colleges, humble though they were, in every Southern State.

It is indeed difficult for the average member of our church to fully understand just what this great church is. Most people learn of our faults through the newspapers; too often they see only the small and often shabby church buildings; they see the inadequately paid and often half educated minister; they do not realize that even in the field of education, the African Methodist Church has led. It was the first Negro college to have a Ph.D. on its faculty; the first Negro institution to have a Ph.D. as a president; and the first to have a Negro Ph.D. as a bishop. It was the first church of Negroes to produce a German Ph.D. and that it is the only Negro institution that has chosen most of its presidents from the Ph.D. group. The African Methodist Church gives more scholarships to students than all the other Negro churches combined, and it is well known that when a boy cannot get into any other college he may turn to our colleges. We support fifteen institutions of higher learning in America and abroad.

OUR PROGRESS

Today, after 161 years of unbroken organization, the African Methodist Episcopal Church has spread over more than 5 million square miles in the United States of America, South America, Canada, Mexico, the West Indies, West, South and East Africa, having more than one million members. Our Bethel Church, incorporated in 1796, is still the oldest incorporated body of Negroes in America. Our Christian Recorder, established in 1852, is the oldest Negro periodical in the world; our Quarterly Review, adopted in 1884, is the Negro's oldest magazine; and our Book Concern, started in 1816 and incorporated in 1855, is the American Negroes' oldest business; our Wilberforce University, started in cooperation with the Methodists in 1856 and becoming in 1863 the property of the AME Church, is the oldest university in the world owned and operated by black people. And we might say more. The AME Church has been for over 160 years the pioneer in Negro faith, hope and progress, daring to experiment in new fields while others hesitated. The AME Church has during these years set an example for progressive aspiration and accomplishments for the rest of the Negroes in this country and abroad; and thanks to God that this example has not gone unfollowed. For we are proud to say that today we have no patent and no monopoly on many of the fine things in which we pioneered; but other churches and secular organizations have caught the inspiration and gone forward upon their own responsibility. We point with pride to the work of our sister churches, all of which are doing great work in the Master's vineyard. We point with pride to such laymen in our church who acknowledge inspiration received from our forefathers for the development of this business: Stephen Smith, once Philadelphia's wealthiest Negro business man, gave the now famous Philadelphia Old Folks Home; John Merrick, founder of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company, was 50 years superintendent of an AME Sunday School: A. L. Lewis, founder of the Afro-American Insurance Company of Florida, was 50 years superintendent of an AME Sunday School in Jacksonville, Florida; and scores of others might be mentioned.

During our 150 years the AME Church has never had a major split, though nearly every major church in America has split during this time. Today we have assets of $47,000,000 with less than $7,000,000 liabilities; we have churches in nearly every city and town in America besides the rural districts; we have 14 active bishops and 8,000 churches, 5,000 parsonages, a million members, a quarter of a million Sunday School scholars, and 100,000 organized young people, 100,000 missionary society members; and we have, along with others, been the inspiration of the spiritual, moral and social life of the people: have helped to build the home, the school, the church, the business, finance, music, art, literature, politics, and morals.

That has been our past. Our past is secure. But we must not rest, or merely boast of our past. The past is rather to be used as a spring board for the future. If we rest, or even mark time, we will most certainly go backwards. We must plan to achieve greater things in the future than we have in past. We must march forward.

OUR OBJECTIVES

Let us therefore review our Objectives.

THE CHURCH

First, what is the church? What is it supposed to do? These questions must be asked again and again, in order that we may more clearly see our duty, and be the stronger to do it: What is the Church?

THE CHURCH IS THE COMMUNITY OF INDIVIDUAL BELIEVERS IN (a) God, the Father, and (b) in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and (c) in mankind the children of God and brothers of one another, who daily strive to put their ideals into practice to the end that the entire community and state and nation and world may come under the domination of the Spirit of God, and the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdoms of our God and the Christ. The Church furnishes opportunity for worship, introduction and service, and is dominated directly by the Holy Spirit, which is the Sprit of God working in the individual to promote love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, fairness, justice, etc., to the end that we may have fellowship one with another and realize the brotherhood of all mankind.

The Church exists through one Spirit—the unity of the Spirit—in all languages, all races, all climes and countries, among educated and illiterate, among rich and poor, among powerful and powerless, among black and white, alike, and knows neither male or female, black or white, Greek or barbarian, Roman or plebeian, but by one thing and one thing only, the direction of the Spirit. They who are led by the Spirit, are the children of God, and God's Church: God's Church is the Family of God—God, the Father, Jesus Christ the Son, men the Brothers.

BELIEF IN GOD

The first Article of our Religion is we believe in God. Scientists may side step or postpone or weigh the question of the existence of God. (No true scientist CAN DENY that existence). But the Church BEGINS with the assumption that GOD IS. "In the beginning, God," are the first words of our Bible. And religion is more convinced of God than science is of nature. Religion cannot comprehend a world without God; religion cannot comprehend life without God; cannot comprehend history without God; cannot comprehend a future without God. Religion declares that the most dynamic factor in human history has been man's faith in God; and that however far man may stray from that belief in times of his ease and prosperity, he inevitably returns to it in times of peril, when his best laid plans "gang aft a gley". God is our Creator, Protector, Director, Judge, Friend and Father. The first duty of our AME Church is to bring men into vital relationship with God and to keep alive this relationship. Man cannot be saved without realizing that, above everything else, he is a child of God.

BELIEF IN JESUS CHRIST

JESUS CHRIST is our Redeemer. Our second Article of Religion includes Jesus, the most mysterious figure in human history. Whatever men may say, about Jesus, this fact remains, that a Man who appeared in Galilee and Judea about 1900 years ago, and was crucified as a malefactor, has had and now exerts the greatest influence in the world of any man who ever lived. There is no record where He ever sought fame, or wealth, or power; no record of Him ever having acquired scholarship, or even being licensed as a teacher of religion, or of Him writing a book or owning a house or holding an office; but He is Lord of Lords, and King of Kings, and hundreds of millions worship Him today—after 1900 years—as the Son of God. And man today, as in the days when He traveled the dusty roads of Palestine, can only explain Him by calling Him divine. In Him truly was the Word made flesh; God was incarnated in the Babe of Bethlehem, the Christ who died on the Cross for our redemption, and who refused to lie in the grave. The duty of the AME Church today is to hold up Jesus Christ, for without Christ the world is lost. And most of all does it need interpreters and advocates of Jesus in the language of this modern world.

BELIEF IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE HOLY GHOST. Article 4 of our belief refers to the Holy Spirit—the living Spirit of God, which through Jesus Christ was transmitted to the world, and is now the greatest power in the world. Jesus said toward the last to his disciples, "I will not leave you comfortless." "I will send you the Spirit to guide you and comfort you."

So today Jesus lives and God expresses Himself through the Holy Spirit, the inspiration, teacher, companion and guide of all Christians, and the power which holds the communion of saints—the church—together, without which it falls powerless. It cannot be emphasized too strongly that our power is in the Holy Spirit working in each individual member, and in our church organization. Only as we are led by the Spirit have we any claims on God. Our duty is not only to show the domination of this Holy Spirit, but to lead men to subjection to this Spirit.

THE VISIBLE CHURCH is an organization, while the Invisible Church is a communion—the Spirit in man. The Visible Church may be termed Catholic, Roman, and Eastern, Protestant: Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian or by hundreds of other names. These visible divisions of the church may be necessary for implementing the Spirit in lives of the people, and permitting and guiding them with the most helpful forms of expression of the power of the Spirit. But these organizations are not the real church of God, any more than the pipe which conveys the water from the spring to the ganization of the visible church is necessary like the pipe, but when the pipe doesn't carry water, and the organization doesn't diffuse the Spirit, neither is any good. The African Methodist Episcopal Church is one of those divisions of organizations of the Visible Church, to aid in channeling the Spirit of God to the people of the world.

TO RECOVER THE NEGRO SOUL: DIGNITY OF PERSONALITY

Our church has more than a mere theological task. It has as Richard Allen indicated in the beginning, a theo-sociological task. We have the big job of recovering the souls of black men. The whole pressure of our past has been to reduce the Negro to the status of the animal and as illustrated by the popular sermon text that the Negro would be "A hewer of wood and a drawer of water", or by the title of a book, "The Negro a Beast" or by an old Supreme Court decision that "a Negro has no rights that a white man was bound to respect." Brought to this country purely to labor, sold like cattle, forbidden to learn to read and write, with the majority of Christian churches giving but little aid, the tendency to crush the soul of these Africans was evident in all parts of the country, north as well as south, and in all house is to be confused with the water which it conducts. The or-sections of society which condoned slavery, segregation, racial discrimination, mob actions, legal injustices, economic exploitation, and those things which degrade the soul of man. The message of the church however soft and ineffective has been to the Negro; "Rise", "Stand on thy feet for thou too art a man", "Rise up and walk". And with other Christian churches it has been a large part of our job to convince our own Negro people that they are sons of God; humans, equals of all of God's children, brothers to all men all over the world. This has been and still is a difficult task because of the pressure of our environment in the other direction, where great powers, social, economic, political, legal and otherwise have denied Negroes equality, and other churches even deny us fellowship.

ENLARGEMENT OF BROTHERHOOD

It has been our job not only to impress our own people with the dignity of their own personality, but to convert the rest of the world to the fact that the black man should be a brother, and that we cannot really follow Jesus unless we include the black man in brotherhood. We must help to implement this brotherhood through education, church organization, business organization, cooperation, and in a hundred other ways. Indeed, we now are where we MUST give more intensive attention to the implementation of the brotherhood of man so far as our own people and the rest of the world are concerned. This is the most pressing need of this day. This is our greatest missionary task.

As it is now the Negro is excluded from nearly everything which makes for his highest development. Negroes are not integrated in any large Christian churches, they are the victims of vicious legal enactments by legislatures and municipalities, against all principles of decency, democracy or Christianity; they are segregated into neglected residential neighborhoods, inferior schools, dirty railroad stations and coaches, inferior hospital wards in which their own physicians are not permitted to practice. They pay the highest rents, and therefore proportionately the highest taxes, and yet are systematically despoiled of their economic and legal rights in a most ungodly fashion by people who profess to be followers of Jesus Christ.

Our task is to bring America to see the hypocrisy of this situation, and to help mobilize the Christian people of this nation and the world on the side of brotherhood. As the Christian people a hundred years ago were mobilized against slavery, although it split many of the churches, and slavery was overthrown, so today in this century the Christians of all names, and the people of God of all faiths, must be mobilized to banish race hate, and discrimination, and war, and to promote peace, goodwill and brotherhood, in which Negro and Jew, Chinese and Indian, white and black will be included.

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

In the task of implementing brotherhood, our main instrument is preaching. And one of our greatest jobs is to develop preachers. We need at least 500 new preachers each year. We must train them. Our people are now being educated at the most rapid rate ever. State education has not emphasized the Gospel. The Gospel will not be understood unless it is in the language of the hearers. When the AME Church was founded 98 percent of the Negroes were illiterate. When the Articles of Association were amended for Bethel Church, Philadelphia in 1807, of the 49 persons who signed only 18 could write their names, the others made their "marks" (x). Today everybody in Bethel Church can write his name and 90 percent of Negroes above 10 years of age are literate. Our preaching must be geared to an increasingly literate group, which means our preachers must all be trained. And still greater must be the training of our preachers who have the task of preaching to other groups than our own. And in every community our pastors must preach to whites as well as blacks until the color line be abolished in our Christian thinking as it is abolished in Mohammedan thinking in other parts of the world.

CONSECRATED MINISTRY

To accomplish our tasks men must not only be learned, but they must be consecrated. They must be IN the world but not OF it. We cannot convert the world unless we set a good example of the Spirit of Jesus which we preach. Time has passed when people accept noise, emphatic expression, emotional demonstration as the best indication of the presence of the Holy Spirit; and the vast majority are not impressed by such demonstration; for study of the life and teaching of Jesus shows our Master put little emphasis on it. We must have a ministry that is not selfish, but self-giving; not greedy of filthy lucre, but serving the people; not political minded but socially minded. We cannot buy and sell offices, conduct our work like the politicians of the world, and convert the world. It cannot be done. We must be a brotherhood. Otherwise what we say will be as sounding brass or tinkling cymbal and the world moves on to its destruction paying us no attention whatsoever. A new era of unselfish consecration is the need to prepare us for the task before us.

ORGANIZATION

To make our Gospel effective we must have good, efficient, smoothly running organizations. The genius of Methodism is organization in order to implement the principles of Christ. This means we need pastors to keep the flock, as well as preachers to proclaim and instruct. More emphasis must be put on the class organizations, and the close weekly personal touch with every individual member of the church. Individual personal evangelism is a great need for this hour in every home, village, town, and city.

COOPERATION

Our task is too great for any one church. We must seek cooperation with all churches of our own Methodism, and all other denominations. Every minister should be an active member of the interdenominational meeting in his community. We should cross race lines in the South as well as the North and seek cooperation with all churches of Christ. We should seek cooperation with Catholics and Jews who have the Spirit of Jesus in helping to bring in the brotherhood of man. We should continue to cooperate with other churches on a local, state and national scale in the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and the various Church Federations. African Methodism has taken great interest in bringing the Negro Churches together in the National Fraternal Council of Negro Churches of which Bishop J. H. Clayborn is president; in which are all the larger denominations of Negro Christians, and a larger interest should be taken in this organization by all of us

There is no greater need in America today than the close cooperation of white and Negro ministers of Christ. The shame of our Christian organizations is that racial prejudice seems to have overpowered the racial difference. There will never be a Christian society until this spiritual urge to fellowship among ministers of Christ because of racial difference. There will never be a Christian Society until racial prejudice is overcome and all racial differences which hinder Christian fellowship are banished. We are happy to note that within this quadrennium inter-racial ministerial meetings have been increasing throughout the South.

The AME Church has always participated in world-wide Christian organizations. We had representatives at the first Ecumenical Conference of Methodists, in London, in 1881, and every other one up to the seventh Ecumenical Conference at Springfield, Mass., in 1947. Our representatives have been at the World Conference on Faith and Order; World's Youth Congress; World's Sunday School Congress; Students Volunteer Movement; World Church Conferenece and others. This world-wide interest should not be abated, but increased according to the increasing needs of our "One World" ideology.

THE BISHOPS' COUNCIL

The Bishops' Council was first held in 1852 when there were three bishops—Bishops Quinn, Nazrey and Payne. Previously the bishops sat together at an annual conference exercising the general superintendency. But in 1852 they agreed to divide the church into three episcopal districts, and each bishop would preside over the conferences of his district, and the bishops would all meet together and consider the welfare of the church. This meeting was voluntary until about 1920 when it was made legal. It met once and now twice a year. During the interim between general conferences it has charge of the general administration of the church, particularly that part not committed to some other department or commission. All bishops and general officers report to the Bishops' Council.

Reporting to the Council has been rather informal. Although the discipline especially directs each bishop to report, the kind of report is left with the bishop. It would facilitate things, and add to the efficiency, if each bishop would be required to give a written report to the February Council as to the annual conferences of the preceding year; a summary of the finance; the membership changes, through conversions, accessions, withdrawals, removals, deaths, etc.; the state of the ministry through admissions, ordinations, withdrawals, expulsions, suspensions, deaths, etc.; and also the general social conditions to the discipline so that the Council may approve or disapprove, and enter the same in the record. And any problems that may effect the entire connection should be reported in writing by the bishop and reviewed by the Council.

Up to this quadrennium the Bishops' Council has never taken drastic actions, regarding its functions as to the general superintendency of the church. It did however in the D. H. Sims' case. It assumed the right by two-third's vote to remove Bishop Sims from the New York Conference for the good of the church and to place another bishop there "with full power to act." Bishop Sims refused to abide by the decision of the Council and appealed to the New York Supreme Court to uphold his position. After several months trial, the Supreme Court of New York upheld the right of the Bishops' Council to remove a bishop for the good of the church in the interim of the general conference, and to give general supervision over the church. Thus the courts of the land give their stamp of approval upon the laws of the church.

In accordance with the discipline the Bishops' Council made the following changes in episcopal district supervision during the quadrennium.

1. Appointed Bishop F. M. Reid over the Seventh Episcopal District to succeed Bishop J. S. Flipper, deceased 1944.
2. Appointed Bishop G. W. Baber to succeed Bishop G. E. Curry, in Arkansas, 1945.
3. Removed Bishop D. H. Sims from the supervision of New York Annual Conferences, and
4. Appointed Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., to supervise the same, June 21, 1946.
5. Appointed Bishop S. L. Greene to supervise the Philadelphia, Delaware and Maritime Conferences, November, 1946, to succeed Bishop D. H. Sims, expelled.
6. Appointed Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. to supervise New Jersey, New England and Bermuda Conferences, November 22, 1946, to succeed Bishop Sims.
7. Appointed Bishop G. W. Baber to succeed Bishop G. E. Curry, expelled, in Arkansas, November, 1946. And Bishop J. H. Clayborn to Oklahoma, succeeding Bishop G. E. Curry, 1945.
8. Appointed Bishop G. W. Baber to succeed Bishop M. H. Davis, November, 1946.
9. Appointed Bishop J. H. Clayborn, to succeed Bishop M. H. Davis in North Carolina and Virginia.
10. Appointed Bishop M. H. Davis to Virginia and North Carolina.

It has appointed committees on adjustment to look into matters of other districts.

GENERAL DEPARTMENTS

Our departments will make their individual reports through the general officers. However, only the high points are touched here, subject to fuller information through the reports.

PUBLICATION. The very first general department of the church was organized during the first year of the church's existence in 1817. It had the most important duty of publishing the hymn books, discipline and such other literature as the churches may need to do their work efficiently. It was to distribute these things at large among the pastors and the people. It was expected from the very beginning to make a profit, for the fifth "RESTRICTIVE Rule" is that the general conference cannot change the law except by two-thirds vote that "the surplus or profits of the Book Concern shall go to superannuate preachers." Careful survey has shown that nearly all publication boards of other denominations make a profit, except ours. This general conference should give this matter most careful consideration, and provide that there shall be a profit from our department, and give it to the superannuates. Our business manager has pointed out the possibilities among our million members. Yet during one hundred thirty-one years, we have never made a profit, and we are today sixty thousand dollars ($60,000.00) in debt, with even the title to our property under a cloud. With a monopoly on the publication of hymnals, disciplines and other church literature, and with a membership of nearly a million people ,our Book Concern, with proper organization and support, should be the race's leading and largest publishing house.

OUR FOUR PERIODICALS, whose editors are paid by the financial department, have a circulation of less than twenty-five thousand, approximately as follows: AME Review, 3,000; Christian Recorder, 5,000; Southern Christian Recorder, 6,000; Western Christian Recorder, 3,000. Other papers are Women's Missionary Recorder, 2,000; Voice of Missions, 2,000; Journal of Religious Education, 2,000; total approximately, 21,000. It is estimated that all the papers combined are read by 7,000 different ministers and 9,000 different laymen and missionary sisters. In other words one out of 100 reads our periodicals. The other 99 get their information about their beloved church from other sources, often hostile to us. These periodicals cost us over $45,000 per year. It is for this general conference to devise some way by which our members shall know about our church through better publicity channels. It is agreed by all concerned, i.e. editors and managers, that we are not now getting the proper results, and that something should be done. Let us find what it is, and apply the remedy.

THE MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT is the next oldest department. Its chief problem is to get more funds in order to cope with the great missionary demands of this atomic age. There is no doubt that we have already entered a new era of missionary work. Modern inventions in transportation and communication, modern knowledge of geography and language, psychology and sociology, and comparative religions and anthropology have provided new tools for the missionary cause and added to the effectiveness of our work, while the world community created by this new knowledge and these new tools make absolutely necessary this universal spread of the Christian way of life. This places new burdens and new responsibilities upon our missionary work as upon the work of all Christian churches.

Our African field offers new challenges to us, and to the Christian World. Since the AME Church was one of the first American denominations to enter the African field, we must go forward not backward. This general conference should not adjourn without making ample provision for the maintenance of our African work.

THE FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT was relieved of the Pension Bureau in 1944. It has been able to meet all the demands upon it during the quadrennium. An average of over $400,000 has been raised in Dollar Money during this quadrennium. But that is only about 50 cents per member. If we raise $1.00 as the discipline provides, we can well take care of all our contemplated expenses.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION got possession of the church property in Nashville in 1941 after a four years' legal battle. It has improved the literature; and although it has raised the prices of the same, it has not been able to carry out the program of religious education outlined in the discipline. Now that the litigation is practically over, the program of religious education adopted in 1936 should be amply provided for. The profits of the Sunday School Union should be allotted to Christian Education just as the Book Concern allots its profits to superannuates. Careful business supervision should insure profits. We believe a combination of our publishing businesses will make possible unprecedented surpluses for our retired ministers and our religious education.

THE DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION has a great job to do in our Sunday schools, young people's organizations, our adult classes, and local schools of religion. Our members are not sufficiently indoctrinated in our principles and polity, and are too easily influenced by outside agencies. Our ministry lacks proper training in the principles of our church. Many of them come to us from other denominations. There is a great need of cooperation between the Department of Christian Education and our colleges and theological seminaries. We respectfully urge the consideration of divorcing the Sunday School Union board from that of Christian Education. The Sunday School Union as it is conducted is chiefly a publishing business and should concentrate on that, while the Christian Education board has an entirely different objective—now too long neglected because it has been submerged under the Sunday School Union.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION has been chiefly a money receiving organization. It does not now give enough aid to our educational institutions, either by inspection, in financial campaigns, recruiting of students, setting of standards or publicizing our institutions. This department receives eight percent of the dollar money or about $125,000 per quadrennium. It gives about $85,000 to the schools. So the general conference will have as one of its problems the future of the Educational Department, so as to bring it in harmony with our times.

THE CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT receives four percent of the dollar money, one-fourth of Allen Day and one-half of Children's Day Money, or about $85,000 per quadrennium, which is a "mere drop in the bucket" to the needs of the church. The department was organized on a sound Christian business theory, and started off well. It has made loans and gifts of nearly $1,500,000 since it started. Had these loans been paid back to our Church Extension Department as they are paid to secular financial departments, ours would today be the strongest financial institution among Negroes in America. It should be administered by a strong board, who should insist on the loans being paid back. If this general conference orders that all loans be paid on a fifty percent basis, it is possible in these days of prosperity to collect at least a quarter of a million dollars during the next quadrennium. Furthermore, it is suggested that this department consider underwriting insurance for our churches. While it is fairly easy to get insurance in the large cities, there are many rural communities where the church cannot get proper fire and flood insurance.

THE PENSION DEPARTMENT is the newest venture and has justified its existence. While under the old system superannuated preachers get from $20 to $30 per year; under the present system they get from $200 to $240 per year, and the same holds true for widows and orphans. It is recognized, however, that there is great room for improvement, and this general conference will be asked to consider the advisability of working out a small pension plan or insurance for our lay members who have given long service, say 50 years, to the church and become disabled or cannot support themselves. It has already been suggested that a profit be required of the Book Concern to go to the superannuates.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY presents a new program of merger between the Women's Mite Missionary Society and the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. It should be strengthened and under the general policy-making authority of the missionary board. In order to build a stronger Missionary Organization, we must emphasize the need for the increase of membership and loyalty in the entire connection. The local church must be made missionary minded. One of the most important duties now is the "Promotional and Missionary Educational work" which we must stress in every episcopal district, every annual conference and every local church. We should not rest until 5,000 mission study classes are set up, and with books, lectures, motion pictures, radio, television, etc., to carry the missionary message to every man, woman and child in the connection. We wish to congratulate our sisters for their fine beginning. The advisability of having its executive and administrative committee composed only of the women of the church, should challenge your attention. Our women have developed far enough to be trusted, and they cannot do their best work unless given full responsibility.

OUR GENERAL OFFICERS are a set of hard working, self-sacrificing men and women, who deserve fuller support of the church than they now get. We do not indulge in any personal criticism here of our General Officers. Our criticism is rather directed to the systems under which they work. For those systems we are all responsible, and from time to time we should give them careful scrutiny and make necessary improvements.

COLLEGE

Full reports are expected from our colleges. Let us call attention to the fact that the existence of the private college, and particularly the church college is being challenged on every hand. Just as the counties and cities took over primary and elementary education in the years past, so the state is taking over college education. The almost complete monopoly which church colleges had, a century ago, in higher education in many states has disappeared. Many church colleges have gone out of existence. Many have revamped their programs putting emphasis on religious training. What shall we do? That is your question.

One thing seems certain: We must put more religion—indeed more African Methodism in our colleges. When we look at the rate at which educated Negroes are leaving, or failing to join, our churches, we can see the need of our concentrating on our colleges, particularly to get Christian professors and instructors, loyal African Methodists, and to put religion in the forefront.

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY

In this connection Wilberforce University is conspicuous. For during this quadrennium an attempt is being made to submerge Wilberforce University and to set up at Wilberforce a state college for Negroes. The separation of the state institution from Wilberforce University came when Charles H. Wesley was removed as president in 1947. He now operates the separate state college. Our problem is: Shall Wilberforce, the mother of all higher education among Negroes in America, survive? And how? And shall the Negroes of Ohio permit a "Jim Crow" segregated Negro school with inferior facilities to exist in the state at the expense of Ohio taxpayers? As to the first phase of the problem you will be asked to consider the connectionalizing of Wilberforce on the basis that (1) it was originally our connectional school; (2) its history; (3) its lcation; (4) its unusual opportunity.

PAYNE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The theological department of Wilberforce which, in 1891, became Payne Theological Seminary, was the training ground for our ministry in the early days. From it came most of our early leaders, such as Bishops Shaffer, Lee, Tyree, Hurst, Jones, Ross, Ransom, Young, and scores of others. Payne Seminary, like Wilberforce University, should be made a connectional institution, of the highest level, with the very best faculty so that we may attract the many of our best young men who now go to institutions of other denominations.

LAY MEMBERS ORGANIZATIONS

Laymen's organizations have been growing. Up to the present there has been no general recognition of them in our discipline. We earnestly applaud laymen who are loyal to the church and desire to help it go forward. A layman is a non-professional. All of us are laymen in respect to every profession or occupation, except the one we are in. For example, the preacher is a layman in respect to the doctor, lawyer, teacher, engineer, farmer, pilot, Pullman porter. What does the preacher, as a layman, want? He wants, what every layman wants—SERVICE. He wants skilled physicians, just courts, safe railroads, good schools, safe airplanes, etc. He pays for service. The layman always pays the bills—not to run the engine, but to see that the engine is properly run—to see that he gets the best service.

What does the layman want in the church? Inspiring worship to lift his soul, to aspire to nobler things; and make him better. He wants a good community spirit, that his family and community life will be better. He wants the highest Christian ideals held up for him and his children; he wants the assurance of heaven after the toils and cares of this life are ended. He wants salvation. And if the church fails to give him these, it has failed not only him, but God. And the layman pays the bills—for this service. If he does not get the service, he feels that he is as good in the church as the minister, and that the church is just one more organization which he has as much right to run as any one else.

This general conference composed of ministers and laymen has a great work to be done. But it must be done together. It cannot be done by division. It must be done by consultation. The minister needs the layman, the layman needs the minister. When they get apart all is defeat and chaos. When they are together there is victory.

MEN'S SERVICE LEAGUE

A petition from the Thirteenth Episcopal District has come to the Bishops' Council asking for permission to organize the Men's Service League along the same lines as the Women's Missionary Society, only that the Men's Service League shall be composed of men and will be devoted to social service, whereas the women are devoted to missionary work.

At present it is estimated that we have already nearly 100,000 women and girls organized into women's missionary groups in more than 3,000 places. Probably the AME Women's Missionary Society is the most solidly organized group of Negro women in the world. But what of the men? They have no general function. We can point with pride to our women's work in South Africa, or the isles of the sea, or West Africa or South America; to the mission preachers, etc. But what have the men done, connectionally? Mrs. Nora Taylor, Mrs. C. S. Smith, Mrs. Lucy Hughes may go to Africa to inspect the work of the Women's Missionary Society; but what have the men to inspect? No wonder men desert the church, and say let the women do its work, for we have not provided any work. While the women go to church, the men go to the secret societies, the fraternal organizations—seeking to serve.

Now, let us give the opportunity to serve. The Men's Service League has three objectives—(1) serve the local church: by bringing men to church, forming men's Bible Classes, organizing Men's Day; helping wherever the pastor needs them; (2) rendering Social Service to the community, by forming discussion units, having a forum; helping men to get jobs; doing charity work among the poor; helping improve the schools, the streets, the health facilities, promoting better relations within the race, and among the races; promoting good publicity through white and Negro papers, radio, etc.; (3) Social Service on a national or connectional basis, such as helping in an Old Folks Home, protection of our members (and others) in old age; when they get into trouble; aiding in national programs for civil rights; education, health, etc. All men can join, only church members can be voting members and hold office.

A program like this will attract strong Christian men, for they will see where they can serve, and it will not be long when we will have 100,000 AME men to march beside 100,000 AME women.

SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT

In this connection may we lay before you the need of a Social Service Department. There is no doubt that social problems are more complex today than ever before, and we need to mobilize the best we have to consider them. Our people are chiefly laborers, and largely service and agricultural workers, who because they are unorganized have never been given the benefit of our national social security, or workmen's compensation in many states, and other privileges. The new social programs, instituted by the national government and many state governments, are unfamiliar to many of our people, and they suffer much privation and lose millions of dollars each year because we have no national or general guidance as to these problems, such as the blind, the dependent and delinquent children, education, the veterans administration, recreation, scholarships and a score of other problems. New turns have been taken in race relations, political participation of our people, wages and hours, cooperation, etc., which need cooperative consideration on a national scale.

While hundreds of our churches do something regarding social service showing that our people consider this as vital, there is the more need for a general Social Service Department to aid in planning, to give general direction and consultation as to our social work. For example, The Federal Council of Churches of Christ now operates as one of its most important commissions that on Social Service. Here the directors of Social Service of many denominations meet to formulate plans for social action by the churches. We AME's cannot now well integrate ourselves into this great program without having some sort of general Social Service Organization.

Again, the Negroes are migrating as never before. More Negroes have moved from their homes during the past 30 years, than during the previous 300 years. In 30 years more, only a small minority of Negroes will live in the rural districts. One of the greatest Social Service Organizations of the country is the Salvation Army. But in the sections where our people are most numerous, the Salvation Army makes no provision for the Negroes. If a "down and outer" comes to Atlanta, or Richmond, or Birmingham, or Memphis, said a preacher, "if he is white he goes to the Salvation Army, but if he is black he goes to the devil." Here is our opportunity to serve our people on a nation-wide scale. Everybody knows the need.

Again, "Bundles for Africa" were called for. How did we respond? Hundreds of our people wanted to; but we had no general social service agency, and the "Bundles" got but little response from us.

Again, when our "boys" went to war how were they served? Through existing social agencies—the Knights of Columbus, the Salvation Army, the YMCA and YWCA, the Travelers Aid, Hebrew Charities, etc. But although we had a million "boys" and "girls" in the Service, there was no Negro agency that could serve them. We do need a Social Service Department.

Let it cooperate with the other great churches, Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal, Congregational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, etc., in helping to solve problems of Race, Poverty, Crime, Housing, Health, etc. Let us put the newly created Men's Service League under its immediate supervision. Let us develop a strong social service leadership, so much needed in every community—particularly in the field of race-relations

MISSIONARY BISHOPS

Missionary bishops, who are not bishops, except in their mission territory, are impossible under the AME discipline. Up to the present we have had no missionary bishops. In 1908 a resolution passed that two bishops be elected and one sent to West Africa and one to South Africa for 12 years. After this resolution was adopted Reverends W. H. Heard and J. Albert Johnson offered themselves to the African work pledging to stay 12 years. On their word, both were unanimously elected. The general conference in 1916 recalled them. They both went to their fields and did excellent work, but they were not "missionary bishops"; for they served very acceptably on the home field.

THE ITINERANCY

Appointing pastors for a limited time was a part of early Methodism, because of the scarcity of preachers, and because the moving of preachers from place to place, gave the people opportunity to hear differing presentations of the Gospel, and gave the preachers fresh congregations, and tended to keep both keyed up to their best possibilities and made the development of formalism difficult. This moving system became an earmark of the Methodist Church and was called the "Itinerant System". At first preachers were moved in less than a year, then every year, then the limit was made two years, then three, then four, and then five and then eight, and now there is no time limit in the AME Church. However, the itinerancy is preserved by the fact that no pastor or presiding elder is appointed for more than one year, and at the annual conference all appointments terminate, except the bishop's which is for four years, terminating at the general conference. At present there is no limit to the number of years a presiding elder, pastor or bishop may be returned to his charge. There has grown up among the people that idea that the pastor should not be moved so long as he is doing well. This idea is grounded in the theory that churches are individual, and that the individual church's interest comes first. On the other hand, the Methodist idea is that the churches are a part of a connection and that both the individual and connectional interests should have weight, and that not only should a pastor be moved when he is unacceptable to the congregation, but when it is to the best interest of the church as a whole. And this latter is the law of the church. Living in an environment of independent churches which individually call and dismiss their pastors, our members are often greatly influenced and become dissatisfied. This creates a responsibility on our part to educate our members in our system, and for the most sacred exercise of godly judgment on the part of appointing power.

MOVING THE BISHOPS.

The same rule that applies to moving pastors should apply to moving bishops—the good of the church. We deplore the growth of political manipulation in appointing bishops, beginning with the effort to "control" the episcopal committee. This general conference should approve as members of that important episcopal committee only those ministers and laymen who have been: first, duly elected delegates by their conferences; and secondly, duly elected members of the episcopal committee by the duly elected delegates from their respective episcopal districts. And the same godly judgment which the bishop should exercise in assigning pastors, the episcopal committee should use in assigning bishops. The good of the church and no other consideration should move them. Bishops are in the itinerancy the same as pastors.

RETIREMENT OF BISHOPS.

On this principle of the good of the church should bishops be retired. It is no disgrace to be retired. We retire preachers, often who have nothing, and who look forward to a very small stipend, never over $200 per year. The discipline provides for the retirement of bishops and presupposes that bishops shall be retired by giving them half of an active bishop's salary (which would be $175 per month), while it provides a mere pittance to a retired elder. We do not think that a retirement age is in harmony with our Methodist principles, which stress "ministerial efficiency". There is no age at which a minister shall be retired from an annual conference. If he becomes "inefficient", that is permanently unable to perform his functions as a presiding elder, pastor or evangelist, he is retired whether he be 60, 70, or 80 years of age; and if he is efficient at 75 or 80 he is not retired. The record of the ministry in all churches has been that some men are inefficient at 65; others at 75, and others later. To set a particular age for retirement of pastors or bishops is to rob the church of many years of efficient service of strong men, or to impose upon it the inefficient service of weak men. Each general conference should through the episcopal committee inquire carefully into the "moral, religious, and official" efficiency of every bishop, and if there are those who should be retired, retire them for the good of the church. This should have no taint or suspicion of politics.

There can be no doubt in the minds of those who were members of the general conference of 1944 that if we had retired one or more bishops then, and moved others, we might have saved the church a quarter of a million dollars and the humiliation of having to call an extra session of the general conference and expel two of our bishops, and suspend a third, and spend nearly two years in expensive court trials.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP OF PASTORS

A point of law which must be clarified is as to the membership of the pastors and bishops of the church. It appears clear to us that only laymen have local church membership, pay local dues, belong to classes, boards of the local church, vote in church conferences to sell property, elect lay delegates, etc. Because they are members they are subject to the pastor, subject to trial by a committee of lay members from the local church and by the quarterly conference. None of this applies to pastors, who are full members of an annual conference. One pastor has no jurisdiction over another, certainly not over a presiding elder or bishop. No pastor must belong to a class, can serve as a steward, can vote in a church conference, or be a delegate to the annual conference or electoral college, or be tried by a local church The preacher's membership is not in the local church but in the annual conference which has complete jurisdiction over him. Similarly, a bishop's membership is in the general conference which alone has jurisdiction over him. No local church and no annual conference can try a bishop. He must be tried by a committee appointed by the chairman of the Bishops' Council acting for the general conference at interim or by the general conference itself. The bishop answers no roll call in any church conference, official board, or quarterly conference, or annual conference and cannot vote in any of these.

Every bishop was once a member of a local church, an official board, a quarterly conference, an annual conference; but search the records and you will not find their names there in 1948. For example, the writer was a member of Bethel Church, Augusta, Georgia, in 1892. In 1893, he became a member of St. Phillips Church, Savannah, Georgia. In 1899, of Quinn Chapel, Chicago. In 1899, he was admitted on trial to the Iowa Annual Conference; in 1901, to full connection and ordained elder. In 1908, he was transferred to the Philadelphia Conference. In 1933, he was elected bishop. Where is his membership? In Quinn Chapel, Chicago? His name has not appeared among the members of Quinn Chapel for nearly 50 years. Nor has he answered the roll call in the Philadelphia Conference since 1935, and although present at most of the sessions since then, his name has not appeared as a member. He has paid no dues and has not voted. What jurisdiction has the Philadelphia Conference over him?

If a bishop were a member of a local church, he could be tried by that church and if expelled from that church, he would lose his bishopric. Certainly it is not the genius of African Methodism to make episcopacy dependent upon the actions of one local church, from which a man may have been separated for 50 years. Nor should one annual conference from which a man has been separated for 12 years determine his status.

Our interpretation is that a bishop belongs to the general conference and is amenable to it and it alone. When he loses that membership he has lost all. If he is expelled from the episcopacy, he is automatically expelled from the general conference. For he got to be a member of the general conference only by virtue of the fact that he was a bishop. Therefore he cannot be an expelled bishop and a member of the general conference. Furthermore, since he has no annual conference to which to go, and similarly no local church, when a bishop is expelled from the episcopacy, he is automatically expelled from the ministry, and from the church. His certificate of episcopal consecration should be demanded from him and also his ordination papers as elder and deacon. If he wants to be an African Methodist there is only one way, and that is, upon repentance, to join a local AME Church and start all over.

THE PRESS AND THE CHURCH

The press and the church should be natural allies. The AME Church has through many years encouraged the press. We have furnished news free of charge and used our churches to get agents to sell papers, and generally encouraged the people to patronize our secular papers. The newspapers have as a rule appreciated our help and worked well together with us. But of late, especially in the large northern cities, some of the larger secular Negro newspapers have opposed the Negro churches in general, and the AME Church in particular. They have too largely concentrated on the weaknesses of the Negro Church and exploited its faults while ignoring its virtues. This has been so unfortunate that we can no longer trust the accuracy of any statement in many of the largest northern Negro newspapers. They do not exploit our weakness to "clean up" the church. Some of them do it out of sheer jealousy of the church, some to make money and, saddest of all, some of their people are bribed. In the case of ex-Bishop Sims, one of the largest Negro papers distorted the news so much giving the impression that Sims was winning the case, that many of our members thought they were telling the truth. Only when the New York Supreme Court decided against Sims, and the Federal Court of Pennsylvania did the same, did the truth dawn upon the people. The same was true in the Wilberforce matter. The same paper printed so many false statements that it could no longer be trusted for any reliable statement regarding the AME Church. Our delegates should know that we cannot rely upon these papers for the truth about the AME Church. No white paper, North or South, has shown such bias against the church as these Negro newspapers. On the other hand, the great majority of papers, except when they are misled by vicious syndicated articles, have usually printed the truth. They do not believe that the race would be bettered by destroying Negro leaders, and they have not set themselves up as prosecuting attorneys against the church. As strongly as we condemn the vicious unreliable big city Negro press, we as strongly commend the great mass of fair-minded newspapers, and urge our people to support them.

PUBLICITY

But as bad as that situation is, it is not all the newspapers' fault. We must take our own share, and apply the remedy. We have failed to keep up with the times in our own publicity. We are now operating on old principles. We need a really modern publicity policy. The Church will continue to suffer until it reorganizes its publicity. For publicity is the necessary tool for organization. When Jesus said preach to all nations, He did not limit preaching to the human voice.

There was place for books, and the disciples started writing the New Testament; and newspapers and magazines and radio, etc., have their place. A hundred years ago our great grandfathers made a forward move in publicity when they started the Christian Herald in 1848, but we must make the needed improvements.

BUREAU OF RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

In this connection we stress the need of re-vitalizing our Bureau of History. Over a century ago under Bishop Daniel A. Payne, we established the office of historiographer. Bishop Payne, who possibly did the first good job of historical research into Negro matters, wrote the first "History of the AME Church". Since Bishop Payne, the office of historiographer has been held by Bishops B. W. Arnett, H. M. Turner and C. S. Smith and is now held by Bishop R. C. Ransom. For this gigiantic task for which many organizations no larger than ours spend tens of thousands of dollars, we give the pitiful sum of $500 per year.

Now is the time to set up a well equipped office for historical research. Make it first a full time job for the historiographer. Make arrangements with Wilberforce University for the assistance of a well trained professor, preferably a Ph.D. in history, half of whose salary should be paid by the university and half by the church. Make Wilberforce the headquarters, and in connection with the Wilberforce library set up the AME Archives, to which shall come all the literature printed by AME's, our periodicals, conference minutes, departmental reports; also leading papers and magazines of the country. Here research projects shall be directed among students, a Year Book of the AME Church published, materials gathered for the history of the Church, for the general public and particularly for the newspapers and magazines. Let us end the apathy of recent years and make this office what it should be.

EVANGELISM

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature", said Jesus as he departed. And He sent His disciples out two by two with instructions to visit.

For years the Negro has been known as the church-going group. But the last U. S. Census of Religious Bodies showed that less than half of the Negroes are church members. In the large cities the proportion is even smaller. What is lacking? Evangelism.

African Methodism must go into the streets of the cities, into the highways and hedges and call men to Christ. Men must be saved before they can serve. First on the program of every local church, every district and annual conference must be evangelism. Every sermon must be evangelistic. Every official board meeting must have evangelism in mind. Personal evangelism is needed, educational evangelism is needed, mass evangelism is needed, visitation evangelism is needed, and every other type of evangelism should be used. Of the 7,000,000 Negroes out of church, let African Methodism set out for 1,000,000 this coming quadrennium. That means we should double our membership everywhere. It can be done.

REVIVALS

Not only should the Word be carried, and men be brought into the church, but there should be constant revival, constant growth. The tendency to be at ease in Zion, to backslide, to take one's religion for granted, is too great among the ministry as well as the members. The reading of the "General Rules" in our churches should be revived; church discipline must be enforced; class leaders must be more than money gatherers. Our members, our ministry must grow in grace. There must be a difference which can be clearly seen between the people of the world and the people of the church.

THE FAMILY

No achievement of our African Methodism is greater than that which we, along with other churches, have accomplished in building a Christian home among our people. When we consider the centuries of polygamy in our ancestral background, and over 250 years of legal promiscuity in American slavery, the building of a monogamous home among most of our people has been going on less than 100 years, and yet outstanding everywhere is the Negro family which is pushing forward in spite of poor training, low wages, lack of legal protection, and a dozen other disabilities. The emergence of the Negro woman is the most remarkable single instance of social progress on the American scene.

MARRIAGE

The church has been the center of marriages. It should remain so. Every effort should be made to have marriages at the church altar, and performed by the minister. The tendency, ever growing, to make marriage a purely civic matter is to lower its dignity and to decrease its efficiency.

INFANT BAPTISM

Early Methodism stressed baptism of children. We must keep up the custom, not only as custom, but as a sacrament of the church. Parents should be instructed in their duty to give their children to God, and give them proper instruction. The baptism of children is not only theologically sound, but sociologically sound. In this connection let us put our unqualified approval upon the organization of the "Cradle Roll", etc., in our churches and Sunday Schools. This is a form of evangelism that must not be neglected.

DIVORCE

Divorce is still growing. One out of very three marriages ends in divorce. Whereas the church once frowned upon divorce, it now appears to wink at it, and even men are permitted to enter and to remain in our ministry who are divorced. Church members sometimes have two or three living wives. Our discipline is clear. We abide by it. We have been too lax—too lax about divorce because we have been to lax about spiritual things in general.

CIVIL RIGHTS

We express our appreciation to the President of the United States for the appointment of the Civil Rights Committee and congratulate him upon the report which the committee made. We further express approval of the message to Congress on Civil Rights and we trust that not only the members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church but that all Christian people throughout the nation, regardless of denomination, will in the most practical way support the president's position until every suggestion that he has made to preserve the Civil Rights of the nation will be enacted into law and honestly administered throughout America. Thus and only thus can the United States of America maintain her position of leadership in democracy and world peace.

GOODWILL

We reiterate our stand on goodwill as the only guarantee of peace and again warn the nation that there can be no guarantee in armies, navies, diplomacy, industries, organizations of all sorts, not even in our educational institutions, but only when these are firmly backed by sincere goodwill to all men. We therefore resolve once more to double our efforts toward the creation of men of goodwill.

YOUTH

In the United States there are about 4,000,000 Negro youth, that is persons of our race, between 12 and 25 years of age. We have no figures of how many are members of the church, but probably 2,000,000 are members of church. This is the age at which most people make decisions as to religion, occupation, family life, politics, etc. In our church the Young People's Allen Christian Endeavor League, the Sunday School, the Young People's Department of the Woman's Missionary Society deal with youth. The most liberal estimate is that 300,000 of our 1,000,000 members are youth.

Motion pictures, rapid transportation, better education, the growth of sports and better recreational facilities, a changed psychology of youth during the past 30 years, together with the general secularization of most everything which was once looked upon as the province of the church, have made modern youth outwardly different from their grandparents, who had the church as their chief social institution.

The most hopeful thing this quadrennium was the display of the young people at the missionary convention at New Orleans and at the Chicago Youth Congress. These need to be followed up. A full time youth direction in our missionary work is imperative.

IN CONCLUSION

And now, dear brothers and sisters in Christ our Lord, let us give over ourselves to the task that is before us, drawing in "the wanderings of our minds" from everything else and centering them upon this one thing: perfecting the spirit and machinery of our African Methodism so that we may more effectively serve God and promote His kingdom.

Above all, let us put our soberest judgment to the problems before us. Let us approach each problem with sincere intellectual honesty, let us not come to "put over" any selfish scheme of ours, to show our power, or to "get even" with somebody. "Let nothing be done in vainglory."

Let us come with the determination to do the right as God gives us to see the right. Let us work for the church. Remember it is bigger and better than any or all of us. It was here a century before most of us were born, it will be here when we are all gone. It made us, we did not make it. We owe all to it. We are here because the people back home sent us—they paid our travel expense, our board, our lodging, taxi fare and telephone bill; they have put up over a quarter of a million dollars for us—to be here to do our best for their church. Let there be no personal ambition against zealousness for the church.

Let there be no effort for dictatorship. Our church has always been a democracy, it must always be such, or to go to pieces. We, your bishops, are your elected leaders. More than any men living we have gone through the crucible to attain the leadership you gave us. We hope to retain that leadership through service, fair play, sane advice, sane action. We do not presume to dictate or drive or demand. We act with you now as brothers in Christ.

Let there be no sectionalism. African Methodism is not a sectional church, but a world-wide church. No line should be held against any man or measure on a purely sectional basis, and those who preach sectionalism are not agents of Christ but agents of the devil, and will drive wounds too deep for us to soon get over.

Let there be no factionalism Let there be no "ten" and no "six". The bishops must stand together. The delegates must stand together. The past is past. The present looks to us to push on into a bright future, and we cannot do that by keeping up factionalism. Big problems demand big men, big minds, big souls. Little men, depending upon keeping up factionalism, cannot do the job for today's African Methodism and her children of tomorrow. Dictators who want their way who mean to rule or ruin, are not the men we need today.

Let us be courageous in the things that are best. Let no one dare attempt to disgrace this godly assembly by attempting to purchase office. Our discipline provides punishment for those who make such an attempt in our church. If we have come upon hard times, it has been because we have descended too close to the level of the politics of the world. This general conference should be ready to cast out any man or woman who is elected on a money basis. We should be keen to scent the money changers afar off and let them not contaminate this general conference.

OUR NEW BISHOPS

We shall welcome into the episcopal office 4 or 5 or whatever number of our brethren for whom you in your godly judgment choose for the episcopacy. You have many learned, useful, and godly men from whom to choose. Choose well. Your vote is your conscience, your intelligence, your courage, your character. It is a secret ballot; because it was the intention of the makers of the laws that you cast it, as only God and you need to know how your ballot reads. Intimidation, coercion, bribery are foreign to our ballot system. If you vote your conscience, you will glorify God, and you will bless the church.

"This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach.

Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride, he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into the reproach and the snare of the devil."

I Timothy 3:1-7.

"God give us men. The times demand
Great hearts, true faith and willing hands;
Men who have opinions, men who will not lie,
Men whom the love of office cannot buy,
Men whom the lust of office cannot kill,
Men who can look the demagogue in the face,
And damn his treachery without winking.
Tall men, sun crowned,
Who live above the clouds
In public life and private thinking."

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following are our recommendations:
We recommend:

1. That the number of episcopal districts remain at 17.
2. That a Bureau of Research and Publication be set up, and a bishop be assigned to the same.

3. That four Bishops be elected at this General Conference, and that no Bishop assigned to a Foreign District shall be eligible to assignment to any part of a Home District during that Quadrennium.
4. That the matter of a merger of certain Departments and Publications be left for study and recommendation by the respective Boards, or by direct action of the General Conference.
5. That a special effort be made to raise and pay the indebtedness of the churches to the Church Extension Department, and that the Department consider a fire insurance division, especially for rural churches.
6. That a Commission on Social Service be authorized to make a survey of the church and to coordinate social services in the churches.
7. That Wilberforce University and Payne Theological Seminary be declared connectional institutions and proper provisions be made for them.
8. That the eight year time limit be adopted for bishops, pastors, and presiding elders. and that none remain over 8 years except on approval of the Bishops' Council.
9. That the minutes of each day's sessions of the general conference be printed or mimeographed immediately after being approved, and that copies be distributed at the close of the afternoon session after adoption.
10. That certified public accountant be hired by the Bishops' Council to audit the books of all departments or organizations that receive any part of the dollar money or general days' collections, and that this accountant report to the summer session of the Bishops' Council each year.
11. That each Bishop will file with the secretary of the Bishops' Council in February of each year a record containing for his district the numerical and financial statistics outlined in the discipline, and the names and addresses of those who, the year immediately preceding, were admitted to the annual conference on trial and to full connection, ordained deacons and elders; also those who have died, been suspended or expelled, or withdrawn; also a record of any decisions on the law of the church, made during the year; That each bishop shall file with the secretary of the Bishops' Council a complete roll of all the members of each of his annual conferences, at the beginning of the Mid-Winter (February) session of the Council in the year before delegates to the general conference are elected The Bishops' Council shall, from such roll, according to the discipline, apportion the number of delegates each annual conference shall have, and the apportionment shall be published in the church's official organs. The composition of the general conference shall be strictly as outlined in the discipline; no Bishops shall appoint delegates to the general conference for any cause whatsoever.
12. That we increase the pensions to superannuates by requiring a payment by all active ministers of the church of 2 per cent of their salaries; that the Book Concern be required to make a surplus so as to conform to the expectation of the Discipline; that the profits of the Book Concern shall be given superannuates.
13. That the portion of the Discipline bearing on simony be rigidly enforced.
14. That a Budget Commission be selected to set up a budget for the church to be reported to this General Conference.
15. That the Bishops' Council be authorized to revise and amend the present charter so as to meet the world-wide operations of the AME Church.

16. That a Youth Director be appointed to coordinate the young people.

Again may the grace of God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, rest and remain with you all.

BISHOPS OF THE AME CHURCH
W. A. Fountain, Sr.
R. C. Ransom
J. A. Gregg
S. L. Greene
G. B. Young
M. H. Davis
N. W. Williams
H. Y. Tookes
R. R. Wright, Jr.
D. W. Nichols
F. M. Reid
A. J. Allen
G. W. Baber
J. H. Clayborn

Minutes of the General Conference

THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE AME CHURCH

By Russell S. Brown, Chief Secretary
Kansas City, Kansas
Wednesday, May 5, 1948

MINUTES OF FIRST DAY'S SESSION

The Thirty-Third Session of the General Conference of the AME Church was scheduled to meet at the First AME Church, 8th ad Nebraska Avenues, for the opening services of the General Conference.

Very early, a huge crowd gathered in the church, and hundreds milled about the church trying to gain entrance in a quiet misty rain.

As the service prelude continued inspite of the overcrowded edifice, Evangelist Cordelia Monroe, of Chicago, accompanied by Mrs. Maude Ella Brooks of the First AME Church at the beautiful modulated organ, conducted devotions.

It became very obvious to every one that the church was inadeuate for the Morning Service of the Conference. Bishop John A. Grgg stepped before the pulpit and called for the Pastor, Rev. S. H. Lewis, entertaining pastor-host, or Bishop Noah W. Williams, the host-bishop. The latter was preparing to enter to deliver the Quadrennial Sermon and Dr. Lewis was engaged in some other demand of the Conference. Bishop Gregg stated that he was not the host-bishop, but since he lived in Kansas City, he felt justified in trying to do something about the congestion. He consulted Bishops Tookes, Wright, Baber, Fountain, Young, Allen, and Davis, who were entering the church, or were already there, about moving the service seat to the Soldiers Memorial Hall. The vote of the Bishops was unanimous to proceed with the change. Bishop Gregg, therefore, announced that the Morning Services would be held in the Memorial Hall. The huge crown soon emptied the church and walked in the soft falling rain to the regular seat of the General Conference. It was a sight of inspiration to witness the sons and daughters of Allen marching like the children of Israel across the Red Sea. Pleasantly, like the rolling waters, they hurried to get seats that would permit them to witness the opening of the conference.

Soon, after a reasonable interlude, Bishop Fountain, presiding, announced the immortal hymn, "And, Are We Yet Alive." He stated that the change was made in the interest and convenience of the large crowd. Every seat in the Soldiers Hall was filled. Bishop Fountain then presented Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, President of the Council, for prayer. His age gave him grace and unction. He prayed both to the hearts and ears of the people, and also to the Altar of God. Can we ever forget his fervent words: "Somewhere, our Fathers have lost their way. We have come up to this Conference from Africa, Isles of the Sea, lonely missions and proud cities, to make our confessions. We've given over to our devices; given over to man instead of God. Our ideologies are trying to take the place of the Gospel—our only hope is when we get to the Gates of God we'll have the blood of Jesus to plead for us."

The First AME Church choir sang, "Unfold Ye Portals." A Bible was soon furnished and Bishop Gregg led with the 23rd Psalm.

The choir sang, "How Beautiful on Mt. Zion."

Bishop S. L. Greene of the Eighth and part of the First Episcopal Districts, read for the Scripture Lesson, St. John 16th Chapter and 23rd verse. The choir sang, "I'll Live On."

Bishop G. B. Young of the 10th Episcopal District led in the Decalogue. Bishop M. H. Davis of the Second Episcopal District, not being present for the second hymn, Bishop Fountain, the Presiding Bishop led in singing, "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross." He then presented Bishop Noah W. Williams to preach the Quadrennial Sermon.

Bishop Williams took as his text: Isaiah 32: 2nd verse—"And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." "THE IDEAL CHRISTIAN." Through Bishop Williams the Spirit of the Lord lifted the General Conference my his sermon. Speaking textually, he spoke of (1) a man as a hiding place from the wind, (2) as a covert from the wind and tempest, (3) as rivers of water in a dry place, (4) as a shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

Some of the high points in his inspirational sermon may be noted: "We become great by administering to others—People soon find out if we are working for ourselves—Jesus Christ is the greatest example—of unselfish service. Every Christian should always desire to be a covert—The reason some people get tired of being a Christian is because they don't put their Christianity to all unselfish use."

Useful illustrations were given from the Bishop's visits in France: "The Church serves as a covert. The sun and wind strike the rock but not the person in the covert. Christ is all and in all."

Upon the conclusion of the sermon, which stirred the entire Conference, Bishop Williams led in singing, "When Peace Like a River."

Bishop H. Y. Tookes led in fervent prayer. We were fired by such words as: "We have come over a winding road; Thou has never left us alone. Give us Peace and Harmony; select us some Bishops with the Holy Ghost; somebody who has been born again."

The choir sang the lovely spiritual, "It's Cool Down Here by the Banks of Jordan, and the World Can't Do Me No Harm." They carried us to higher heights of spiritual joy.

Bishop Fountain presented Bishop Wright to give the Invitation. He announced, "I Need Thee Every Hour," preceded by silent prayer. Bishop Fountain then announced that we are not omitting the Communion, which was scheduled for the Morning Worship, but that it would be arranged for the Consecration of Bishops' Hour.

Bishop John A Gregg was presented to introduce the Bishops, which he did; then the General Officers, Presidents of Colleges and Deans, wives of Bishops.

Announcements followed. Conference recessed until 3:00 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—3:30 P. M.

Bishop William A. Fountain, Presiding

Bishop Fountain presented Dr. J. W. Maxwell, Presiding Elder of the South Georgia Conference, who outlined the hymn, "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

Prayer by Dr. H. C. Carswell, Presiding Elder of the West Atlanta District; second Hymn 284, I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" was outlined by Dr. A. A. Hightower, Pastor Mt. Zion AME Church, Waycross, Georgia. Scripture Lesson, "I beseech you therefore, brethren." Romans 12. Evangelist E. R. Robinson led in singing, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," and other songs while the Bishops retired for a brief conference.

(BRIEF INTERLUDE)

Bishop Fountain returned to presiding chair and called the General Conference to order.

The First District, led by Rev. Chester Clark, asked for their rightful place in the seating arrangement, saying that they were not assigned any front seats as was the history of all the years.

Rev. Frank Veal, speaking for the General Conference Commission, stated that the Commission had a problem of seating the delegation for satisfactory arrangements, but that if the First District would wait until Thursday, they would be given seats ranging from the front. Bishop S. L. Greene supported the demands of the First District for the historic courtesy. Bishop Wright stated that the First District was united in this request.

Satisfactory arrangements were arrived at for the next Session, and the Delegates from the First District resumed their seats, peacefully. An announcement extra-ordinary was made by Bishop Fountain.

Bishops in conference were asked the order for the day. They re-affirmed their agreement in Washington, D. C.—that the program arrangement of the Episcopal District was the only thing before the House; whereupon the Marshals distributed the printed Episcopal Address. We sang "The Church is Moving On." Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., read it. Early in the reading of it, Bishop Tookes arose to a point of order stating that the General Conference be organized so that the Episcopal Address might be made to the General Conference. There was no further demand for a decision. Bishop Wright continued.

The address, which lasted three hours and fifteen minutes, was a definite evidence of the abiding interest of the leaders of the Church in the business of Kingdom Bulding through the mediation of the Church. The August body of delegates remained attentive throughout. Such subjects were dealt with as: Necrology, State of the World, the Quadrennium, Achievements of the past, Eyes of Progress, the Church, Belief in God, Belief in Jesus Christ, Recovery of the Negro Soul. Dignity of Personality, Enlargement of Brotherhood. Preaching the Gospel, Consecrated Ministry, Organizations of the Church, Cooperation, Bishops' Councils, General Departments, Missionary, Financial, Christian Education. Department of Education, Sunday School Union Church Extension, Wilberforce University, Payne Theological Seminary, Lay Organizations, Men's Service Leagues, Social Service Department, Missionary Bishops, Itinerancy, Moving of Bishops, Retirement of Bishops, Church Memberships of Pastors, The Press and the Church, Publicity, Bureau of Research and Publicity, Evangelism, The Family, Marriage, Infant Baptism, Divorce, Civil Rights, Goodwill, Youth, New Bishops, Recommendations.

At a point in the address Rev. G. W. Brewer, of Illinois, moved that the rest of the address be made at the next day's session of the Conference. Motion was lost for want of second.

Bishop Gregg, presiding for Bishop Fountain, hearing the Conference members urging continuance, prepared the house for the further reading by Bishop Wright.

As time wore on, Dr. J. P. Q. Wallace of Indiana called attention to the state of unrest and moved that upon the completion of the next paragraph, the recommendations be heard and the address in that manner constitute the reading of the Address, since the delegates have it printed before them. Seconded by Dr. G. T. Stinson of Louisiana.

Dr. John Adams of Nebraska pointed out that the address is being read to a disorganized body. Dr. N. H. Jeltz of Mississippi arose to concur in that we are not in position for motons.

Bishop S. L. Greene stated that the Council of Bishops had considered this and that the decision of the Bishops to have organization afterwards was in line of custom; that it hadn't just taken place, but was the expression of the wisdom of the Bishops.

Dr. J. L. Roberts of Illinois would call attention to the General Conference rules in the discipline as to procedure.

Rev. M. M. Matthews of Missouri would amend the motion and have the address concluded tomorrow, Thursday.

Rev. H. I. Bearden of Georgia made a point of order that there is nothing before the conference but the Episcopal Address, since there were no accredited delegates, in that no roll has been called and the Credential Committee has not reported.

Chair sustained the point of order and Bishop Wright continued.

Bishop Fountain announced that the Conference would recess until 10:00 A. M. Thursday morning.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION

May 5, 1948—8:15 P. M.
Bishop Noah W. Williams, Presiding

Opening Chorus—"Give Thanks Unto Thee"—Rev. J. S. Williams, Conductor.

Invocation—By Rev. C. F. Flipper.

Song—"O God, Hear Our Prayer"—By Mrs. Ophelia Jackson (introduced by Rev. J. S. Williams, as the composer).

Welcome—On behalf of the Ministerial Alliance of Kansas City, Kansas—By Dr. Max DeWeese, Pastor of 18th Street Christian Church.

(Excerpts) "I speak to you as a minister and another Christian. Each church, through me, is trying to tell you that we are happy to have you. We welcome you heartily. You will find the people of Kansas City truly Christians when you meet them in their homes, on the streets or wherever you meet them."

Spiritual—"It's Cool Down Here"—By Chorus.

Welcome—On behalf of the City—By Mayor Clark E. Tucker, former Probate Judge.

"We are more than pleased in your selecting the City of Kansas City, Kansas as the meeting place of this Great Conference. I am told that there are delegates from every state of the Union, and other continents, and isles of the sea. You have gathered here in the heart of America to promote the building of Christian religion. You are representing your forefathers who, in the City of Philadelphia, established the house named Bethel. Out of this meeting place in 1787, in the City of Philadelphia, has grown this great Conference, which represents Christian churches throughout the world. It is my ardent hope that from this Conference will come a betetr understanding among all people. As Mayor of the City of Kansas City, Kans., I extend to you a most cordial welcome and to let you know that it is our hope that your stay here will be a most pleasant one."

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"—By Chorus (Soloist, John Williams).

P. G. Porter, G. M. F. A. M., introduced the guest speaker, Governor Frank E. Carlson.

(Excerpts) "It gives me more than ordinary pleasure and satisfaction in the opportunity to appear before this fine audience of distinguished Negro citizens assembled here to assess the value and to shape the future of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The influence of the church has undoubtedly been of vast and lasting benefit in eliminating the old prejudices and discriminations which existed for so many years in this country. The church, besides teaching the essentials of Christianity, has given the Negro new faith and courage to accept the full responsibilities of citizenship."

"Richard Allen was beyond his day and generation, based his conception of the duties of Christian citizenship on the theory that the Negro must depend upon his own self-reliance and faith in himself, if he would attain his full stature and not depend upon the grudging encouragement and patronizing attitude of other races. I am sure those assembled here realize that in order to carry on the great work started nearly a century and a half ago, they must cherish the memory of those Christian pioneers, prize their gallant and sacrificial deeds and try in every way to bring to full and fruitful realization the kind of world they saw with superior and gifted vision."

"The church, in its mission of pointing the way to the high ideals of Christian living, must not ignore its obligation in fighting the inroads of Communism and other ideologies inimical to the free exercise of the tenets of brotherly love as enunciated by Jesus Christ two thousand years ago, and which has meant so much to mankind."

"It was a surprise to me to learn that the little church built from the foundation of an old blacksmith shop has now grown to more than 7,500 churches, which are scattered all over the United States, Canada, the West Indies, South America, South and West Africa, with more than a million faithful members. With such an impetus, it would be impossible to measure the great good to be accomplished in the years to come. I am sure this progress will continue and be of value to our country. We are happy you are meeting here and wish you all of God's greatest blessings."

Dr. W. H. Burnette, Presiding Elder of the Kansas City, Kansas District, introduced Bishop Noah W. Williams, host bishop, who, in turn, presented Bishop D. Ward Nichols, for response.

(Excerpts) "There is nothing wrong with the world, but with the people of the world. (Story of putting the may of the world together). Progressive evolution comes through constructive revolution. A good dose of persecution is a cure for a failing church. We are at a loss to understand the interest of our government in other nations and its back turned on the minority group of the South. We stand behind the Civil Rights program of President Truman. We are against the Columbians, the Ku Klux Klan. We are not Communist. We are loyal American citizens. Whenever we speak out we are called Communists. The way to do away with Communism is to get something better. This is a new day. We are happy to be here."

Presentations of Bishops and wives and token of love, respect and appreciation to them by Mrs. Helen A. Williams, wife of entertaining host-bishop, assisted by Mrs. S. H. Lewis, wife of host-pastor. Bishop Nichols presented the Rev. J. S. Williams, director of music, whose choral group sang the closing song, "He'll Stand By Me to the End."

Benediction by Rev. S. H. Lewis.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND DAY'S SESSION

Thursday Morning, May 6, 1948

After the opening Devotionals, led by Rev. Robinson, Bishop Ransom requested Bishop Reid to preside. Bishop Reid, upon taking the chair, stated that the Bishops wanted to take an hour out before organization. Dr. D. O. Walker moved to continue in session until organization was completed. The motion was seconded by Rev. W. L. Johnson of the First District. Attorney Herbert L. Dudley of the

Fourth District, and many others gave different points of view concerning the Credential Committee. A point of order by Dr. George Sims that Credential Committee has to report to the Conference failed to be sustained. The Chair requested that the house be cleared.

On question of procedure, the Chair ruled that the proceure is correct, and that something ought to be done. Dr. W. H. Hall moved to adopt a temporary roll. The motion was seconded by Rev. W. H. Ogleton, subject to a report by Credential Committee. Rev. J. L. Roberts of the Fourth District, asked concerning chaplains on the roll, since there was no contest. This matter was deferred temporarily, but subsequently decided by general consent in favor of including Army chaplains on the roll.

Dr. D. O. Walker moved to elect a secretary of the General Conference, and, that Rev. Russell S. Brown be the secretary. Attorney H. L. Dudley seconded the motion. Rev. George T. Sims arose to a question of personal privilege, and gave a history of his contention for the office of secretary. Bishop R. C. Ransom stated that litigation in the courts of Pennsylvania had covered the point. Others speaking on the subject were: Rev. B. J Dove and Rev. W. A. Carr. Rev. H. Hollis Hooks moved to nominate Rev. George T. Sims, secretary. Rev. G. T. Sims arose the second time on personal privilege. Bishop Reid ruled that there was nothing before the house but the election of chief secretary.

In clarifying the issue before the Conference Bishop Reid stated that the motion to elect Rev. Russell Brown, Chief Secretary would be voted on. Upon objection that Rev. George T. Sims, Sr., was not a delegate to the General Conference, Bishop Reid stated that one did not have to be a delegate in order to be chosen by the delegates assembled, and as the presiding officer, accepted the nomination of Rev. George T. Sims as bein gauthentic. In putting the motion before the Conference he stated that the vote on the motion would be by standing, and that those who voted "yes" would be voting to elect Rev. Russell S. Brown secretary; those who voted "no" would be voting for the Rev. George T. Sims.

REV. RUSSELL S. BROWN
Immediately after being elected Chief Secretary of the General Conference.

The result was most decisive with twenty-five votes "no," and the rest of the (1500) delegates "yes". Whereupon, Bishop Reid ruled that the motion to elect Rev. Russell Brown, chief secretary was carried and he declared him to be the chief secretary of the General Conference.

Conference recessed until 3:30 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Thursday, May 6, 1948—3:00 P. M.

The business of the Conference upon reconvening was the election of marshals which were nominated by districts, with the following results:

DISTRICTS	MARSHAL	DISTRICT	MARSHAL
1.	K. G. Keeys	10.	T L. Sanders
2.	J. W. Trayhan	11.	L. Dickerson
3.	W. H. Watson	12.	F. J. Strawther
4.	N. Shorter *	13.	C. T. Buchanan
5.	H. L. Vaughn	14.	Wm. Askew
6.	A. L. Brewster	15.	Fred James
7.	E. A. Jones	16.	T. J. Hurcules
8.	P. W. Baptiste	17.	M. C. McCormick
9.	J. S. Miles		

*Chief Marshal—upon the organization of marshals.
*Assistant Chief Marshal.

Rev. George L. Phillips was chosen Special Marshal.

The assistant secretaries were also nominated by districts as follows:

DISTRICT	ASSISTANT SECRETARY	DISTRICT	ASSISTANT SECRETARY
1.	O. M. Smith	10.	W. A. Carr
2.	O. A. Stroud	11.	S. A. Cousins
3.	J. W. Storm	12.	G. H. Gipson
4.	J. L. Gray	13.	T. G. West
5.	E. B. Childress	14.	C. Blakemore
6.	W. O. P. Sherman	15.	Louise Gow
7.	E. P. Ellis	16.	A. S. Williams
8	Mrs. C. F. Lockhart	17.	Mattie Felden
9.	T. E. Harper		

Rev. E. J. Jackson of the Eleventh District took exception to the assistant secretary list named, remarking that they should be elected.

Rev. N. H. Jeltz requested that the crowd be kept from the secretary's table, and asked that they speak from the mike in the aisle. This was sustained by Bishop Reid.

Bishop Tookes asked that Mrs. Fannie K. Smith of Florida be given courtesy somewhere, as she was chosen during the time he presided in Florida. Bishop Allen, who now presides in Florida, stated that Mrs. Smth would be provided for.

Rev. Frank Veal, speaking for General Conference Commission, stated that more microphones would be provided.

The presiding officer (Bishop Reid) announced that tellers and clerks would be also nominated by districts and elected by the conference.

Dr. J. P. Q. Wallace of the Fourth District expressed the view that there were too many appointments and not enough elections. Bishop Reid concurred.

Dr. John Adams of the Fifth District, moved that the list of secretaries be elected. Dr. John Bright of the Third District seconded the motion, the Rev. H. C. Carswell also seconded the motion—it prevailed, and the assistant secretaries were elected. Rev. J. L. Roberts of the Fourth District asked for clarification of the Discipline wording and our procedure on secretaries. Bishop Reid replied that it was not written, but that custom prevailed to allow each district to nominate the assistant secretaries. Bishop Ransom stated that the General Conference may elect such as it may choose to do. Dr. Roberts urged the following of the Church law. Rev. L. P. Bryant of the Fifth District asked whether the General Conference can make law against positive law. Bishop Reid replied that it could not. Motion prevailed that assistant secretaries be elected. Question of information by Postell of Florida, "If this were legislation?" Upon effort of Dr. Roberts to make substitute motion, reminder was given by Dr. John Adams that a motion was in progress. Rev. P. Womack of the 10th, and Rev. V. M. Townsend of the 12th Districts, made their contributions to the subject. Further discussion was ruled out by Bishop Reid.

Rev. David Blake of the Second District asked if positive laws are general rules. Bishop Reid replied that General

Laws of body become the law of that body.

Rev. D. T. Tyson of the Third District complained that no one was in charge of the microphone nearby. Rev. Brewer of Illinois pointed out that only one person, recognized by presiding Bishop, could use the microphone. Bishop Reid stated that a mike should be in each aisle.

Rev. J. B. Dove wanted information on the seating of chaplains, and asked that they be seated. Dr. Maxwell of the Third District objected to status. Reply was given by Bishop Reid that each Episcopal District would nominate chaplains for their districts after organization.

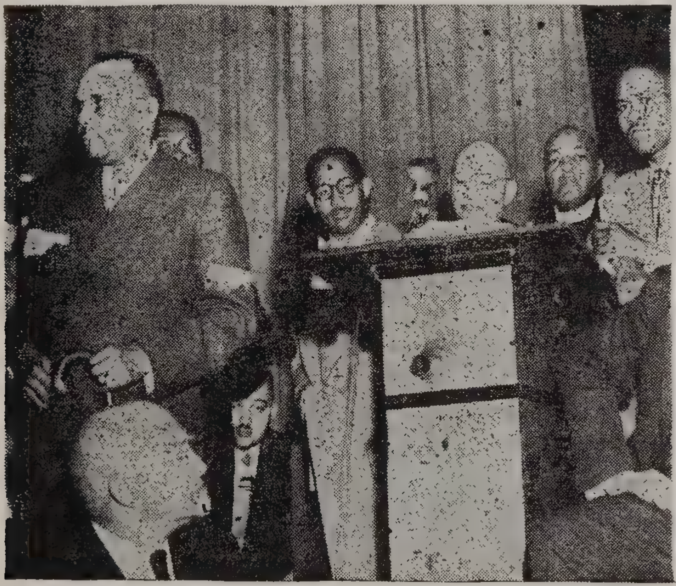
Dr. D. O. Walker called attention to bounds of conference and rules of government. In reply, Dr. H. I. Bearden of the Sixth District emphasized reference to other General Conferences.

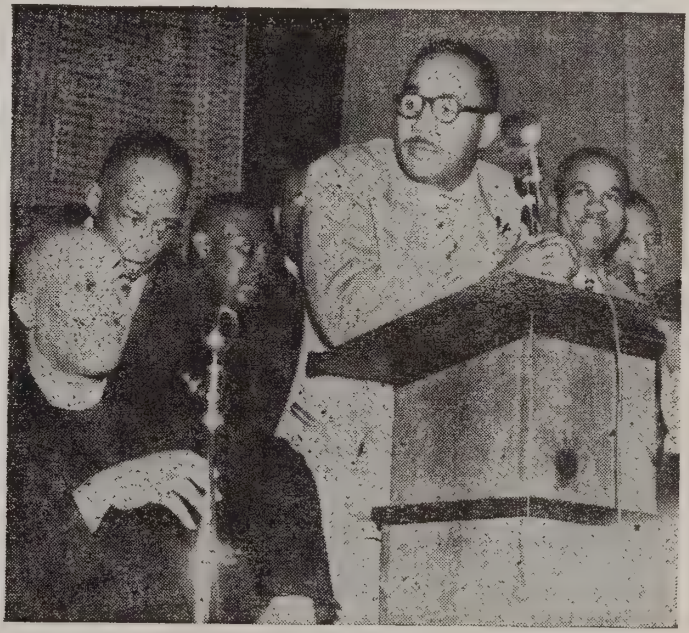
Rev. D. T. Tyson of the Third District moved that the seating of the General Conference Commission should constitute the boundary of the Conference; seconded by Rev. George H. Hall; motion prevailed.

Hours of meeting: Assemble at 10; adjourn at 1 P. M.; reassembled at 3 P. M. and adjourn at will. Prevailed on motion.

Rev. Frank Veal of the General Conference Commission asked that each district be given another marshal to assist at the doors. Upon motion by Rev. G. W. Brewer of the Fourth District, seconded by Chaplain Deveaux, this was done. Rev. Jesse Boyd suggested that delegates' badges might be enough. Bishop Reid announced that everyone would have to have a badge for the next day's session.

Rev. H. C. Carswell (Sixth District) objected to use of the microphone. Chaplain Deveaux asked that chaplains be seated.





RELATIVES OF BISHOPS RESIGN FROM EPISCOPAL COMMITTEE

Three relatives of Bishops who had been elected to the powerful Episcopal Committee of the AME General Conference resigned to end the deadlock at the Conference caused when the delegates refused to confirm the Committees as long as relatives of Bishops were members. At the right Rev. D. V. Kyle, of Memphis, Tenn., son-in-law of Bishop R. R. Wright,, Jr., is shown at the microphone announcing to the disorderly crowd that he will relinquish his place on the Committee "for the sake of peace and harmony in the Conference." At the left William A. Fountain, Jr., President of Morris Brown College, son of Bishop William A. Fountain resigns after making it clear that he doesn't feel that he should be penalized because he happened to be born the son of a Methodist preacher.

Call Photos, by Howell.

The Committee on Episcopacy was named by districts. (See list) Confirmation or election wa sdiscussed, led by Dr. Harris of the Fourth District. Bishop Ransom said that the Discipline shows confirmation of General Conference of the Episcopal Committee, and that a play on words would not alter its effectiveness. The presiding Bishop read the Discipline on the subject. Dr. Postell of Florida moved to confirm the Episcopal Committee. It was recommended by Rev. C. D. Thornton of Georgia. Dr. E. V. Bumbs, of the First District, under unreadiness, moved to amend the motion that no relatives of Bishops can sit on the Episcopal Committee, which is a jury comparable to the New Courts.

Bishop Allen pointed out that only on the Episcopal Committee would that be of major interest. So great was the enthusiasm, that the Conference became temporarily unsettled. A motion to adjourn by Dr. Brewer, of the Fourth District, failed to materialize.

Bishop Reid recognized Attorney A. J. Carey on point of order, who discussed his right to be disqualified where conferences had chosen representatives. The presiding Bishop frequently requested order.

Rev. H. I. Bearden of the Sixth District took exception to number of delegates on basis of representation. Statement was made by Bishop D. Ward Nichols that he and Bishop Fountain had reached an agreement to assist Bishop Reid in requesting order, due to the over-enthusiasm of some of the delegates on the matter of relatives of Bishops serving on the Episcopal Committee. Delegates near the platform led in singing, heartily assisted by the majority of the Conference: "On the Battlefield for My Lord," and "I Shall Not Be Moved," concluding with the Spiritual chorus, "Amen,"—thus relieving a tense situation, and the friendliness of the delegation was resumed.

Bishop Wright urged a settlement of the issue of the Episcopal Committee in an intelligent manner. Dr. D. O. Walker asked that the Bishops whose districts are affected, withdraw the names of the three men contested so that the business of the Conference could go on.

Bishop John H. Clayborn urged that, for the sake of the physical well-being of the delegation the ballot voice, which was suggested by Attorney A. J. Carey, be chosen as method to proceed, instead of by ballot. After a volume of research for a solution, and a variety of comments on the pertinent subject of the composition of the Episcopal Committee, the persons whose names appeared n the Episcopal Committee who were related to the families of Bishops appeared before the Conference and asked that their respective districts respectfully relieve them of the place so that the Christian progress of the Conference may ensue.

President William A. Fountain of Morris Brown College, Mr. Nimrod Allen, and Rev. D. V. Kyle, in the order named, gave touching facts of their loyalties to the Church, and asked to be relieved from the appointments on the contested Episcopal Committee, notwithstanding the fact that they felt within their rights to serve the Church, on this Committee, or wherever they could, and should not be penalized because they happened to be relatives of Bishops; nevertheless, they evinced their willingness to relinquish the place given them on the Episcopal Committee, if such action would end the confusion and restore harmony to the Conference. Upon the conclusion of the withdrawal from the Episcopal Committee of these three contested names, the restoration of order ensued and substitutions were offered for the completion of the said committee. Rev. P. Van Putten stated that his district had asked Rev. E. E. King of the 17th District to serve on the Episcopal Committee. Bishop Fountain, concurring in spirit with his son, President Fountain, said that his district had elected Rev. John Wesley Dennis. Bishop Wright stated that the 13th District, after conferring together, had named Rev. T. W. Gaines instead of Rev. Kyle.

Bishop Gregg moved that the Committee as named and amended be conformed by this General Conference. The motion was seconded and carried.

Bishop Reid asked Rev. J. L. Link of the First District to call the Episcopal Committee to meet in the third story of the building immediately

Motion was made by Bishop Fountain, seconded by Chaplain Samuel H. Giles, that the chaplains be seated. Carried.

Adjournment.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION
May 7, 1948
Bishop John Andrew Gregg, Presiding

Bishop R. C. Ransom presented Dr. A. C. Sumpter of the Fourth District to conduct devotion. Dr. Sumpter outlined Number 12, "A Charge to Keep, I Have." Prayer was given by Rev. Norman Burton from the West Virginia Conference. Scripture Lesson (40th Psalms) was read by Rev. I. K. Horace of the West Virginia Conference. Evangelist Robinson led in singing, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee." At this time, a little urchin, Julius White, of Los Angeles, California, who had been lost from his mother, whom Bishop Ransom described eloquently as a little soldier who got separated from the main army, was presented. He had lost his mother. With the tenderness of a great, great grandfather, Bishop Ransom warmed the hearts of the Conference and reminded us of the child in the midst with the Master. In a fatherly way, he touched upon the effort of the Church fathers to have the General Conference to function smoothly and correctly. He presented Bishop Fountain to complete the opening devotion service day conclusion. Bishop Fountain simply gave his blessing to the Conference, saying, "It was not Methodistic to adopt the record of religious service." He asked Bishop Ransom to continue. Bishop Ransom therefore called for the minutes of the previous day's session. The minutes were read by the Chief Secretary, Rev. Russell Brown. Corrections were noted from Attorney H. L. Dudley, Rev. H. C. Carswell, Rev. A. P. Postell, Rev. M. M. Matthews of Missouri, Rev. G. W Brewer of Illinois, Rev. D. A. Blake of Pennsylvania Motion to adopt was made by Rev. W. P. Couch of Tenn., seconded by Rev. A. A. Davis of Alabama. Adopted. In his valedictory, Bishop Ransom told the Conference of his fifty-two years as a member of the General Conference; the 63 years that he has been in public service, having preached the gospel of Jesus Christ on pulpits and platforms in America. He then requested the members of the Episcopal Committee to go at once to their place of meeting. He thanked the Third District with whom he had served for sixteen years as prelate. He thanked God for his brethren and continued support of Wilberforce University. He surrendered the gavel to his successor with a touching reminder that it might be his last. He referred to the previous days activities as an unsettled state of the delegates as an indication of the pangs of overflowing pain, and as an eruption like a volcano to make a better church. The minutes of the afternoon session were adopted on the motion of the Rev. F. H. Mason of Ohio. Seconded by the Rev. Jacobs of Florida. Corrections were noted by the Rev. G. B. Hanan of Georgia, the Rev. D. A. Blake of Michigan, Rev. A. D. Tyson. Minutes were adopted.

Bishop Gregg, assuming upon the Chair, paid a tribute to his colleague and classmate, and recalled impressions of twenty-four years as a Bishop. He asked for the respect and cooperation of the General Conference. He read a letter from the manager of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium, in which our sessions are held, requesting the removal of posters on the walls of the building, which is prohibited by law.

Bishop Allen presented the name of Mrs. Anna Robeson to be a member of the Episcopal Committee. On motion to adopt the recommendation, Attorney Sadie M. Alexander stated unreadiness to confirmation of Mrs. Robeson from the 16th District for the reason that the appointment of a new member on the Episcopal Committee means "that if that committee has taken any action, such action was illegal and cannot be presented to this body as the will of the Committee, as that body has not been properly constituted." The removal of one member and the appointment of another are required of the Episcopal Committee to begin de novo all business before that committee. Bishop Gregg concurred.

Dr. J. L. Roberts from the Fourth District moved that Dr. J. S. Bryan, President of the Connectional Council shall be a member of the General Conference. Seconded by Attorney Dudley. Upon objection by the Rev. W. H. Hall, Rev. Lewis and Rev. Simmons, the motion was ruled out of order as being legislation.

The roster of chaplains was read by the Chief Secretary of the Conference as directed by Bishop Gregg, for confirmation by the Conference. The committee on credentials was read.

Dr. D. O. Walker moved that one ministerial delegate and one lay delegate be appointed on committees. Motion was adopted by common consent. The committee on revision of Discipline was named: Dr. D. O. Walker moved that where two names appear from a District on the credential committee, each would have a half vote. The Chair ordered it so. The revision of Discipline Committee reported organization with Chairmen, Dr. D. O. Walker. Secretary, Mrs. Birdie DeLyles.

The Committee on Credentials reported organization. H. C Perrien, Chairman; C. W. Walton, Vice-Chairman; Hattie E. Bryant, Secretary.

Bishop Gregg announced that the order of sessions provides for the closing of the morning session at 1:00 P. M. Doxology, Benediction. John 3:16.

AFTERNOON SESSION
May 7, 1948—3:30 P. M.

Bishop John A. Gregg, Presiding

Evangelist Robinson had charge of devotions. "Down At The Cross" was sung. The twenty-tthird Psalm was repeated, led by Bishop Gregg. The Bishop requested the General Conference to sing, "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour," as a prayer. It was most impressive.

Dr. V. C. Hodges, representing the American Bible Society, announced that there was literature from his department available for the delegation. Greetings from the

Girl Scouts of America were announced by Bishop Gregg. He also read a cablegram from South Africa to the General Conference. He also read a telegram from the NAACP, that the House of Representatives of the U. S. Government had approved the Regional Educational plan and asked that the General Conference send messages deploring this action. It was moved by Dr. J. H. Maxwell that we deplore this action and express the same by telegram. Carried.

Mrs. Fayette Brown sang, "I Know What Jesus is to Me." The Chief Secretary, Rev. Russell Brown, began reading the total list of committees from each Episcopal District. Bishop S. L. Greene announced the replacement of Mrs. Sadie Greene with Mrs. C. W. Jackson on the committee revision.

The Rev. C. P. Hobbs of Georgia congratulated the presiding officers for having the names of the members of the committee read so his wife, who is in the audience, could hear his name. (humor).

AN EXCITING MOMENT DURING BALLOTING
Left to right standing: Bishops Clayborn, Allen and Nichols. Seated: Bishop Young (who had fallen asleep) and Bishop Greene.

Announcement extraordinary was made by Mrs. S. H. Lewis, the wife of the host-pastor that from 3:00 P. M. to 6:00 P. M. Saturday, at Trinity Church, the Federation Missionary Society of Kansas City would entertain for all of the ladies attending the General Conference.

The Rev. David Blake asked for the printing of the names of all committees. The Presiding Officer stated that such service was planned for the chairman of all committees as soon as the committees were finished.

At 5:00 P. M. the Episcopal Committee entered amidst the pleasant atmosphere of a congenial General Conference that knew the importance of its most significant committee. They were presented by Bishop Gregg. The Secretary, Rev. R. W. Mance, read the first report: That the committee had met at the call of the Rev. J. L. Link, the first name named on the committee. The organization was with the following result—Dr. John Alexander of the Fourth District, Chairman; Dr. O. Sherman of the 12th District, Vice-Chairman; Dr. R. W. Mance, Secretary; Rev. E. P. Williams, Assistant Secretary. Chief Marshal E. E. Henry and Assistant Marshal Roy Washington announced that the committee was ready for business. Dr. D. O. Walker asked for the privilege of presenting a directive for the protection of the members of the Episcopal Committee, and asked that Rev. Peters be permitted to read it, which he did, with the permission of the Chair. The Resolution provided custody protection for members of the Episcopal Committee. He moved the adoption of the resolution. It was seconded by the Rev. C. P. Hobbs of Georgia. Attorney A. J. Carey, under unreadiness, asked for a statement of clarity of the directive. Dr. Walker atttempted to conform to the request. Objection was also advanced by the Rev. W. H. Hall who soon withdrew. The resolution was adopted for the protective custody of the Episcopal Committee members. Bishop Gregg thanked the committee as they withdrew.

Reading of committees was resumed. Credential Committee reported organization. Revision Committee also reported organization. Bishop Gregg then read a telegram concerning the decision of the Supreme Court denying the constitutionality of the restrictive covenant. It was moved by the Rev. P. T. Matherson that the General Conference shall cause its officers to send a telegram to Mr. Roy Wilkins, Editor of "The Crisis" and the National Bar Association, expressing the delight of the Conference. Attorney H. L. Dudley spoke on the subject. It was seconded by the Rev. M. C. Miles of Alabama. The motion prevailed.

The Rev. Jackson of the 12th District moved to prevent members from using the mike of the Secretary. Dr. T. J. Miles of South Carolina requested the Presiding Officer to look in his direction sometime. The Chair accommodated him. Dr. John Adams moved that legal counsel in the Church be employed to assist the cooperation of the Church in its legal needs. Carried. Adjournment.

EVENING SESSION

May 7, 1948—Friday Night

Bishop John A. Gregg, Presiding

As a prelude to the evening meeting service, young John R. Williams, talented baritone singer, accompanied by Rev. John S. Williams, Sr., his father, and minister of music of Bethel AME Church of Kansas City and director of the General Conference Chorus, sang "The Lord's Prayer" by Moloth, "Leading Me" and "Jesus, I Love Thee".

The Missionary Department of the AME Church, Dr. L. L. Berry, Secretary-Treasurer, sponsored a Health Program, showing in moving pictures the effects of the dreaded disease, cancer. It portrayed, to the comfort of all who desire to have it stamped out, that cancer can be cured if it is caught in time, and urged the Church to cooperate with health authorities in encouraging all to seek for proper examination very early. Dr. Robert J. Claybrooks, health educator for Kansas City and Wynandotte County, presented the moving picture.

Dr. L. L. Berry announced the Missionary Night.

The Opening Hymn was "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," led by Evangelist Robinson. Prayer was by Rev. E. S. Williams, Pastor of AME Church, St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

The Scripture Lesson was read by Dr. W. C. Perry, Ontario, Canada: St. Matthew 10:1-17.

Evangelist Robinson sang, "If Jesus Goes With Me." Dr. Berry then presented Bishop J. A. Gregg, President of the Missionary Board, as Master of Ceremonies.

Bishop Gregg stated that he always wanted to be a missionary, making his first trip to Africa in 1924.

Dr. J. R. Coan, supervisor of the work of the 17th District in South Africa, under the direction of Bishop Baber, was the first speaker. He stated that four years ago, tonight, they were in South Africa desiring, very much, to be at the General Conference that was then in session at Philadelphia, but hindered by the awful cataclysm of war. He spoke about his book, "THY MISSION, I AM FULFILLING", which reveals his work in South Africa. He stated that he would like to spend the rest of his active ministry in South Africa.

A hymn, "I am Thy Child" was sung in the native language by the South African delegation.

Next was Bishop John Clayborn of the 14th District, West Africa, who said that Africa presented the greatest challenge and opportunity for the AME Church expansion. At the conclusion of his remarks, he presented Dr. N. T. White, supervisor of the Liberian work. He stated that his greatest pleasure was the presentation of Jesus Christ to the people of Liberia. He described the school under his direction, which enrolls 160 children, who are being taught about our Lord and Master. He concluded that it is not how much a man does, but also the spirit in which he does it.

The Rev. P. Van Putten, Presiding Elder of the work in Haiti, gave free greetings from Haiti, and sang "I Need Thee Every Hour" in French, Spanish, Sesuto, English, West African, and Dutch.

Rev. Mahu, of Port au Prince, Trinidad, West Indies Islands, stated that he, being the only colored minister, was elected the president of the all-denominational alliance. He brought greetings therefore, from all denominations of Trinidad, including the Roman Catholics.

A symposium followed:

1. Rev. M. M. Tilo, Presiding Elder of the Orange Conference of South Africa brought greeting and sang a song in the native tongue.

He stated that the work in South Africa has grown until it is something of which he is very proud. In order to get a correct picture of the fine work there, "Come home and see your Church, so you can be a witness," he urged. He added that the Union of South Africa has 58 Presiding Elder Districts.

2. .... Lekato, wanted to make the AME Church the greatest in South Africa. He spoke in glowing terms of the work of Dr. Francis H. Gow and Dr. J. R. Coan and urged their election as Bishops. He envisioned the time when a General Conference would be held in South Africa. Men of all professions are needed in South Africa.

A picture of the Foreign Delegation was taken.

Bishop Gregg then presented the Rev. I. E. C. Steady, Presiding Elder of the Sierra Leone. He gave a brief history of the founding of the AME Church in Sierra Leone when Bishop H. M. Turner, in 1886, ordained his father, was in turn, himself ordained in 1914 by Bishop Turner.

There are four conferences in North Africa, 1500 preachers, 11 schools. A graduate from Yale University, he was a fitting illustration of the investment value of the Missionary work that has been done by the AME Church.

Mrs. Coreanne Hayman sang, "The Star," accompanied by Mrs. M. R. Dixon, Jr. Her melodious voice so entranced the audience that she was given a hearty encore and she sang, "Bless This House, O Lord, I Pray."

Bishop Gregg introduced Rev. Churchstone Lord, whose book, "GOD IN A TROUBLED WORLD," is current. He described the situations which produced the contents of the book.

Dr. Francis H. Gow, Pastor of Bethel Church, Capetown, South Africa and supervisor of the work in the 15th District, under the direction of Bishop Frank Madison Reid, was presented. He assured that all he is, is due to the work of the Holy Spirit and the AME Church. His parental ancestry guided him there. Upon graduation from Wilberforce, he went to South Africa. Bishop Gregg stated that the daughter of Dr. Gow is in Wilberforce with the Celia Gregg Scholarship.

Dr. L. L. Berry spiced the program with his customary brilliance.

Mrs. Anna Heath, President of the Woman's Missionary Society, brought greetings from that Society. Organized 75 years ago, the Woman's Mite and the W. H. and F. were united in Philadelphia in 1944. She urged that the Society be made most effective for world service.

Dr. Tolbert introduced the foreign workers. Dr. Gow presented those of South Africa. Dr. Steady presented those from North Africa. An offering of $180.27 was made for missions.

Doxology and Benediction by Dr. J. R. Coan.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION
May 7, 1948
Bishop S. L. Greene, Presiding

The Committee on Evangelism, which had the consent of General Conference to do so each morning, gave a most inspirational service.

Selections were given by the Martin Gospel Singers, along with Evangelist and Mrs. E. R. Robinson. Among them, "Jesus Saves." Evangelist E. J. Odom gave a brief sermon for our edification.

The morning session then opened with Bishop J. A. Gregg presiding. The opening hymn was, "O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," outlined by the Rev. David Blake of the Fourth District. Prayer by the Rev. J. C. Brewer of Chicago, followed.

The Holy Scriptures, the 34th Psalm, was read by the Rev. Charles E. Penny of Ontario. The Conference joined Rev. David Blake in reciting the Apostles' Creed.

The minutes of the Thursday morning session were read by Chief Secretary Russell S. Brown with the following correction:

Dr. W. L. Johnson of the First District would have all reference to messages from sheriff concerning posters and signs in the buildings housing the Conference deleted from the record. It was agreed by common consent.

Chaplain Giles wanted names of seated Chaplains in the minutes. On motion of Rev. D. A. Blake of the Fourth and Rev. L. C. Browning of the 12th, the morning session minutes were adopted.

The journal of the afternoon session was read. Corrections noted were inserted—the proper initials of Mr. C. H. Henry; Dr. Nance, instead of Rev. Nance of the Episcopal Committee.

Bishop William A. Fountain moved that the resolution offered by Dr. D. O. Walker relatives to protective custody for the Episcopal Committee be deleted from the record. Discussion followed: Dr. J. C. Austin of Texas wanted guards chosen from among delegates. Others speaking on unreadiness were: Dr. H. C. Carswell of Georgia; Rev. Akery of Florida; Rev. W. C. Holland of 13th District; Rev. W. D. Hollins of 14th; Rev. J. P. Wallace of Indiana. On point of order Bishop Gregg asked Dr. Walker to clarify the meaning of his resolution. The author of the resolution stated that it was understood by him that proper ones would be chosen from among the delegates.

At this point Attorney W. C. Buford, legal counsel for the Episcopal Committee, entered and was accorded the floor. He stated that the Episcopal Committee was not clear of the intent of the resolution and had asked him to come to receive further enlightenment on the subject from the General Conference for the Episcopal Committee. He stated that the Committee was considering three methods: (1) to choose them from the Committee; (2) to take them from the floor of the Conference; (3) to get four plain clothes men from the Department of Public Safety in the City. Rev. Austin of Texas moved to appoint one from each district. It was not seconded.

Attorney Buford expressed the view that 12 men would be needed and this seemed to be the consent of the Conference.

The minutes were adopted on motion of Dr. R. L. Lemmons of South Carolina; seconded by Rev. H. C. Boyd of the Fourth District.

"Thy Will Be Done" was sung by Mrs. Nina Miller of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, accompanied by Mrs. Juanita Steward, Springfield, Illinois.

The minutes of the Thursday evening session, which consisted of a missionary program, conducted by Dr. L. L. Berry, Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of Missions, were read.

On motion of Mrs. Eliza Williams and Dr. R. S. Everett, the minutes were adopted.

Rev. John Adams asked that parts of the Episcopal address, which contained recommendations be referred to committees.

Rev. J. A. Charleston of the Fourth District lamented the small attendance at the missionary night service.

Rev. J. C. Austin moved, seconded by Rev. G. W. Brewer, that a vote of thanks be given Bishop Gregg, who yielded the chair to Bishop Greene. Adopted.

Bishop Serman L. Greene, Presiding

Bishop J. A. Gregg read greetings from Fraternal Council of Churches. Moved by Rev. Augustus Sumpter that the Chief Secretary be instructed to send an answer. Seconded by Rev. C. H. Stroud of the Second District. Adopted.

Rev. D. A. Blake of the Fourth District read a resolution for ballots to be counted outside the Conference boundary. So vociferous were objections of the house, the resolution was withdrawn.

Rev. G. W. Brewer discussed legislation in the Discipline. The following bills were presented:

1. Bill to separate the Sunday School Union from the Department of Education—by Rev. G. W. Brewer of Illinois Conference.

2. The General Executive Secretaries of Boards and Departments, College Presidents, Deans and Chaplains of the Army who are not elected members of the Genral Conference shall have privileges of the floor in matters affecting their interest, BUT without vote.

(3) Relative to Evangelistic Organization by Rev. S. L. Williams.

(4) Relative to recommendations in Episcopal address, by X. L. Williams, J. L. Alexander, Dr. P. Z. Matterson, et. al.

(5) Establishing a Court of Adjudication for the AME Church, by Dr. W. D. Johnson of Georgia.

(6) Fellowships in Divinity.

7. The validity of the extra session of the General Conference.

8. The composition of an extra session of the General Conference.

9. Trial of Bishops.

10. Extra session of the General Conference, by Rev. George A. Singleton.

11. Revision under Pension, by A. H. Hamilton

12. Greater support for Wilberforce University, by J. A. Charleston, Dr. F. M. Mason, Presiding Elder; Rev. B. J. Nolan, et. al.

13. Limit of service for bishops and ministers, by the Reverends W. R. Stephens and L. Mitchell.

Committees of Districts were read. Dr. J. L. Roberts of the Fourth District objected to time consumed by the same.

Rev. J. A. Charleston of the Fourth District read a resolution concerning Wilberforce University.

Bishop Noah W. Williams of the Fifth District urged attendance at "Grand Operette" to be given Saturday night.

At this point, Bishop S. L. Greene, then presiding officer, was informed by the Committee on Fraternal Greetings that the Honorable Joseph S. McDonald, Senator, was waiting at the door for admittance. Bishop Greene ordered the marshals to admit him. He then presented the Senator to the General Conference. Senator McDonald opened his address with the significant statement that "These are great times and the Church cannot be aloof from the great issues before the nation and the world." He spoke as a member of the Democratic Party and recited incidents which seemed to him to justify asking members of the General Conference to support that Party in its efforts this year.

His speech was in the interest of the Democratic Party, as compared to the Republican Party and denounced Communism.

Bishop Greene presented Bishop A. J. Allen to respond to the Senator. Bishop Allen stated that Negroes want anything any other person of other races on face of the earth want. He continued, "We want to be able to have anything every other men have." Said Bishop Allen, "Nobody can speak for us. They must speak to us. We want to be paid according to our ability. We want opportunity to work; we want to enjoy the privilege of spending our money anywhere." He closed with the classic words of Rudyard Kipling, "East is east, west is west, etc."

Bishop Greene, being called to the Episcopal Committee, asked Bishop D. Ward Nichols to preside in his stead. Bishop Nichols recognized Dr. S. H. V. Gumbs of the First District to present a Bill. Referred. Other Bills referred:

14. Relatives of Bishops on Episcopal Committee not permitted, Rev. P. T. Mattherson, Ninth District.

15. Merging of Southern and Western Recorder, Rev. P. T. Matherson.

16. Suggesting penalty of any editor of our church papers publishing or circulating literature defaming the personal or official character of any Bishop, General Officer, or Minister, by W. C. Perry.

17. Limit time of service for Presiding Elders or Ministers in any District, by R. T. Washington and Atty. H. L. Dudley.

18. Establish tenure of office of all general officers and department heads, by R. F. Washington and Attorney H. L. Dudley.

19. Limit time Bishops may serve over an Episcopal District, R. F. Washington and Attorney H. L. Dudley.

20. Create a Connectional Social Service Organization, by S. H. V. Gumbs.

21. Finance for pensioners, by Rev. Brookins.

22. Organization of a General Deaconess Department of AME Church, by Viola M. Brooks.

23. Election of members to Episcopal Committee, by Rev. John Whitmore.

24. To aid missionary preachers, by D. B. Thorpe, Sr.

25. Provide for connectional payment of salaries to ministers from the Finance Department, by B. J. Johnson.

26. To establish a Department of Research and Statistics, by Rev. G. W. Brewer.

Bishop Nichols announced the hour for closing had come. Rev. John Adams of the Fifth District moved to extend time; seconded by Rev. E. J. Jones of the Third. Adopted.

Rev. Green of the 12th District asked that committees by completed.

At this time Senator King of Washington was escorted into the Conference by consent of the Presiding Officer, Bishop Nichols, and introduced by him. Senator King represented the Republican Party. He stated that there can be no respite in the idealogical war in the world.

"We need faith which lived in the hearts of the people who founded this nation. America is the spearhead of the main forces of Godliness." He advocated a Republican Party victory as Senator McDonald had advocated a Democratic Party victory.

Bishop Greene, returning to the dais, introduced Bishop John H. Clayborn to respond to Senator King.

Bishop Clayborn stated that there was very little difference between a good Democrat and a good Republican; a bad Democrat and a bad Republican.

"American black man wants equality of opportunity, education, justice. He wants whatever any other man wants—equal rights!" Bishop Clayborn described the colored soldiers at San Juan Hill, and ended with his graphic story of "Drive on Black Boy."

The meeting adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION
Saturday, May 7, 1948—4:00 P. M.
Bishop S. L. Greene, Presiding.

Committtee reading was resumed. Dr. J. P. Q. Wallace asked why committees were not printed before we came to the Conference. Bishop Greene answered that crowded schedules of Bishops with Episcopal address and other matters had prevented it.

The Chief Messenger from the Episcopal Committee brought the list of persons who were selected to serve as officers for the Episcopal Committee who were to report at 5:00 P. M. for instructions: J. M. Gransberry, D. C. Chapel, B. Bolden, K. J. Siddall, S. T. Johnson, T. R. Lawrence, J. T. L. Dandridge, W. Hunter, J. S. Grant, Willie Fork, J. D. Washington, G. W. Horace.

Rev. T. J. Miles of South Carolina said they nominated someone from the Seventh District, but didn't hear his name. Dr. G. W. Brewer wanted to know if any ladies were among the guards. Answer was in negative. Bills reading resumed. Resolution by Rev. G. W. Brewer of Illinois. Resolution by Rev. Prince Jackson of Texas concerning primary elections.

The Credential Committee made a partial report, read by Miss Hattie Bryant, Secretary. The report listed three cases (1, 2, 3) which were approved according to the recommendations of the committee.

1. Moved to adopt by Dr. J. S. Johnson, seconded by Rev. L. C. Browning. Adopted.
2. Moved to adopt by Dr. Murphy, of the Sixth District; seconded by Dr. M. C. Miles. Adopted.
3. Moved to adopt by Mrs. Alma Polk of the Third District; seconded by Mrs. Primus of the Second District. Adopted.

Motion made to adopt partial report of partial report by Rev. W. D. Johnson of the Sixth District; seconded by Rev. J. D. Bright of the Third District. Carried.

At this time, Bishop D. Ward Nichols read a resolution concerning "Burdensome Assessments and Special Budget Committee. Motion to adopt by Bishop A. J. Allen, seconded by Rev. H. N. Robinson of the Third District. Rev. Thorpe of the Eleventh, under unreadiness, stated that he wanted the budget but wanted to know if this included stipends for mission preachers.

Bishop Nichols recognized Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., who asked that the Resolution be adopted as it was in the Episcopal Address. Motion was adopted. At this time Dr. D. O. Walker of First was recognized. He read a portion of a resolution which would instruct the Episcopal Committee concerning the Bishops of the Church. So much static appeared on the amplifying system, as to prevent the presiding officer from hearing Dr. Walker. This condition so prevailed, to the dismay of the Chair, that at 10:05 P. M. Bishop S. L. Greene declared a recess until 10:00 A. M. Monday morning, when the business of the Conference would be resumed. Bishop Greene's ruling: "That because of great confusion, I feel that for the good of the Church, it is best to postpone further consideration until Monday," and that under our rule of one day for each presiding officer, the consideration of the motion was pstponed until Monday, but that the presiding officer cannot extend himself.

Adjournment.

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 1948

Sunday School—9:15 A. M.

The services opened at 9:15 under the auspices of the Department of Christian Education, Dr. S. S. Morris, presiding, assisted by Dr. C. W. Abington. The audience sang. "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name." Dr. S. S. Morris led in repeating The Lord's Prayer.

Dr. Morris then introduced Miss Evelyn Roberson, President of Connectional Richard Allen Youth Council, who spoke concerning the Second World Christian Youth Conference, Oslo, Norway, July 10-20, 1947.

Audience then sang, "The Church's One Foundation." This was followed by the repeating of the 23rd Psalm.

Mrs. Bryant, Birmingham, Alabama, led in repeating the Apostles' Creed. Rev. Henry G. Simmons, Fourth District, offered a very fervent prayer, closing with Lord's Prayer. The Sunday School sang "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Saviour."

Dr. V. M. Townsend read the introduction to the Sunday School Lesson. Rev. A. White, Kentucky, led in reading the lesson responsively. The subject of the lesson today, "Ezra leads a religious revival." The printed portion for the lesson, Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5, 6, 8, 10:28-32. Dr. Abington introduced Miss Maude B. Ford, Warren AME Church, Toledo, Ohio, who discussed the topic, "The People Eager."

Dean Charles S. Spivey, Jr., was introduced and spoke on the topic, "The Teacher Qualified." He said, also, that knowledge must be correct." A good teacher not only instructs, but leads, as well by a good life. Ezra represented an instruction leadership. We must use godly means to attain godly goals or ends.

The test of any teacher is to what extent that those he teaches will glorify God. Rev. Emory G. Davis, Community AME Church, LaPorte, Indiana, Director of Religious Education, Michigan Conference, spoke on the topic, "The Instructors Effective."

Promptly at 10:40 A. M., the beautifully robed choir of Bethel Church, Chicago, Illinois, Rev. A. Wayman Ward, Pastor; Mr. Frederick D. Clark and Mrs. Garrison, directing, entered to the inspiring strains of "Holy, Holy, Holy," played by the pianist, Mrs. Hemphill. Bishop Noah W. Williams, presiding officer of the day, led the Call to Worship, and outlined the opening hymn, Number 223, "Amazing Grace." The choir and congregation joined in singing the same. Rev. A. O. Wilson, Pastor of St. James, New Orleans, Louisiana, offered prayer. The choir rendered a very appropriate anthem, "Open Our Eyes." The first Scripture Lesson was read by Bishop John A. Gregg of the Fourth District: 1st Corinthians, 13th Chapter.

Rev. E. A. Adams, Secretary of Education, led the Decalogue. The Second Scripture Lesson was read by Bishop A. J. Allen of the 11th Episcopal District, Verses 1-8 of the 119th Psalm. Bethel Church choir then sang most fervently, "I Have The Saviour With Me All the Way." At the conclusion of this selection, Bishop Noah W. Williams of the Fifth Episcopal District, presented Bishop Henry Y. Tookes of the 16th District, to deliver the morning sermon. Bishop Tookes came forth and thanked the Pastor and choir of Bethel for having rendered the heartfelt number, stating that twenty years ago, he was pastor of Bethel, and that the choir had a hundred voices at that time and contributed $100.00 each Sunday morning to start the morning offering. He then announced as a text, the 119th Psalm, Verse 94: "I am Thine; save me, for I have sought Thy precepts." Bishop Tookes discussed the text in following divisions:

1. I am Thine by Creation.
2. I am Thine by Adoption.
3. I am Thine by Redemption.

The sermon was a masterpiece in spiritual excellence. The mammoth congregation gave occular demonstration of their approval as the Bishop reached spiritual heights in declaring that the trouble with the AME Church is that we are trying to run the Church with the head, and not the heart. Says he, "The AME Church needs the Holy Ghost; The Bench of Bishops needs the Holy Ghost." Amidst a downpour of the Holy Spirit, the well-illustrated, timely sermon was concluded by Bishop Tookes with the song, "It is Well With My Soul."

Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., of the 13th Episcopal District extended the Open Door of the Church. In the course of his invitation, Bishop Wright stated that the AME Church was a world-wide Church and that anybody, anywhere could join us. "I Need Thee Every Hour" was sung by the choir and congregation. Bishop Noah W. Williams then requested Financial Secretary A. S. Jackson to receive the morning offering. During his remarks, Dr. Jackson stated that he was one of those shouting laymen, and that, with the sermon Bishop Tookes had preached, he was prepared to go through the General Conference. Stating further, that the AME Church is a majestic Church, operating in a majestic way, the Financial Secretary representing temporal power. The offering of $487.08 was taken by Drs. E. A. Selby and T. P. DuHart, Mr. Fletcher Puguese and others, while the choir rendered several beautiful numbers, including "Have a Little Talk With Jesus," "Just to Behold His Face," etc.

Mr. Gardner of Chicago sang a solo, to the delight of all. The choir of Bethel, with Pastor Ward directing, rendered their final number, "Jesus, I Love You," and dedicated same to Bishop John A. Gregg. After announcements and Doxology, the Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Tookes.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON
Memorial Services

At 3:00 P. M. Evangelist Robinson opened song service, Mrs. Robinson at the piano. The following songs were led by the Evangelist, "Shine on Me," "I'm Going Through," "Leave It There," "When Mother Prayed," "Someone is Praying for You." Closing remarks by the Evangelist.

At 3:30 P. M. the General Conference Memorial Service was opened with Bishop John H. Clayborn, presiding. He asked that relatives of deceased Bishops, General Officers, and delegates of the 1944 General Conference take the front seat The following came forward: Mrs. Susie L. Flipper, Dr. C. Flipper, Dr. Flipper, M.D., Mrs. C. F. Flipper, Mrs. George W. Gordon, widow of Dr. George W. Gordon, Fourth District; Mrs. M. G. Robinson, widow and Chaplain D. L. T. Robinson, son, of Dr. J. G. Robinson, retired editor of AME Review; Mr. E. L. Landon, brother-in-law of Bishop Vernon; Miss Landon, niece; Dr Harvey, son of Dr. M. P. Harvey, of Texas; Mrs. E. C. Dees, widow of Dr. E. C. Dees; Mrs. A. H. Turner, widow of Dr. A. H. Turner, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Other members of General Conference listed as having passed during the quadrennium were: Dr. J. O. Haithcox, former Chairman of the Episcopal Committee; Professor E. C. Dees, composer of music, Third District; J. C. Lawrence, M. T. Robinson, T. W. Stephens, D. M. Hughes, Dr. Wise, of the Sixth District; Prof. C. G. Garrett, J. L. Benbow, of the Seventh District; Dr. M. P. Harvey, Mrs. Lucy Hughes, President of the Woman's Missionary Society of the 10th District; Doctors E. J. Lemon, J. W. Nelson, D. D. Nelson, L. S. Overall, F. P. Lytes (dentist), J. H. Redd, W. T. Eskridge, of the 12th District.

Order of service as follows: Hymn No. 610, "Shall We Meet," lined by Bishop Gregg; Prayer, Dr. G. H. Jenkins of Kentucky; Song, "In Thy Cleft."

Dr. T. J. Burwell, speaking in memory of Bishop W. T. Vernon, said, among other things, that he was religious and tender.

Bishop W. A. Fountain spoke in behalf of Bishop Joseph S. Flipper, stating that Bishop Flipper was truly one of the great scholars of the race, a man of conviction, stern, but kind-hearted, honest and dependable. The Georgia people called him "Honest Joe."

Mrs. Anne Heath spoke on the life of Mrs. Lucy M. Hughes, President of the W. M. S., mentioning the various positions in the Missionary work which were held by her. "She was a great civic worker."

Dr. Cooper of Texas spoke relative to Dr. J. G. Robinson, retired editor of AME Review. Dr. G. Horace Jenkins spoke on the life of Dr. D. L. Witherspoon, director of The Pension Department. He stated that for years Dr. Witherspoon had urged the ministers to better provide for themselves and saw his dream realized in 1944.

Dr. J. S. Johnson of Oklahoma, paid a tribute to Ministerial and Lay delegates whose names were listed. "They are gone on to meet the first sixteen who started the great Church. They are waiting to join in that number that will crown Him Lord of all."

Dr. E. C. Steady spoke for the 14th District. "These men have gone to join the innumerable caravan. They would say to us, 'Toil on, and in thy toil, rejoice'."

Dr. J. A. Charleston spoke for the Fourth District. In the midst of his remarks, he mentioned the recent death of his mother.

Solo by Mrs. Williams, "There is no Death".

Bishop Clayborn mentioned the name of Dr. J. R. Coasey of Baltimore. Mrs. Boston made brief remarks. Bishop Clayborn stated that many names had been passed up but they also shared in this Memorial.

Final remarks by Bishop H. Y. Tookes. Among the things he said were: "Dr. Wise was one of the grandest men in the Church." He spoke of Bishop Flipper and others.

Bishop Clayborn spoke a word in behalf of Dr. T. W. Stevens of Georgia, and paid a tribute to those whose names were not given.

Announcements. Closing song led by Dr. E. C. Hatcher. Benediction by Bishop Tookes.

A.C.E. LEAGUE HOUR
Sunday, 6:00 P. M., May 9, 1948
Dr. S. S. Morris, Presiding

The Quadrennial session of the A.C.E. League was called to order at 6:00 P. M., with Dr. S. S. Morris, presiding. "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" was the opening selection. After brief introductory remarks, Dr. Morris requested the congregation to join in singing, "I am Thine, O Lord." Prayer was then offered by Rev. Smith of the— Episcopal District. The First Psalm was read in unison, as was the Scripture Lesson, after which Evangelist Robinson led in singing, "I Love to Tell the Story."

At this point, Dr. Morris presented Dr. T. T. Swearger, Pastor of Oak Park Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo., to bring greetings in behalf of the International Council of Religious Education. Dr. Swearger brought personal greetings from Dr. Roy G. Ross, Executive Secretary of the International Council of Religious Education.

In speaking of the International Council of Religious Education, Dr. Swearger said that the great religious organization was composed of forty denominations, and had existed since 1922; that he brought to this General Conference the Council's greetings and felicitations.

Professor C. Baker led in singing, "Is Your all on the Altar?" with Mrs. Daisy Jeltz Roberts directing a dramatic symposium of five voices representing Sunday Schools, A.C.E. League, Y. P. Departments, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, were portrayed. Following this demonstration Evangelist Robinson led in singing "The Church is Moving On." In keeping with the spirit of "Mother's Day," Mrs. Jewett W. Allen, representative mother, wife of Bishop A. J. Allen of the 11th Episcopal District, mother of four distinguished sons, was presented by Dr. S. S. Morris, Jr., President of Shorter College, Little Rock, Arkansas, followed by a presentation to Mrs. Jewett Allen by Miss Eleanor Powell, in behalf of the A. C. E. League.

Mrs. Esther Kemp of the Fourth Episcopal District was presented, and she related the history of the first summer camp project attempted by her as Directress of Religious Education in the Fourth District.

The following introductions were then made: Dr. J. W. Mason, Philadelphia; Judge Perry Jackson, Cleveland, Ohio; Bishop A. J. Allen, and others, who were presented.

An offering of $47.21 was taken, followed by the closing selection and Mizpah.

MONDAY SESSION
May 10, 1948
Bishop G. B. Young, Presiding

The devotions were given by Evangelist E. J. Odom.

The Gospel Trio sang "How Sweet it is to Trust Him." Rev. Odom gave a brief inspirational message.

At 10:00 A. M. Rev. N. H. Jeltz conducted the opening service. The opening hymn, No. 281, was outlined by Rev. S. Stephens of the 8th District. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. L. Deveaux. The, singing hymn, "Draw Me Nearer," by Rev. Johnson. Scripture, 24th Psalm by Dr. J. W. Hair. The summary of the Decalogue by Rev. J. L. Pottinger. A solo, "Come Unto Jesus," by Professor Boder of Texas, who dedicated it to Bishop Greene.

Bishop Sherman L. Greene, Presiding

Requset by Financial Department came that all delegates cash in sustentatem certificates.

A communication was read from the Postmaster concerning mail for delegates.

Dr. D. O. Walker came before the General Conference and read an apology for a misinterpreted statement relative to the Episcopal Committee. The apology was graciously accepted by the Conference, as the Episcopal Committee itself had done. The minutes of the morning session were read by Chief Secretary, Russell S. Brown, Adopted on motion of Rev. Stephens of the 8th and Rev. McLinn of the Third Districts. Corrections noted: Rev. J. C. Brewer, instead of Rev. G. W. Brewer. He offered bill "TO SELL LITERATURE." Rev. D. A. Blake made correction that he used Hymn Number 133 instead of another. Attorney Herbert L. Dudley desired from the Chair to know what disposition would be made of the resolution which was before the Conference Saturday at the hour of adjournment, and why it was not the first thing on the Agenda. Bishop Greene replied that "because of the great confusion which made it impossible to put the question, I felt that for the good of the Church, it was best to postpone further consideration until Monday, and that under our rule of the Conference, Bishop Greene then yielded the Chair to one day for each presiding officer, the consideration of the motion was postponed, but that the presiding officer could not extend himself."

Other corrections were initials of Rev. J. R. Washington, Rev. J. R. Poe; Rev. W. H. Hill, Prof. Gillum. The minutes were adopted on motion of Reverend Williams of 10th and Rev. J. S. Benn of the First District. After thanking Bishop G. B. Young, who immediately asked Bishop A. J. Allen to preside for him.

Bishop Allen, upon asuming the Chair for Bishop Young, said, "The atmosphere is charged with electricity. As Napoleon said to the people of Egypt, for (40) centuries look down upon you, so the eyes of the nation are upon us." He gave directions for an orderly procedure.

Attorney H. L. Dudley of the Fourth District urged upon the Chair that there was nothing before the House but the Resolution that was presented on Saturday before the session was recessed.

Bishop Allen ruled the motion out of order because of words connected with it which produced an apology by its author, and in light of statement of presiding officer of that day, another resolution must be presented. He read Robert's Rules of Order on his ruling that same resolution cannot be re-introduced.

Dr. D. O. Walker stated that the remarks which were misunderstood were a preliminary to the Resolution.

The Resolution now was that the Episcopal Committee is hereby directed, in the assignment of Bishops, to remove all the Bishops from the Districts to which the last Quadrennial General Conference assigned them. Motion to adopt was by Attorney H. L. Dudley, seconded by Rev. D. O. Walker and Rev. A. W. Thomas.

Under unreadiness, Rev. C. L. Sanders of Georgia, offered a substitute motion that the resolution be sent to the proper Committee; seconded by Rev. C. D. Thornton. In answer to the question from the Chair, "How shall we vote?" Rev. D. O. Walker offered a substitute for the whole that we vote by ballot. It was seconded by Reverend Wallace Wright. Unreadiness on substitute motion was considered by the Chair. Bishop J. H. Clayborn, speaking on unreadiness, said, "Two-thirds vote only must vote to change ruling or to sustain the Chair. In answer to probable concession of Chair, Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom stated that the House had a right to vote as it chose to do itself.

Bishop Allen asked for a standing vote as to whether the House would vote by ballot on the substitute motion to refer to the proper committee. The count of the secretaries recorded 1050 for the vote by ballot. Bishop Allen ruled that the motion carried and asked if there was any appeal. Hearing none, he ordered the machinery set up for ballot voting. Rev. B. J. Dove moved to adjourn; seconded by Rev. Jones. Rev. D. O. Walker made point of order that we can't adjourn when a vote is being taken.

Bishop G. B. Young, returning to the Chair, said we shall recess. Bishop Frank Madison Reid, on point of procedure, said it was up to the House whether it recess or not, and moved to proceed to vote; seconded by Rev. L. F. Fortson, of Alabama.

Bishop Allen, presiding, said, after consulting with his colleagues—the General Conference would proceed to vote by Ballot on the question. Bishop Clayborn and Bishop Wright spoke. Bishop Reid moved that one clerk and one teller from each District shall be designated by each District for the balloting. Seconded by Chaplain Ford Gibson. Carried.

The following clerks and tellers were named:

District	Tellers	Clerks
1.	J. A. Brown	D. M. Owens
2.	T. L. Scott	J. M. Cox
3.	T. J. Toney	C. J. Jones
4.	J. S. Drake	H. D Saunders
5.	M. M. Matthews	L. H. Owens
6.	C. A. Knight	R. H. Porter
7.	J. C. Quarles	J. T. Butler
8.	R. C. Perry	W. L. Devereaux
9.	A. W. Thomas	J. L. T. Dandridge
10.	B. F. Cooper	Lionel Young
11.	Peter Walker (Holly)	Mrs. M. E. Harris (Smith)
12.	H. M. Nelson	J B. Lowery
13.	J. B. Dove	R. H. Reid
14.	F. T. Gibson	I. T. Gillam
15.	J. S. Jason	S. J. Tladi
16.	J. W. Weeks (Bell)	W. H. Mahn
17.	J. M. McKone	W. M. Dawkins (LaKeto)

Bishop Gregg, presiding, asked that leaders of delegations supply first alternates where delegates were absent.

Roll was called and balloting proceeded until 5:30 P. M. when the polls were closed. The result of the vote as announced by Bishop Gregg was 1433 ballots against reference and 307 ballots for reference. He ruled that the motion to refer was lost. He put the original motion, to adopt the Resolution, before the Conference. Upon voice vote, he ruled that 'ayes' have it, and that the motion was adopted to direct the Episcopal Committee to remove all the Bishops from District to which the last Quadrennial Conference assigned them. Bishop Frank M. Reid moved to adjourn; seconded by several.

Adjournment until 8:00 P. M.

Bishop Frank Madison Reid, Presiding

This evening program devoted to fraternal and fellowship greetings by the AME Zion Church, the CME Church, and the Federated Council of Negro Churches.

The Call to Worship by Dr. R. I. Lemons of the Seventh District, followed by Hymn No. 377 CM, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." Invocation by Dr. A. J. Jenkins, Seventh District. Evangelist Robinson led in singing the hymn, "O, For a Closer Walk With God." Bishop Reid stated the purpose of the meeting was the accepting greetings.

BISHOPS FOUNTAIN, CLAYBORN AND WRIGHT on platform, consulting during the balloting.

The Rev. J. Edward McCorkle of the Zion Church of Los Angeles, California, spoke on the "Gravitation of Civilization," using as a text, Revelation 11:15. He stressed ideals of Kingdom building as follows: (1) Ideal of one

God: (2) Ideal of one blood; and (3) the ideal of one mind—correlating Phillippians 2:5. Building the idea, he portrayed the fact that there was not always the ideal of one God; that monotheism has contributed largely to our civilization, and therefore, the problem of religion. The gradual process of an expanding liberalism and social justice in the United States will help the whole world as it continued to gain strength through the years. Said he, the great differences in the world today may be catalogued as difference in language, religion, and government.

That, the three branches of Negro Methodism are too much alike to be so different, and the too different to be alike. Nevertheless, the time has come when there should be a mutual understanding as relates to our Methodism in a community so that we may spend our energy in overcoming obstacles and, when they are overcome, not to have worked so hard trying to overcome that our strength is gone, and therefore, unable to go further or do more.

Response to this splendid address was made by Dr. E. D. Williams, pastor of St. Mark AME Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In a most inspiring address, stressing the fact that, if ever the ministry was challenged to preach a sure and unadulterated Gospel it is today.

President C. L. Hill of Wilberforce University brought a with several selections during the evening, including "Sanctus", by Gounod; "Deep River", and "One More River to Cross", and "The Lord's Prayer", by Malotte.

Dr. Lance C. Cleaves, fraternal messenger from the CME Church. He is the pastor of Phillips Temple, Los Angeles, California. He congratulated the AME Church on the Church, yours and mine, to teach men how to use their stated that it was the indispensable duty of the man for his firm stand on the Constitution. Further inspiring manner. He also congratulated President Tru progress made, and predicted greater achievement in an privileges as citizens to get the largest results for good.

That the church can do one of two things: respond to outside forces like a thermometer, registering heat or cold in a mechanical way; or (2) be a human machine, corresponding to the thermostat, able to turn on the heat to suit the need.

Dr. Joseph Gomez, pastor, St. James AME Church, Cleveland, Ohio, gave a thrilling response to the fraternal messenger from the CME Church. Said he, "It was a pleasure to respond to such an illustrious gentleman," and urged that all branches of colored Methodism come together, because these days are of coumenical thinking. Said he, "We are a peculiar people, and God grant that we never try to become white people. No white man can speak for us as effectively as we can for ourselves. We must preach a social gospel. Negro Methodism ought to blaze the trail for a new day. We need a ministry that will touch every phase of life. Our troubles for the past few months are only birth-pains for a better day. The AME Church is not dead, nor dying." His address was well received.

After the rendition by the Wilberforce Chorus at this time, Bishop J. Arthur Hamlet was presented to bring greetings from the Council of Negro Churches. He paid tribute to Bishop Ransom for the part he played in the founding of the Negro Council of Churches, and to Bishop Wright who had served as one of its executive secretaries for several years; and then, to Bishop Clayborn, the present President of the Council, concluding with a glowing tribute to Bishop Gregg who was the choice of six million of Negroes as the most inspiring visitor through the war areas of the world. He brought out the fact of interrelationship of the Christian Churches.

Dr. George N. Collins, Pastor of Visitors Chapel AME Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas, was presented to respond. In most befitting language, this was done. He emphasized the fact that the "one-world" era is in full sway as never before—what affects one, affects all. That the great AME Church stands ready to make contribution to a unified Methodism, and a better world. The address of the NAACP representative, Rev. M. W. P. Alford, Jr., who said, among other things, "I am not interested in saving Negroes only, but in saving humanity the world over."

Timely remarks were made by Bishop Gregg. The Wilberforce Singers concluded their musical offering with the spirituals, "I'll Never Turn Back," "Listen to the Lamb," by Nathaniel Dett. An offering was given the singers. Closing expressions were given by President C. L. Hill. The observations included the conditions at the school since the change of administration and status of the management there. Said he, "The fathers of the Church rallied their men together and rolled up over $92,000 for the institution, for which Wilberforce is deeply grateful. We want you to know all the facts, and in behalf of 438 students and 36 loyal teachers, we want you to know that we are carrying on in a great way."

Bishop Reid made stimulating remarks on the contribution of young people and the need of cooperating with them Benediction by Bishop J. A. Gregg.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION

May 11, 1948—10:00 A. M.
Bishop M. H. Davis, Presiding

Dr. J. E. Austin outlined Hymn Number 1, "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"; Prayer by Dr. J. T. Lanhorn. Hymn Number 381, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord." Scripture Lesson read by Dr. A. W. Harvey, Jr., from Psalm 27. He then led in the summary of the Decalogue.

Evangelist Robinson led in singing, "He Lifted Me." Bishop A. J. Allen then called for the minutes of the previous day, Monday morning, May 10th.

Dr. N. R. Akery, 11th District, moved to adopt the minutes, seconded by Rev. C. S. Spivey, of the Third. Corrections: Correct initials of Rev. E. J. Jones. Dr. Charles Spivey made correction of quotation for Bishop Allen who joined him in saying, "Napoleon standing in Egypt said 40 centuries look down upon us and 161 years of African Methodism was looking upon us. Rev. T. L Sanders of Georgia, and Rev. F. J. Jones, Florida, corrected. Also Rev. C. K. Knight, Dr. J. C. Perry and Rev. Fred Gibson. Motion prevailed.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the evening session. Motion to approve was by Dr. G. J. Oates; seconded by Rev. M. C. Miles of Alabama. Adopted. Bishop Young, at this time, thanked Bishop Allen for assisting him in presiding and presented Bishop M. H. Davis, the Chairman of the day who, with Dr. J. P. Q. Wallace, of Indiana, were ordained the same time with him.

Bishop Davis asked that we bow our heads in prayer. He then offered a very thoughtful and sincere prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop John A. Gregg was recognized by Bishop Davis. He read a letter from Mrs. Christine Smith, widow of the late Bishop Smith, at Anderson Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she is recuperating from a critical illness. She regretted her inability to be present, the first absence since 1896. Bishop A. J. Allen moved to request the Chief Secretary, Rev. Russell S. Brown, to acknowledge her letter in appropriate terms of appreciation. It was seconded by Rev. J. C. Brewer. Carried.

Rev. G. W. Brewer, of Illinois, made a motion to thank Bishop A. J. Allen for his manner of presiding during his day. It was seconded by Rev. T. L. Scott, of Virginia. Carried.

Mrs. Maymie McCall returned a purse with cash in it of $25.00 belonging to one of our delegates, who came forward and identified and received it. The Conference warmly expressed appreciation of her honesty and Christian spirit.

Dr. J. A. Charleston of the Fourth District moved that Chief Secretary Brown draft a message to the proper authorities approving the Civil Rights Bill of the President of the United States, especially the FEPC, and the Anti-Lynching Bill. It was seconded by Dean D. B. Thorpe of the 11th District. Attorney H. L. Dudley of the Fourth District, under unreadiness, wanted it known that a member of the General Conference, Attorney Sadie M. Alexander of the First District, was a member of the President's Civil Rights Commission which drafted the Civil Rights Bill, and that she should be included in our message. She was included by common consent.

Dr. W. L. Johnson of the First District suggested that a committtee of five be named to draft such a statement.

Dr. Prince J. Jackson of the 10th District moved that one member from each District constitute the Committee. Dean Thorpe thought that District Secretaries could do it.

Prof. I. T. Gillam was for a separate motion. Rev. Wallace Wright seconded motion of special committee with Rev. J. A. Charleston, as chairman. Rev G. W. Brewer, Fourth District; Rev. C. A. Williams, Fifth District, supported the committtee idea. Motion by Dr. W. L Johnson and Rev. J. L. Dandridge that Bishop and delegation would select members of Civil Rights Committee was adopted.

Rev. J. E. Austin of the 10th District presented a resolution to limit the debate and moved adoption. Seconded by Rev. J. F. Vanderhorst of the First District. Rev. John Adams of the Fifth District, under unreadiness, objected to part of the Resolution as being out of order. Motion was adopted.

The committe on Temporal Economy reported organization and ready for business. Dr. W. B. Clark of the 7th, chairman; Rev. H. C. Boyd, 4th Vice-Chairman; Rev. P. T. Mathersen of the 9th, Secretary; Mrs. Frieda Wilson of the 5th, Assistant Secretary; Rev. P. W. Rogers, Contact man; Rev. R. C. Ransom, Jr., Marshall. Bishop S. L. Greene added the name of Dr. C. D. Scrivens on Temporal Economy Committee from the 8th District.

Dr. Chester Clark moved that no Bishop will be denied his right to preside because of alleged charges. Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, President of the Bishops' Council, stated that any Bishop under charges is innocent until he is proven guilty. Rev. Wallace M. Wright, 3rd District, seconded the motion of Dr. Clark. Adopted.

A Resolution was read by Bishop D. Ward Nichols that AME Church go on record as opposed to Universal Military Training, avoid war with Russia; that we deplore discrimination against Negroes in armed forces and that we do not approve regional segregated schools.

Rev. F. J. Jones of Florida moved to adopt. Second by Rev. P. T. Mattherson of Alabama. Unreadiness by Rev. L. C. Browning of the 12th district; Rev. J. L. Roberts of the 4th District, who would leave out clause of Civil disobedience, and Rev. L. G. McDonald of 10th District, who would have sentence read "we don't want war with any nation." Resolution was adopted.

Evangelist Martha J. Keys presented a bill to ordain women. The Conference suddenly became restive for ten minutes. The Bill was referred.

Reports from General Officers followed. (1) Dr. W. K. Hopes for Book Concern. Referred. (2) Dr. L. L. Berry, Secretary-Treasurer of Missionary Department. Motion by Dr. G. W. Brewer that totals be given; seconded by Rev. O. N. Smith, First District. Carried. (3) Dr. A. S. Jackson, Secretary of Finance, who stated that his department, during the quadrennium received $1,784,605.68, with balance of $408.000. Referred.

Rev. A. Wayman Ward of 4th District, moved to elect Dr. A. S. Jackson, Secretary-Treasurer by acclamation. Seconded by Rev. M. R. Dixon, Sr., and Rev. P. T. Mattherson. Motion carried unanimously and Dr. A. S. Jackson was elected. (4) Dr. David Norris, Editor, Christian Recorder. Referred. Dr. H. C. Carswell of Georgia moved that Dr. Norris be elected by acclamation. Seconded by Rev. R. S. Everett, Illinois. Motion carried and Dr. Norris was elected Editor.

Several Bills were then presented by delegates for the consideration of the Conference. They were referred to proper committees.

Recess.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION—MAY 11th
3:30 P. M.
Bishop M. H. Davis, Presiding

Evangelistic services conducted by Evangelist E. J. Odom. The Simmons and Akers Gospel Singers of California enlivened the proceedings with "Jesus Is All I Need," and "I Need Thee Every Hour," with a special arrangement. Dr. Odom gave the Evangelical note.

Secretary of Education, Dr. E. A. Adams reported. Referred to committee Announcement called for all Presiding Elders of Southwest Georgia. Conference to report to the Judiciary Committee.

Secretary of Sunday School Union, Dr. E. A. Selby, had a main report and an addenga. "State of Tennessee, Ex. Rel vs. Sunday School Union of African M. E. Church. Rev. G. W. Brewer moved that the report be referred and that Prof. E. A. Selby was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Seconded by Rev. C. G. Scrivens. Dr. Harris of 4th District said suspension of Rules required unanumity. Dean D. B. Thorpe offered substitute that we vote by majority. That because of the procedure. The vote was taken with 925 votes for the motion and 225 against. The Chair ruled that Prof. E. A. Selby was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Rev. L. P. Bryant of the 5th asked for microphone facilities for his side of the house.

Dr C. W. Abington. Department of Christian Education, read his report. Referred. Allen Christian Endeavor League, Dr. S. S. Morris. Dr. Thomas of South Carolina moved for suspension of Rules and re-election of Dr. Morris. Seconded by Attorney Blakemore of the 4th District. Before the motion was put, Dr. Morris, for whom the consideration was about to be made, asked that the rules be not suspended, as he was willing to take his chances along with others running for his office. Motion withdrawn and report referred.

Rev. E. C. Hatcher, Editor of Southern Christian Recorder, was next. He reported 6149 subscriptions. All debts paid. Dr. T. J. Miles moved to refer.

At 5:15 P. M. the Committee on Revision, Dr. D. O. Walker, Chairman, gave a partial report read by Dr. J. L. Roberts.

First reading concluded, Dr. John Adams of 5th asked that proper protection should be given to our corporate laws. Bishop Davis asked him to appear before Revision Committee.

Rev. M. M. Matthews of the 5th, Rev. L. McDonald of the 10th, Rev. D. A. Blake of 4th, discussed the report.

Rev. Wm. Eason moved that reading Titles be second reading. Rev. H. C. Carswell seconded it. Motion prevailed and the Committee read the Titles.

Rev. G. W. Brewer moved to appoint a resolution committee. Seconded by Rev. H. G. Simms. Adopted.

Dr. J. S. Brookens, Editor of AME Review, read his report. Report was referred. Announcement by Mrs. H. L. Dudley of Negro Heroes, sponsored by Urban League and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Rev. Fred A. Hughes, Editor, Western Christian Recorder, was the next general officer to report. Rev. Harvey Vaughn of the 5th moved to re-elect Rev. Hughes. Seconded by Rev. C. Wayne Love of 5th. Motion carried and Rev. Hughes was elected.

Rev. V. C. Hodges, American Bible Society Secretary, read a report which was received as information. A resolution pertaining to equal representation on Departmental Boards was offered by Mr. P. G. Porter of the 5th Episcopal District. The Chief Secretary called the Chair's attention to certain ambiguities in the wording and content of the Resolution, whereupon Mr. Porter agreed to temporarily withdraw his Resolution until the entire matter could be clarified as to how representation is desired.

Rev. L. H. Hemmingway, Secretary-Treasurer, Church Extension Society, read his report. It was referred.

Dr. E. J. Odom, Department of Evangelism read his report. Referred. On motion of Rev. Z. A. Brown and Dr. Babcock. Adjournment was made until 8:30 P. M.

8:30 P. M.
Bishop M. H. Davis, Presiding

Announcements and Bills. Resolution by Mr. C. W. Crews of the 4th District on Bishop assigned to Africa. Resolution by Mrs. E. Alberta Pearson, read by Mr. Porter. Rev. J. Whitmore of 12th moved that one minister and one layman constitute the commission to comply with Resolution made by Bishop D. Ward Nichols on a previous day.

Resolution by Attorney Dudley that Compilation Committee compile Legislation speedily. Adopted.

A brief session adjourned until Wednesday morning.

MORNING SESSION
May 12. 1948—Wednesday Morning
Bishop Noah W. Williams, Presiding

Evangelical service was conducted by Evangelist E. J. Odom. Music was led by Evangelist E. W. Robinson and included "Pass Me Not O Gentle Saviour" and "Jesus Saves."

Devotional and call to worship was made by Dr. T. L Scott of the 2nd Episcopal District. Opening hymn No. 3, "The Truth of God Shall Still Endure". Prayer by Rev. L. R. Pierce, second hymn No. 377 was led by Rev. J. E Reese of Baltimore, "Oh God Our Help in Ages Past". The spirit seemed to fill the house and made our hearts strangely warm.

Scripture lesson was led by Rev. R. E. Liggins (N. C.) Reading of the 8th Psalm. The summary of the decalogue was given by Dr. C. L. Stevens, Presiding Elder. Bishop Davis paid tribute to evangelism in our church. Rev. T. L. Scott, Virginia, outlined the hymn "Amazing Grace How Sweet The Sound." The conference enjoyed the old familiar strains.

The minutes of the morning session of the previous day were read by Chief Secretary, Rev. Russell Brown. The motion to adopt them was made by Rev. S. L. Williams of the 10th and by Rev. E. J. Jones of the 3rd. Following corrections were noted: Dr. Rhone of 6th, seconded the motion to re-elect Dr. David Norris the editor of the Christian Recorder: Rev. N. R. Akery of the 11th, Prof. L. D. McDonald of the 11th and Rev. Oats of the 11th. The minutes were adopted.

The minutes of Tuesday afternoon's session were read. Motion to adopt was made by Chaplain H. H. Hooks and seconded by Rev. C. P. Hobbs of Georgia. Correction of initials of Rev. W. W. Harris of Illinois. Rev. G. W. Brewer wanted to know if legislation in the report of the committee on Revision of Discipline became law. The Bishop replied in the affirmative. Rev. J. C. Brewer desired information if he could be a candidate for Western Christian Recorder after the election of Rev. Fred A. Hughes without moving to rescind action before the minutes were adopted? Bishop ruled that he could only serve notice at this point.

Rev. W. W Harris desired to know about two-thirds and a majority in suspending rules. Bishop Davis ruled that action of yesterday was a decision of the conference. Rev. S. L. Jones of the 8th District, candidate for editor of Western Christian Recorder asked if he was denied the right to be a candidate for that office? The chair had answered that question.

Mr. Entsminger of the 4th desired to know if bills adopted by the conference were ready for the discipline?

Rev. M. M. Matthew of the 5th was one of those seconding the motion to elect Rev. Fred A. Hughes. Minutes were adopted.

The minutes of the evening session were read by Secretary Brown. The motion to adopt was made by Rev. C. C. Crouch of the 2nd and seconded by Rev. P. T. Mattherson of the 9th. Dean Thorpe wanted to be certain that his resolution on stipends was recorded. Rev. John Whitmore asked about his resolution for a budget.

Minutes were approved. Bishop Davis relinquished the chair to Bishop Noah W. Williams, host Bishop for the General Conference. Bishop Williams, after giving greetings to the conference requested Bishop D. Ward Nichols to preside in his stead. Bishop Nichols recognized Rev. G. D. Cornes of North Carolina who presented Mrs. Edna Jett to give expressions of appreciation and flowers to Bishop Davis.

The Committee on Conference Boundaries reported organization. Rev. U. S. Robinson of the 4th District (Chairman), Rev. C. A. Williams, 5th, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Luella White, Secretary, Dr. L. S. Parks, Assistant Secretary.

Atty. John Adams of the 5th stated that a motion was passed that all districts were to remain as they were. He was informed that such a motion was not on the secretary's record. Bishop Nichols said such recommendation was in the Episcopal address.

Rev. G. B. Hannah moved to adopt the report. Seconded by Rev. L. F. Fortson of the 9th and carried. A resolution by Rev. J. L. Roberts was referred. Rev. Frank Veal of the 3rd read a resolution that would have the conference consider a minority report of the Episcopal Committee if the minority consisted of one-fourht of the Committee and moved adoption, seconded by Rev. G. E. Brown of Texas

Dr. D. O. Walker under unreadiness moved to amend for one third of the committee instead of one-fourth. Rev. L. G. Long seconded the amendment. The amendment was carried and so ruled the presiding Bishop.

The Credential Committee reported a compromise in the contest of Rev. John S. Bryan of Georgia with both contestants being seated in the General Conference with one-half vote, sustentatem and travel. Motion ot adopt was made by Rev. G. B. Hannah and Rev. L. F. Fortsom. Carried.

Atty. Archibald Carey of the 4th asked for consideration of President of the Connectional Council to be a member ex-officio in all future General Conferences and moved that it be so.

Miss Alberta Pearson seconded the motion. On unreadiness Rev. W. P. Stevenson asked about the wording of the motion and Rev. White of California. Motion was adopted and the President of the Connectional Council become a delegate.

Rev. P. T. Mattherson of Alabama moved that any Bishop who may be assigned to a foreign district and does not go shall not receive any salary nor will he be permitted to receive any American appointment if he does not go. Seconded by Mr. George Jones of the 5th. Rev. Solomon Hill asked: "Does 'go' mean go and turn around and come right back?" Bishop Nichols replied that it meant to go and stay four years.

Rev. C. D. Thornton of Georgia wanted the Episcopal Committee to instruct them so. This motion was adopted.

Rev. G. B. Hannah of Georgia said minutes were being sold whereas, they were ordered mimeographed to be distributed free. He moved that this be carrid out. Seconded by Rev. Joel Perrien of the 7th. Carried.

A motion by Rev. J. C. Brewer to rescind the action of the Western Recorder was lost for want of a second. Bills by Rev. J. M. Brown of the 4th referred. The Episcopal Committee entered at 12:30 P. M. Dr. John Alexander, Chairman. Dr. R. W. Mance, the secretary, reported. Case No. 1 dismissed; No. 2 dismissed; No. 5 settled before the conference; No. 6 settled in Florida; No. 6a unsigned complaint; No. 11 dismissed; No. 15 duplication; No. 2 both compromised and No. 3 dismissed.

Time was extended by the motion of Rev. G. W. Simms and Rev. L. Dickerson. Resolution by Rev. N. H. Jeltz was referred. Prof. Gillum of the 12th wanted to know if by resolution we can change our basic law. Bishop Nichols replied that the conference is sovereign and can do anything but change Episcopacy and the articles of religion. Bills by J. W. Chavers of 13th. Referred.

Resolution by Rev. L. C. Browning of the 12th. Referred. Rev. M. M. Matthews of the 5th moved that members of committees not organized would not be responsible for reports. Carried. Dr. Capehart of the 13th and Dr. E. J.

Odom moved to instruct Episcopal Committee to assign Bishops on the basis of fitness and not in any particular order. Carried. Adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION
May 12, 1948—Wednesday Afternoon

Evangelist Robinson led in singing, "On My Journey Home," "Will the Light House Shine on Me." Dr. N. H. Jeltz presented some young people from Wilberforce. They were introduced by President Hill of Wilberforce University. Nathaniel W. Harper, Norfolk, Virginia, Vernon Gatling, Smith River, New Jersey, Rebecca Russell, Chicago Heights, Illinois, William H. Townsend, Memphis, Tennessee, James S. Benn, III, Philadelphia, Pa. They represented the student body of Wilberforce.

They set forth the condition of Wilberforce from the point of view of the student body and desired to show that the good old Wilberforce spirit still lives. They urged support for library books and other essentials. This was a prelude to the regular session.

Bishop Nichols presided for Bishop Noah W. Williams and thanked the young people and led in the Lord's Prayer.

Rev. J. A. Charleston, 4th, moved that the student committee of Wilberforce be referred to the Committee on Universities and Colleges. Motion was seconded by Rev. S. P. Perry of Ontraio.

Rev. C. W. Brewer discussed the possibility of Trustees of the University meeting with the student body and the Committee on Universities and Colleges. Bill by Rev. A. M. Washington, 12th was referred.

The budget committee was announced. Districts: (1) W. R. Gullins, Miss S. Thompson; (2) James Hughes; (3) John Brgiht, Granville Smith; (4) W. W. Harris, Howard Harper; (5) M. R. Dixon, Jr., J. J. Parks; (6) H. W. Murphy, W. L. Rowe; (7) J. E. Beard, J. E. Smith; (8) F. J. Durr, N. W. Draper; (9) R. W. Hillson, A. J. Banks; (10) A. R. Nelson, Richard Okra; (11) John Terry, R. R. Williams; (12) H. M. Green, John White; (13) Andrew White, Leroy Capehart; (14) T. P. Duhart, Henry Ware; (15) S. J. Jacobs; (16) J. P. Washington. Rev. L. C. Browning read a resolution. It was referred. Rev. G. W. Brewer read a resolution. It was referred. Rev. E. B. Williams read a resolution. It was referred.

Bishop Noah W. Williams returning to the chair introduced Mr. Edgar Brown of Washington, D. C. who spoke on behalf of the National Negro Council. He urged signing of petitions to wipe out lynching and for Congress to pass the Civil Rights Law.

The Secretary of the Credential Committee was requested to bring records of 1st district to the Judiciary Committee. Resolution by Rev. J. B. Epperson, referred. Resolution by Rev. F. R. Curry, referred.

The Committee on Sunday School reported organization. Rev. H. G. Simmons, chairman; Rev. D. M. Owens, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Mary McKay, Secretary; Mrs. Lucille E. Dale, Assistant Secretary; Dr. M. C. Miles, Marshall; Rev. J. H. Dean, Assistant Marshall.

Rev. E. J. Odom moved to launch a drive for a million members. Seconded by Rev. L. L. Fortson, 2nd. Adopted.

At this point it was the common consent that the Chief Secretary, Rev. Russell Brown, request the editors of the Recorders to publish the minutes daily to be distributed free to the delegates.

Mr. Harvey Edwards of Riverside, California sang a solo, "Honor" by Hall Johnson and "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte.

Bishop Noah W. Williams presented Bishop D. Ward Nichols, president of the Pension Board to make a report of the Pension Department, since its executive secretary, Dr. D. L. Witherspoon, had passed. Bishop Nichols yielded to Dr. Joseph Gomez of 3rd who recalled how Dr. Witherspoon had been largely responsible for the establishment of the Pension Department. He moved that we stand in silent prayer in tribute to Dr. Witherspoon. The General Conference stood in silence and sang. "Shall We Meet Beyond the River", in memoriam. We were reminded that in the midst of life we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succor but of Thee O Lord.

Bishop Nichols read the Pension Department Report. Total number of pensioners 2,157. Paid to these $164,837. Total income $727,533.07 during four years. Balance in treasury $74,339.00. Pension Board paid widows $275.00 each month, and Bishop Nichols asked that his widow receive special consideration from the conference. He presented Miss Narissa Nance who declined to comment.

Bishop Williams recognized Mrs. Harris from Florida who urged commendation of Miss Nance.

Mr. Fletcher Pigues moved to thank Bishop Nichols for the way he has handled the Pension Department. It was seconded by Rev. Miles. Adopted.

Rev. Wallace Wright moved to give Mrs. Wihterspoon $25.00 permonth. It was seconded by Rev. William Eason. Rev. L. C. Browning moved to amend for $50.00 per month, seconded by Rev. H. C. Carswell. The amended carried and Mrs. Witherspoon was voted $50.00 a month.

The Committee on Theological Seminaries reported organization. Dean D. B. Thorpe, chairman; Prof J. W. Henderson, vice-chairman; Dean Edward A. Scott, secretary and Rev. A. W. Williams, assistant secretary.

Resolution by Dr. G. T. Stinson, referred. Resolution by Rev. Frank Veal and Rev. L. G. Long, referred.

The Committee on Revision reported: Mrs. Bertie DeLyles, Rev. Charles Spivey, Jr., and Rev. J. L. Roberts read for the committee. Dr. S. H. V. Gumbs of 1st, Rev. Lionel Young of 10th. Rev. A. J. Simmons of 13th, Rev A. J. Carey of 4th, discussed the report. The reading of Titles was permitted to constitute the second reading.

Rev. William Eason moved that the third reading would be the order of the day for Thursday morning, May 13th. Seconded by Rev. J. C. Brewer. Carried. Rev. D. O. Walker, chairman asked that suggestions be brought to the committee. Adjournment.

MORNING SESSION
May 13, 1948—Thursday Morning
Bishop H. Y. Tookes, Presiding

The devotional service was conducted by Evangelist E. J. Odom who gave a soul stirring message and prayer. Solo, "Yes God is Real", Rev. J. M. Watkins of the 12th Episcopal District.

Evangelist E. R. Robinson sang, "I Am A Stranger Here", "Take Time to be Holy" and "I Came to the Garden Alone".

Devotionals. Rev. L. H. Owens of 5th led in call to worship. Rev. J. L. Boyd of 5th lined hymn No. 605, "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah".

Rev. C. A. Williams of 5th led in a fervent prayer. Rev. A. H. Hamilton of 5th lined hymn No. 226, "O For A Heart to Praise My God".

Rev. A. S. Hunt, Presiding Elder read the Scripture Lesson—8th Psalm. Decalogue by Rev. A. L. Simpson of 5th, Hymn No. 606, "Blessed be the Tie That Binds", lined by Rev. C. Wayne Love of 5th. The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read by Chief Secretary, Rev. Russell Brown.

Motion to adopt by Rev. T. W. Greene of 5th, seconded by the Rev. Jonathan A. Dames of 4th. Unreadiness: H. G. Simmons of 4th, corrected initials. G. W. Brewer of 4th stated that the resolution concerning President of the Connectional Council membership was for beginning with this day. C. C. Crouch of 6th—Rev. W. R. Akra lined first hymn. Dean D. B. Thorpe of Florida referred to resolution of stipends for missionary preachers. Correct name of Rev. G. J. Oates. Rev. S. L. Jones of 8th asked for reconsideration of that part of the minutes which showed election of Rev. Fred A. Hughes, editor of Western Recorder. Rev. J. C. Brewer of Chicago joined him in objecting to that paragraph of the minutes because they were candidates for the office. Bishop Williams aasked Bishop D. Ward Nichols who presided for him during the discussion to state what his ruling was. Bishop Nichols stated that he ruled that the office of editorship of Western Recorder was open to candidates, for acclamation can only apply when there is no contest for the position and that other candidates may run.

Mrs. Rosa L. Gregg asked about the minority and majority report of the Episcopal Committee. She was informed that the conference voted for one-third to constitute a minority. Minutes were approved

The Chief Secretary, Rev. Ruussell Brown, read the minutes of the afternoon session. Motion to approve was by Rev. A. H. Hamilton of the 5th. Seconded by the Rev. C. B. Hobbs of Georgia. Unreadiness: A. G. Thurman of 5th, E. L. Dickerson of 2nd—W. M. Eason. Minutes were approved.

Bishop yielded the chair to his successor, Bishop H. Y. Tookes. Bishop Gregg urged more cautious use of the building in which the conference is housed or we would have to give up the building.

Bills and Resolutions. Atty. John Adams spoke on the resolution to make the President of the Connectional Council a member of the General Conference, also Rev. John Whitmore of Oklahoma, Rev. Jonathan Dames of 4th moved that the committee on revision be the order of the day; Chair stated it would be as soon as they came. Bishop S. L. Greene presented a bill. It was referred. The report of the committee on budget was made. Reported orgaanization. Rev. John Whitmore reading. Chairman W. R. Gullins, Vice-Chairman, R. R. Willajms; Secretary, John Whitmore; Assistant Secretary, Murphy; Marshall Durr. Moved to adopt by Rev. J. B. Dove. Seconded by A. A. Davis. Carried. Dr. David Norris, editor of Christian Recorder presented a bill which would make the editor also manager. Moved to adopt Seconded by Rev. George Singleton. It was referred. Motion by Editor Norris that General Conference endorse 100th Anniversary of the Christian Recorder. It was endorsed and adopted.

Committee on Revision reported for 3rd Reading. Part I. Dr. D. O. Walker moved for adoption. Seconded by Rev. A. L. Brewster of the 6th. Carried. Part II, having to do with Judical Council was withdrawn for correction. Part III. Rev. Charles Spivey, Jr., read the partial report on research and statistics bureau. The second reading was by title. Rev. H. C. Carswell of Georgia moved that the General Conference elect directors. He was informed that the bill contained that provision. Rev. W. M. Eason moved to establish the bureau. It was seconded by Rev. H. C. Carswell. Atty. John Adams thought that the bill abrogated the office of historiographer.

Rev. Frank Veal moved to amend. It was lost for want of second.

Rev. Raymond Davis suggested that some provision be made to fill vacancies during the interium of the General Conference.

Rev. S. H. V. Gumbs asked what was the penalty if offenders were found. The answer was that charges of breach of law may be made against them and tried. The 3rd reading was deferred.

The committee on the financial secretary's report gave its organization. Chairman, Rev. Garcia; Vice-Chairman, Rev. Ligon; Secretary, Miss Marie Washington.

The committee commended Prof. A. S. Jackson for the fine way he conducted his department during the quadrennium. There was, inspite of the stringencies during that time, the largest balance in the treasury in the history of the department.

Rev. G. M. Davis moved to adopt the report. Seconded by Rev. L. L. Dickerson. Carried. Resolution by Rev. J. E. Austin of Texas. Referred. Mrs. Alma Polk presented Mrs. Ruth Dawkins who read a resolution from the Woman's Missionary Society to send Mrs. Anne E. Heath, Delegate and Mrs. Alma Polk, Alternate to Amsterdam Holland to the great world's international meeting in August.

Mrs. M. A. S. Jones of 1st, moved to adopt. Seconded by Bishop J. A. Gregg. It was carried.

The Committee on Conference Boundaries reported. Rev. U. S. Robinson, chairman, asked Rev. W. P. Stevenson, secretary, to read it. Part of its report recommended that Maritime and Ontario Conferences shall be put in 4th District, but that all other Districts shall be left as they are.

Dr. H. C. Carswell of Georgia moved to adopt. Rev. J. C. McPherson, Arkansas asked about clarification of the 12th District. It was left as it now is—Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Dr. J. P. Q. Wallace of 4th under unreadiness asked that the part of Indiana included in the Michigan Conference be put back in Indiana Conference and moved that that be done It was seconded by Attorney Howard Hooper of the 4th.

Rev. U. S. Robinson, the chairman stated that the committee had deliberated at length on that subject by Dr. Wallace urged his motion and his motion was adopted.

The report amended was adopted. Resolution by Rev. Moore was lost for want of a second. Resolution by Mrs. Cora Moore of 4th was deferred.

Conference recessed with Benediction by Bishop D. Ward Nichols.

AFTERNOON SESSION

May 13, 1948—Thursday Afternoon
Bishop H. Y. Tookes, Presiding

Evangelist Robinson led in singing, "Lift Him Up" and "Is Your All on the Altar".

Dr. E. L. Blake of 1st read a resolution on erecting a statue of Bishop Richard Allen and moved to adopt. It was seconded by Mr. L. N. Carroll. Motion prevailed. The statue idea was approved.

Resolution by Rev. A. A. Hightower on Old Folks Home was referred. A solo by Chaplain G. Gibson. "The AME Song." "The Unclouded Day" was sung by Evangelist Robinson. Resolution by Rev. W. D. Johnson of the 6th, composing the compilation committee. It was seconded by Rev. A. L. Brewer, Bishops Frank Madison Reid, A. J. Allen, H. Y. Tookes, W. A. Fountain, J. H. Clayborn, Geo. W. Baber. Reverends J. L. Roberts, H. B. Butler, W. D. Johnson, H. R. Hughes, John Adams, Judge Perry B. Jackson, Atty. H. L. Dudley, Prof. J. T. W. Mims, Dr. D. O. Walker, Chairman of Revision Committee, Secretary of the Revision Committee, Chief Secretary of the General Conference and the Secretary of the financial Department, Prof. A. S. Jackson.

The motion was adopted. Resolution by Mrs. Cora Moore of 4th pertaining to setting up an advisory council on retired bishops—Referred by motion of Rev. F. J. Jones. Resolution by Chaplain Thornhill. Referred. Resolution by Rev. U. S. Edwards. Referred. Resolution by Mrs. W. D. Johnson Referred on motion of Rev. A. D. Tyson. Dr. E. J. Odom read plan for taking in one million members during next quadrennium. Moved to adopt. Seconded by Rev. L. Dickerson of Florida. Referred.

Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, president of the Bishops' Council, in a stately manner appeared before the conference and brought it to a most solemn atmosphere. He stated that he had served the church for 63 years. He had been a Bishop for 24 years. He joined with delegates who had come to the 33rd session to make a better church. He did not ask to be assigned to an Episcopal District but did ask to be made director of the bureau of research and statistics and left as in status of Bishop.

Bishop J. A. Gregg, a class mate of Bishop Ransom' in deep feeling tones read the resolution: Whereas Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom knows more about the history of the AME Church and is eminently qualified to conduct a department of research, as his class mate in the Episcopacy, I wish to move that Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom shall remain an active Bishop in the Church, but with special assignment to the above departments of District and that he is hereby as he wishes to be elected. Bishop George W. Baber said we have never had a Bishop who has been more self-sacrificing than Bishop Ransom. Rev. Frank Veal, a member of the 3rd District, touched by the event presented the Rev. Lutrelle Long to speak for the men of of Bishop Ransom's district. Rev. Long said the greatest connection in the AME Church is stepping down today. Between us and Richard Allen is Reverdy C. Ransom. Rev. Cassius Ransom organized the Regiment that walked up San Juan Hill. Hon. W. E. B. DuBois in his book acknowledges that the one who organized the NAACP was R. C. Ransom. He organized the Fraternal Council of Churches. He spoke for the men of the 3rd District in paying tribute which the General Conference was doing.

Bishop Tookes was paid a tribute to Bishop Ransom. As a Wilberforcian, Rev. J. D. Bright moved to ask Bishop Gregg the author of the Wilberforce song to lead the conference in singing it. Seconded by Rev. G. W. Brewer. "Dear Old W. U." was sung and the sons and daughters of Allen united their voices in paying tribute to a celebrated orator and Christian statesman who had just received the permission from the greatest organization of bronze Americans to retreat to Tawawa Springs in Ohio at Wilberforce University and codify the annual deeds of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. A. J. Carey of Illinois asked that Mrs. Rosa Gregg of Detroit who served on the commission of National Civil Defense with Bishop Ransom, appointed by the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt, be presented to speak.

Mrs. Gregg recited "God Give Us Men" as a description of Bishop Ransom and lauded his ability to represent the race in National affairs.

Bishop Tookes compared Bishop Ransom to the sainted Chrysostum who could speak until the fish would come to the top of the waters to listen to his eloquence. "He is a builder of men, a builder of African Methodism". He praised the atmosphere of good-will and love that was characterizing the General Conference today and said on the Bench of Bishops was needed men who are endowed with the power of the Holy Ghost. Cognition, comparison, judgment and volitium were qualities of successful leaders.

Prof. A. S. Jackson, secretary of finance, said this was a tender hour in his 40 years, 36 years ago in Kansas City, Bishop Ransom was elected the editor of the AME Review at the same time he was elected secretary of education. That was long as the sun shines in the heavens, Ransom will not be forgotten. When the angels shall kiss his eyelids down, he will still live on. Resolutions were resumed. Resolutions by Rev. M. R. Dixon, Sr., to celebrate 25 years in 1949. Seconded by Rev. George A. Singleton. Chaplain Johnson of New Jersey would locate and erect the seat of the General Conference. Referred.

Rev. H. A. Charleston of the 4th moved for reconsideration of boundary affecting the Michigan Annual Conference. Mr. W. M. Entzminger— Bill. Referred. The Committee on Education reported.

Bishop J. A. Gregg presented the celebrated Paul Robeson who san "On My Journey", "Water Boy" and "Old Man River". It was another high water mark in our conference. He said we must implement the Civil Rights Bill which is still on paper. Atty. A. J. Carey was asked by Bishop Tookes to respond. He did so to the great delight and satisfaction of the General Conference. Rev Carey stated that we are working for freedom for all men whether we belong to one party or to another. We don't want special privileges of identification. We only want to enjoy what all other Americans enjoy. Bishop Tookes asked Bishop Gregg to present Mrs. Paul Brown, head of the Progressive Party of Kansas, which Bishop Gregg did.

The Committee on Resolution reported organization. Rev. G. M Davis, chairman, Dr. L. Capehart, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Eliza Williams, Secretary, Rev. A. S. Tuson, Assistant Secretary, Rev. A. A. Davis, Marshal.

Resolution by Rev. A. D. Tyson. Referred. Rev. M. H. Hooks, Chaplain, moved to adopt. Rev. L. A. Haynes, 13th seconded. Adopted. Bill. Rev. John W. Hubert. Referred.

Committee on Education reported by Mrs. Zenobia Wilson, secretary. Rev. H. D. Walton commended Dr. E. A. Adams. Motion to adopt by Rev. J. D. Coston, chairman and Rev. L. Dickerson. Committee on Secretary of Missions reported. Moved to adopt by Rev. C. P. Hobbs of Georgia. Rev. W. R. Akrey of Florida. Adopted. Recommends approval of the work of Dr. L. L. Berry. Bishop J. H. Clayborn took the chair at the invitation of Bishop Tookes. Committee on Civil Rights reported. Rev. J. A. Charleston, chairman presented Rev. W. P. Stephenson who read the report. It was adopted.

Atty. General T. M. Clark, Texas, was included in persons to whom messages are to be sent by suggestion of Rev. A. S. King. Dr. Babcock of Georgia wanted us to be certain of this building after Sunday. Bishop Clayborn replied that it hadn't been settled.

The Committee on Revision reported: Bill to create a permanent connectional health commission. Part IV. First and second reading; third reading was deferred. Mrs. Berdie DeLyles and Rev. J. L. Roberts, Rev. C. S. Spivey, Jr., read the report: Bill to revise course of study for ministerial education.

Third reading was deferred by Bishop Clayborn. Chief Secretary, Russell Brown asked that the Deans of Seminaries attending the General Conference confer with the Revision on a bibliography of books for courses to be put in Discipline for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th year studies.

Committee on Theological Seminaries, Dean D. B. Thorpe, chairman, reported. Recommended that the General Conference appoint a commission to study the question. Motion to adopt by Dr. T. D. Driver. Seconded by Rev. A. L. Brewster. Adopted.

Recess was taken until Friday at 10:00 A. M.

Doxology—Benediction by Bishop A. J. Allen.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION
May 14, 1948

Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., Presiding

After devotionals conducted by Evangelists Odom, Robinson, and others, minutes of previous day's session were read. They were to be approved on motion of Rev. M. R. Dixon, Sr.; seconded by Rev. W. T. Couch. Adopted after following unreadiness were satisfied:

SENATOR GLENN TAYLOR
center, candidate for Vice-President, who addressed the General Conference.

J. A. Charleston, 4th, reminded the Conference of notice given by him of the reconsideration due the apportionment of membership of the Michigan-Illinois Conference. J. P. Q. Wallace arose to point of order. Roberts' Rules of Order were referred to, relative to the necessity of person moving to rescind, must have vote with majority. Unreadiness of Dean D. B. Thorpe, failure to hear Committee on Theological Seminary, which was approved. Rev. M. M. Matthews, Missouri, on Bishop Nichols' ruling concerning The Western Recorder. Rev. F. J. Jones of Florida urged it also. Adopted.

The afternoon session minutes read and approved on motion of Rev. R. S. Everett and Rev. C. B. Hobbs, Georgia Following corrections made: By Presiding Elder Womack (Texas) Rev. J. C. Brewer, instead of "G. W." The latter said he requested Bishop Gregg to sing Wilberforce song, stating that "we are about to close one of the momentous sessions in our history."

Rev. H. H. Hooks called attention that the telegram, with reference to Civil Rights Bill was also to be sent to Honorable J. Howard McGrath, Chairman, Democratic National Committee. Bishop Tookes thanked all for cooperation his day of presiding, etc., and presented Bishop R. R. Wright, his successor, to preside. Mrs. Ligon of the 13th, Dr. W. L. Johnson, of the First Episcopal District, presented Resolution protesting through N. G. Garrison of New York, the unfounded attack on Bishop R. R. Wright. A motion by Rev. Garrison and Rev. Johnson resolution was adopted. Rev. L. C. Young offered motion, seconded by T. L. Sanders of Texas, that General Officers be elected first. Motion was lost.

COUNTING THE VOTES

These men are shown tallying the votes as the tellers call them after the delegates had cast ballots for or against the substitute amendment which would not bring the resolution on rotation of bishops before the convention. This picture was taken Monday evening at Memorial Hall during one of the business sessions of the General Conference of the AME Church, now in session.—CALL Photo.

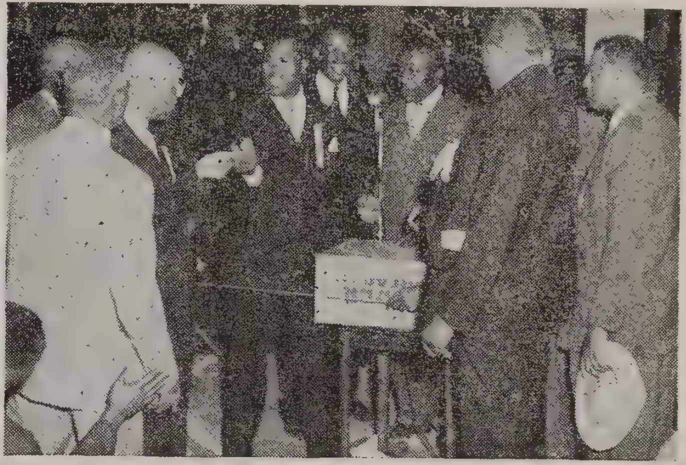
Bishop Wright at this point presented Bishop Luther Steward of CME Church. Dr. G. N. Davis of New York granted floor, stated that the Revision Committee was ready to make its final report. Rev. E. L. Hickman of the 13th read a Resolution deleting "most greviously committed from General Confession". Referred. Dr. J. L Roberts, 4th District, gave Third reading of National Health Commission. Part V. Roberts moved the adoption; seconded by A. J. Simmons, of the 4th District. Noted unreadiness by Frank Veal, 3rd district. Carried. C. S. Spivey, Jr., gave Third Reading of Bill on Course of Study, with correction. Motioned by C. S. Spivey, Jr., seconded by William Easen, 12th, the report be adopted. Chaplain Giles of Ga., would make it plain if this did not take place of the course of study now in the Discipline. Bishop Wright rules that this legislation would take place of what now is in the Deans of Seminaries in area of conference shall have power to make substitutions on Course of Study. William Eason, question of information, "Does this legislation remove the word "equivalent" as it related to high school or its equivalent. Bishop Nichols offered amendment that High School or its equivalent remain on account of the few accredited High Schools in southern section of the country. Rev. L. C. Young moved that we adopt the Committee's report by sections. Seconded by Rev. L. Williams of 10th. Adopted.

Part VI was read and disapproved on motion of several.

Part VII., was adopted on motion of Tyson and Young.

PART VIII SECTION 1. General Officers shall be elected by individual secret ballot, unless the General Conference gives its unanimous consent for election by acclamation. A majority vote shall be necessary for election." This section was adopted by motion of Rev. J. L. Perry and Rev. Jones. Part VIII.

SECTION 2. "Assessments for the district conference and Sunday School Convention shall be made by the Presiding Elders Assessments Committee of the Annual Conference. No Presiding Elder shall levy any assessment other than above designated." This section was adopted by motion of Rev. Hickman, of the 13th and Rev. T. L. Scott of 2nd District.



CASTING VOTES FOR SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT

This picture shows the delegates casting their ballots for the substitute amendment as to whether the resolution on a rotation of bishops should be voted on in the conference or sent to the proper committee. The delegates overwhelmingly voted to bring the question to the convention floor. The number of no's cast were 1,433, with 307 yes.—CALL Photo.

SECTION 3. "Women are included in the provision for the ordination of local deacons. In no case shall they be given itinerant relationship."

Accelerated interest was manifest in this paragraph. The presiding officer, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. asked for a standing vote by Districts on it. The result of the poll by Districts was 468 for and 269 against. Many of the delegates had gone out when the negative vote was taken.

It was completed as the Episcopal Committee entered. The Chair has not ruled, as yet, on the vote.

The Episcopal Committee enter at 12:30 P. M. It was considered by paragraphs.

1. Charges:
   - Case Number 9—Withdrawn
   - Case Number 10—Dismissed without prejudice.
   - Case Number 7—Unanimous verdict exhonerated.
   - Case Number 8—Case dismissed. Plaintiff failed to appear.
   - Case Number 8a—Settled in Chancery.
   - Case Number 17—Exhonerated.

Case Number 12—Dismissed for lack of evidence.
Case Number 13b—Dismissed.

2. Episcopal Districts shall remain the same. Adopted by motion by Rev. Eason and Rev. Taylor of 3rd. Salaries of Bishops, $8500. $6000 from finance department, $2500 appropriated among conferences. Foreign assignments, salaries paid entirely from finance department. Bishop D. Ward Nichols moved that the whole amount shall come from the finance department. It was seconded by many. Motion was adopted.

3. Retirement of Bishops. Recommended the supernumerary relationship of Bishop George B. Young and Bishop Noah W. Williams, with full pay. To elect six Bishops.

Bishop Nichols, speaking on unreadiness, made a plea to head the report and move to elect five Bishops, allowing one to be head of the Department of Health. Bishop Frank M. Reid supported the motion ardently. Bishop Noah W. Williams spoke in his own defense, telling of his work in building a new Douglass Hospital and Bishop Williams School of Religion. Rev. John Adams of the 5th spoke in favor of motion.

Rev. Russell Brown of the 5th District made a plea for Bishop Williams.

Bishop D. Ward Nichols asked that a conference with Bishops be permitted, but urgent demand for voting upon the motion prevented it. Whereupon Bishop Nichols and Bishop Reid withdrew their motion and the motion to adopt the recommendation of the Episcopal Committee was before the Conference.

Upon efforts to support the recommendation that Bishop George B. Young and Bishop Noah W. Williams shall have full pay, the General Conference decided that they shall be given one-half salary and otherwise the report was adopted.

The time for election of Bishops was set for 3:30 P. M.

At this time, Mr. J. C. Simmons introduced Senator Glenn Taylor, who narrated his experiences as a Vice-President candidate on the Third Party ticket, and as a co-worker of Henry A. Wallace.

Bishop R. R. Wright asked Bishop J. H. Clayborn to respond which he did in most befitting language.

Adjournment.

FRIDAY, 3:30 P. M.
Bishop D. Ward Nichols, Presiding

At 3:30 P. M., the General Conference assembled for the purpose of electing six Bishops. Tellers and clerks were chosen. The ballot boxes had been arranged and the Chief Secretary, Rev. Russell S. Brown was asked to call the Roll. Roll was called and 1905 votes were cast.

The result of the First ballot for those who received 100 votes or more was as follows: (924 necessary for choice; 59 thrown out).

J. W. Hair	120
H. T. Primm	251
G. Wayman Blakely	259
A. O. Wilson	116
G. T. Stinson	236
O. Shermon	337
J. S. Johnson	191
L. L. Berry	285
Fred D. Jordan	520
J. D. Howell	259
T. J. Davis	160
W. R. Wilkes	651
C. A. Gibbs	525
J. R. Coan	360
F. H. Gow	310
M. E. Jackson	290
W. F. Ball	276
Harrison J. Bryant	104
S. R. Higgins	295
I. H. Bonner	737
Joseph Gomez	942
D. O. Walker	958
L. H. Hemmingway	981
L. C. Graves	287
J. M. Bracy	223

Necessary for choice—924 votes. Bishop Nichols announced that L. H. Hemmingway, D. O. Walker, and Joseph Gomez were elected.

Bishops in the Church of Allen. Admirers and supporters of the three fortunate winners were carried upon their shoulders at 2:30 A. M. Saturday to the high point of elevation. While preparation was being made to elect three more to complete quota.

Rev. Solomon Hill moved that weary clerks be honorably discharged and receive full stipends and that others be chosen to take their places.

Bishop Nichols ruled that General Conference, only, could dismiss them. They remained.

The following withdrew as candidate: Rev. C. Baker Pearl, Rev. P. C. Womack, Rev. W. P. Stevenson, Rev. Prince Jackson, Rev. A. P. Postell, Rev. John H. Lewis, Rev. J. S. Brookens, Rev. J. S. Johnson, Rev. L. L. Berry, Rev. J. E. Reese, Rev. G. M. Collins, Rev. B. J. Johnson.

During Saturday balloting, Attorney Blakemore of the 4th, stated that Credential Committee had not reported and some may have voted who were ineligible to do so, and asked that the house be purged.

Bishop Nichols, presiding, ruled that such objection at this time was out of order. Official Roll is 1910 names, and roll call was order of day.

At 6:00 P. M. Saturday, the ballots had been cast. Since there was a frequency in total vote cast by clerks, by motion of President Fountain, seconded by Rev. L. R. Smith, Rev. R. H. Porter of Georgia, and Rev. R. A. Hollins, they were designated to count the number of ballots. Votes cast were 1685; necessary for choice, 775. From this ballot, Rev. I. H. Bonner, Alabama; and Rev. W. R. Wilkes, of Georgia, were victorious and were declared elected Bishops in the AME Church.

BISHOP AND MRS. R. C. RANSOM

Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, shortly after he had made an eloquent plea to the conference not to retire him from the bishopric but to permit him to continue as an active bishop without responsibility of a district. Many in the audience were in tears when he had ended his impassioned plea. His request was granted and he was elected head of the new department of Research and History created at this General Conference.—CALL Photo.

Since the fire chief of Kansas City had said the Memorial

Hall must be cleaned and Sunday approached, it became necessary to shift the seat of the Conference to First AME Church, where balloting for the sixth Bishop continued, with far less delegates in attendance than other ballots.

The third ballot was arranged for, and the Roll was called by Secretary Brown and his assistants.

Votes were cast amidst tense and crowded conditions in the First AME Church. Necessary for choice—524.

The ministers who received the two highest were Rev. C. A. Gibbs—433, and Rev. Frederick D. Jordan—397.

With everybody tired and weary from three ballots and the dawn of Sunday upon us, Bishop D. Ward Nichols consulted with the two highest and the Bishops to see if another ballot would be cast, and it would be impossible to consecrate them together if another vote was taken, as 85 percent of those who had just voted had gone home. It was decided that plurality vote would decide, and Rev. C. A. Gibbs, having received the highest vote, was declared elected the sixth Bishop.

Adjournment.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

May 16, 1948—10:00 A. M.

Sunday School was opened with Dr. S. S. Morris, Secretary, presiding. Professor C. A. Baker led in singing, "Lift Him Up". Followed by the Lord's Prayer in unison. Prof. Baker then led the congregation in singing, "He Has Saved Me From Sin".

The Sunday School Lesson was discussed by Dr. Morris. He presented Mrs. Nannie Belle Aycox, President of Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas. Mrs. Aycox gave a talk, the summary of which was—"Sincere religion, honoring fathers and masters, giving full offering and not blind or lame giving in offerings, giving a tenth of the whole, not just money, but doing things called to do by God and giving one's best in worship.

SIX NEWLY ELECTED BISHOPS

May 16, 1948, immediately after consecration.

Left to right: Bishops W. R. Wilkes, Carey A Gibbs, Isaiah H. Bonner, Joseph Gomez, Dougal Ormond Beaconsfield Walker, L. H. Hemmingway.

Dr. R. S. Jenkins was presented, as the oldest man in the active ministry in the AME Church, having served as Chief Secretary for thirty-two (32) years.

Miss Evelyn Roberson of Chicago, delegate to the Youth International meeting at Oslo, Norway, in 1947, was presented by Dr. Morris. Also, Dr. C. W. Abington, Editor of Sunday School Literature was presented and made timely remarks. The closing song was "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." Mizpah.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

May 16, 1948—11:00 A. M.

Bishop John A. Gregg, Presiding

Call to Worship—"O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing." Prayer by Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom. The First AME Church Choir sang. "The Lord's Prayer."

The first Scripture Lesson was read by Bishop M. H. Davis of the Second Episcopal District, found in Isaiah 61, "The Spirit of the Lord is Upon me". Solo, "Oh, What a Beautiful City", by Mrs. Maud Smothers, Washington, D. C. Bishop S. L. Greene led in the Ritualistic Prayer. The Ritualistic Scripture was read by Bishop Frank Madison Reid. Rev. A. C. Sumpter read a portion. Rev. J. L. Link read another. Solo by Miss Eula Gomez, daughter of Bishop-elect Gomez, "O Divine Redeemer".

Second Scripture Lesson was read by Bishop H. Y. Tookes. taken from II Timothy 4:1-8. The Decalogue was read by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. Hymn No. 605, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah," by Bishop S. L. Greene.

Rev. L. C. Browning of Oklahoma, sang, at the request of Bishop Fountain, "I'll Go." It was very impressive. Bishop William Alfred Fountain, Senior Bishop, delivered the Consecration Sermon. Theme—"Spiritual Leadership of the Church". Shall we ever forget the words so affectively said by Bishop Fountain,—'God has set my feet in a large place". He urged his candidates for Consecration to "Take time to be Holy. Until men have faith in God, they will not have faith in themselves. The cry of the world is for special leadership. Never say 'no' to God". Said he, "The first duty of a Bishop is to be a Saint; (2) He should always cooperate with God; (3) Catch the Spirit of duty. Large opportunities bring about serious responsibility. Bishops are a part of a great system. Don't break faith with your constituency." Then, he recited the classic words of Paul to Timothy, "Preach the Word, etc." Bishop Fountain's sermon was inspirationally received. Following the Lord's Prayer, Rev. W. M. Dawkins sang, "Just to Behold His Face". The Open Door was presented by Bishop Tookes.

The Consecration Service was conducted by Bishop S. L. Greene, Assistant Secretary of the Bishops' Council. The following were consecrated in the order of their election:

FIRST. Lawrence Henry Hemmingway, Sr., presented by Rev. J. E. Thomas, N. E., South Carolina Conference; Rev. I. E. Miller, Baltimore Conference; Rev. H. I. Bearden, Southwest Georgia Conference; Rev. J. E. Valentine, Southwest Texas Conference; Rev. H. E. Walden, Chicago Conference; Rev. E. C. Hatcher, South Alabama Conference; Rev. John D. Bright, Pittsburgh Conference; Rev. Isaac Steady, South Africa; and Rev. L. C. Browning, East Oklahoma Conference.

The Consecration Service was read by Bishop H. Y. Tookes, Bishop S. L. Greene and Bishop A. J. Allen. Accompanied with the Laying on of the Hands.

SECOND. Dugal Ormande Beaconfield Walker, presented by Rev. Roy Peters, New York Conference; Rev. J. L. Link, Delaware Conference; Rev. A. C. Sumpter, North Ohio Conference; Rev. J. H. Maxwell, Ohio Conference; Rev. Jesse Glover, California Conference; Rev. A. Chester Clark, New Jersey Conference; Rev. Russell S. Brown, Missouri Conference; Rev. Rembert Stokes, New England Conference; Rev. N. T. Garrison, New York Conference; Rev. David E. Johnson, North Ohio Conference.

The Consecration Service was read by Bishop H. Y. Tookes, Bishop S. L. Greene, Bishop George W. Baber. Accompanied with the Laying on of the Hands.

THIRD. Joseph Gomez, presented by Rev. T. Daniel Smith, Bermuda Conference; Rev. William Hodge, North Ohio Conference; Rev. M. R. Dixon, Sr., Illinois Conference; Rev. Henry Murph of Georgia Conference; Rev. F. W. Grant, Northwest Texas Conference; Rev. Wallace M. Wright, Ohio Conference.

The Consecration Service was read by Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom, Bishop John Andrew Gregg, and Bishop Frank Madison Reid. Accompanied with the Laying on of the Hands.

FOURTH. Isaiah Hamilton Bonner, presented by Rev. G. R. Polk, West Alabama Conference; Rev. S. R. Higgins, President of Allen University; Rev. P. T. Matherson, North Alabama Conference; Rev. A. A. Davis, South Alabama Conference; Rev. H. Thomas Primm, Louisiana Conference.

The Consecration Service was read by Bishop D. Ward Nichols, Bishop George W. Baber, Bishop S. L. Greene.

Accompanied with the Laying on of the Hands.

FIFTH. William Reid Wilkes, presented by Rev. W. Boyd Lawrence, North Georgia Conference; Rev. F. H Rhone, Atlanta Georgia Conference; Rev. R. H. Porter, Atlanta Georgia Conference; Rev. H. Vernon Greene, South Georgia Conference; Rev. C. K. Knight, Georgia Conference; Rev. Robert H. Alexander, Atlanta Georgia Conference; Rev. A. H. Hardeman, Southwest Georgia Conference; Rev. H. C. Carswell, Atlanta, Georgia Conference; Rev. A. K. Quinn, Southern California Conference.

The Consecration Service was read by Bishop W. A. Fountain, Bishop John H. Clayborn and Bishop M. H. Davis. Accompanied with the Laying of the Hands.

SIXTH. Carey A. Gibbs, presented by Rev. D. B. Thorpe, Sr., East Florida Conference; Rev. A. S. Bennet, Florida Conference; Rev. R. A. King, East Florida Conference; Rev. E. A. Jackson, South Florida Conference; Rev. F. A. Roundtree, East Florida Conference; Rev. R. L. Miller, West Virginia Conference; Chaplain Walter S. White, Central Florida Conference; Rev. Frederick D. Jordan, Southern California Conference.

The Consecration Service was read by Bishop H. Y. Tookes, Bishop John A. Gregg, Bishop A. J. Allen. Accompanied by the Laying on of the Hands.

Mrs. Geraldine Scott Carter (Daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Scott) sang "Bread of Heaven", and "Guide Me, Oh Thou Great Jehovah".

An offering was taken. Benediction.

Pictures of the new Bishops taken and the Sons and Daughters of Allen mingled gleefully and freely to offer congratulations. The curtain had fallen and only six of the many candidates for the Bishopric were chosen, but a grand spirit of sharing and fellowship prevailed and from the lips of those not elected could be heard, "Not in vain have we sought, but with the help of our Lord, we will be back with the Tide". The curtain went up again, and the great choir sang, "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood." Holy Communion was given the Consecrated Bishops. The closing Prayer by Bishop S. L. Greene. Solo by Mrs. R. W. Mance.

Offering—$118.52. Doxology. Benediction.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION

May 17, 1948—9:00 A. M.

Bishop Frank Madison Reid, Presiding

After a brief devotion, Bishop Reid in order to facilitate the business before the Conference, entertained a motion to vote on whether we shall elect the general officers by ballot or by standing vote. Voting by District, the General Conference voted 775 'yes' and 299 'no' to elect general officers by standing vote, by Districts, which was declared by Bishop Reid.

Motion by Mr. Lloyd Carroll, seconded by Rev. A. D. Tyson, that the General Conference adopt the recommendation of the Secretary of Education that the First Educational Area shall include the First District, Third District, Fourth District, Fifth District, and Thirteenth District. Carried.

The first general officer to be voted on was the Manager of the AME Book Concern. All candidates for the office were invited to the platform to be introduced by the Bishop. Rev. S. M. Davis withdrew. Others presented for the Conference to vote upon were: Rev. W. K. Hopes, Rev. W. D. Johnson, Rev. J. S. Benn, Rev. M. H. Ballard, Mrs. E. D. Curry, Rev J. H. Gipson, Rev. M. M. Ward, and Mrs. Cordelia Monroe.

Rev. J. P. Q. Wallace moved that the person receiving plurality vote shall be declared elected. Seconded by many. The motion carried. Bishop D. O. Walker suggested that Bishops vote first. Dr. V. M. Townsend challenged the vote by plurality. Bishop Reid ruled that the General Conference can waiver any of its laws by a two-thirds vote, and the question was whether the vote was two thirds. Rev. G. W. Brewer said that the two-thirds had to do with method only. Motion to vote by standing was unanimously carried.

NEWLY ELECTED MANAGER AME BOOK CONCERN
Dr. W. D. Johnson, Jr.

A member of the Chief Secretary's staff was assigned to each District to count the vote.

Vote on Manager of the Book Concern as follows:

W. K. Hopes	56
W. D. Johnson	903
J. S. Benn	435
M. H. Ballard	4
E. D. Curry	5
J. H. Gipson	28
M. M. Ward	60
Cordelia Monroe (Mrs.)	1

Rev. W. D. Johnson was declared elected Manager of the Book Concern.

Secretary of Missions was the next voted on. Rev. A. C. Clark withdrew, Rev. Johnathan Dames withdrew, Rev. H. M. Greene withdrew. The vote on the remainder of the candidates was as follows:

A. L. Williams	4
D. A. Blake	28
S. H. Lewis	228
D. V. Kyles	270
T. B. Duhart	125
Frank Churchill	28
L. L. Berry	626

Dr. L. L. Berry was declared elected.

Editor of the AME Review Election as follows:

M. W. Thornton	1
A. H. Jones	24
George A. Singleton	534
J. S. Brookens	871

Dr. J. S. Brookens was elected Editor of the AME Review.

Secretary of Education election as follows:

Evans D. Brown	1
E. A. Adams	734
O. M. Travis	296
G. H. Murray	48

Dr. E. A. Adams was declared elected Secretary of Education.

Secretary-Treasurer of Church Extension as follows:

L. D. King	87
H. E. Davis	169
Nathaniel Jeltz	94
P. W. Rodgers	381
M. C. Carpenter	10
W. M. Wingfield	114
Samuel McBee	5
Henry Shields	33
Eugene Thompson	80

Dr. Dr. P. W. Rodgers was declared elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Church Extension Department.

The Temporal Economy Committee reported at this time, in order to allow those entitled to emoluments to secure them. The Committee was presented by Dr. W. B. L. Clarke, Chairman. The Amendments approved were $75.00 for Rev. Churchstone Lord instead of $25.00 so he may transcribe addresses; $50.00 for Assistant Stenographer. $79.00 for Mrs. Kemp; $27.50 for revision committee stenographer. Rev. J. P. Q. Wallace moved that the part of the report dealing with salaries of Bishops be deleted. Seconded by Dr. Davis.

Motion to substitute whole that salary as recommended by Episcopal Committee and adopted ($8,500.00) shall be inserted in this report. Moved by Rev. Jones and seconded by several that all $8,500.00 shall be paid by the Financial Department and not by the Annual Conference. Adopted.

Bishop D. O. Walker was asked by Bishop Reid to preside (5:00 P. M.)

Election of Editor of Southern Christian Recorder was the order of the day. The candidates were: E. C. Hatcher, F. D. Coleman, Sr., W. H. Hall, Thomas J. Brown, C. G. Scrivens and Bennett Brown.

After a few Districts stood it became so obvious to all that Rev. E. C. Hatcher had an overwhelming majority. He was declared elected.

At this point the General Conference became restless for the report of the Episcopal Committee. Rev. J. P. Q. Wallace moved that as much as we have waited two days for the report of the Committee, that we demand of them to report at once to the General Conference. It was seconded by Rev. R. Elvin Lamb. The adoption was unanimous. Revs. Murph, Veal, Ballard, J. P. Q. Wallace and Attorney A. J. Carey constituted the Committee to the Episcopal Committee.

Before the election of Secretary of the ACE League, Rev. Jones of the 8th District and Rev. G. W. Brewer protested the manner of electing Rev. Fred A. Hughes, Editor of The Western Recorder. Therefore, for information, Bishop Reid had the Chief Secretary to read the minutes on the subject and ruled that the minutes were conclusive evidence of the election.

Bishop Joseph Gomez was asked by Bishop Reid to preside. The vote on the Secretary of ACE League was as follows:

S. S. Morris
G. H. J. Thibedeaux
Andrew White

The votes were so conclusive from the very first noting the votes from the First District etc. that Dr. S. S. Morris was declared elected.

The committee which was sent to the Episcopal Committee reported by Dr. J. P. Q. Wallace that the Episcopal Committee would report in thirty minutes. Bishop D. O. Walker moved to grant them the thirty minutes, seconded by Rev. Foust of Kansas. Adopted. Rev. A. J. Carey spoke a word of caution to members of the Conference when the Episcopal Committee reports.

Rev. C. W. Abington had been chosen by acclamation Editor of Christian Literature, so Secretary-Treasurer of the Pension Department was the next on the Agenda.

The following were candidates: Reverends J. E. Beard, A. H. Hamilton, G. E. Brown, H. H. Andrews, C. L. Wright, A. L. Forson, J. B. Dove, V. M. Townsend, G. Horace Jenkins and E D. Curry. Dr. J. E. Beard took a lead at once and was soon declared elected.

The Episcopal Committee came in, at once, at 8:05 P. M. Before the report of the Committee was read, Attorney W. C. Buford informed Bishop Reid that there was a minority report. After hearing the majority report, Bishop Reid listened to the minority report. Attorney Buford moved that the minority report be substituted for the majority report. It was seconded by Rev. G. E. Browne. It was immediately tabled by motion of many.

The Chair ruled, upon presentation of report of vote on ordaining women local deacons by the Chief Secretary that the 'ayes' have it and it was so ordered, and voted so.

The majority report of the Episcopal Committee prevailed. The Bishops were assigned to the following Districts:

District	Bishop
1.	Bishop D. Ward Nichols
2.	Bishop L. H. Hemmingway
3.	Bishop A. J. Allen
4.	Bishop George W. Baber
5.	Bishop D. Ormonde Walker
6.	Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.
7.	Bishop Frank Madison Reid
8.	Bishop M. H. Davis
9.	Bishop S. L. Greene
10.	Bishop H. Y. Tookes
11.	Bishop John A. Gregg
12.	Bishop William A. Fountain
13.	Bishop John H. Clayborn
14.	Bishop C. A. Gibbs
15.	Bishop Joseph Gomez
16.	Bishop W. R. Wilkes
17.	Bishop I. H. Bonner

Bishop D. O. Walker moved that all laws in conflict with the laws enacted are hereby repealed. Adopted.

Bishop D. O. Walker moved that Dr. E. J. Odom shall be Secretary of Evangelism. Seconded by Rev. Parks of the 4th District. Adopted. Resolution by Attorney Norman L. McGhee concerning status at Wilberforce. Adopted.

Resolution raed by Rev. Granville Reid on election commissioners. He moved to adopt. Seconded by Rev. Frederick D. Jordan. Was laid on the table by proper motion.

The Committee on Revision gave another partial report. Part XXI 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. Section 3 were adopted. Page 47, Section 4 was rejected.

Part XXII Support of Bishops. This report was amended to say that the total amount of $8500 which shall include salary and such other as referred in this paragraph shall be paid by the Financial Secretary instead of by the Annual Conference.

Part IX No objections were raised to this Bill. Adopted.

Part XIII. Bill for the retirement of Bishops adopted.

Part XIV. Adopted with amendment—"In the event of a vacancy in a Home District the Bishops' Council shall not assign any Bishop assigned by the Episcopal Committee to a foreign field to fill such a vacancy." Moved by Rev. Chas. Spivey, Jr., seconded by Judge Perry Jackson.

Bishop A. J. Allen moved that half (½) salary of Rev. C. W. Abington and Rev. S. S. Morris shall be paid by the Financial Department. Adopted.

Motion by Rev. Frank Veal to pay $2500 to First AME Church, Los Angeles for expenses incurred incident to preparation for the General Conference which was changed to Kansas City, Kansas, was discussed by Rev. Frederick Jordan. The matter was referred by Bishop Reid to the local Commission. Bishops' Council and interested parties. Bishop D. O. Walker moved to adjourn Sine Die. Seconded.

The Conference sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Benediction by Bishop Frank Madison Reid.

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GENERAL OFFICERS ELECTED 1948

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ASSIGNMENT OF BISHOPS, 1948

The Episcopal Committee of the 1948 General Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church made the following assignments of Bishops for the 1st District—Bishop D. Ward Nichols; 2nd District—Bishop L. H. Hemmingway; 3rd District—Bishop A. J. Allen; 4th District—Bishop Geo. W. Baber; 5th District—Bishop D. O. Walker; 6th District—Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.; 7th District—Bishop F. M. Reid; 8th District—Bishop M. H. Davis; 9th District—Bishop S. L. Greene; 10th District—Bishop H. Y. Tookes; 11th District—Bishop J. A. Gregg; 12th District—Bishop W. A. Fountain; 13th District—Bishop J. H. Clayborn; 14th District—Bishop C. A. Gibbs (West Africa); 15th District—Bishop Joseph Gomez; 16th District—Bishop W. R. Wilkes; 17th District—Bishop I. H. Bonner.

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE DISCIPLINE 1948 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Rev. D. O. Walker, chairman; Mrs. Bertie L. DeLyle, secretary made reports as follows. (The 1948 edition of the AME Discipline must be consulted for the laws growing out of these recommendations.)

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REVISION OF THE DISCIPLINE

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. That page 35—(d)—paragraph No. 25—addition to read as follows: "General Officers shall be elected by individual secret ballot unless the General Conference gives its unanimous consent for election by acclamation. A majority vote shall be necessary for election."
2. That page 122—paragraph No. 101, section 2—addition to read as follows: "Assessments for the district conference and Sunday School Convention shall be made by the budget committee of the annual conference. No presiding elder shall levy any assessment other than above designated."
3. That page 131—paragraph No. 111 (paragraph beginning on page 130)—addition to read as follows: "Women are included in the provision for the ordination of local deacon. In no case shall they be given itinerant relationship."
4. That page 159—paragraph No. 130—addition to read as follows: "No presiding elder shall be appointed to preside over the same district for more than eight (8) consecutive years."
5. That page 160—paragraph No. 133, second part—to read as follows: "He shall not permit any preacher to remain on a circuit or a station: (1) When he has become unacceptable; (2) When it is evident that his continuance is injurious to the prosperity of the church; (3) For more than eight (8) consecutive years."
6. That page 186—Section 6 to be added to read as follows: "The Episcopal Committee shall make the assignments of bishops. A bishop may be assigned to succeed himself once, but in no case shall a bishop be assigned to any district for more than two consecutive quadrenniums."
7. That page 285—paragraph 1 under section 2—lines 1 and 2 shall be changed to read: "The salary of a presiding elder shall be $3,000.00 per conference year................" *

*—in the event the district is not able to pay the above salary, salary for the presiding elder shall be whatever the annual conference may designate."

**—in the event the church is not able to pay the designated salary, the salary of the minister shall be whatever he and the official board may decide upon."

FELLOWSHIPS IN DIVINITY

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

That the Department of Education shall provide and award, annually, four graduate fellowships in divinity of $1,000.00 each, to qualified students who have been graduated from a senior college and a theological seminary. They must hold degrees from each.

I. The Secretary of Education and the Deans of our Seminary shall constitute the committee that shall make the awards.

II. The grants shall be known as the Daniel Alexander Payne Fellowships, and may be used at any A-First-Class Institution giving graduate courses in divinity leading to the Master's or Doctor's degrees.

III. Recipients of such Daniel Alexander Payne grants must agree by contract to serve in the African Methodist Church or its schools for ten years.

IV. (A) The committee of awards shall be called to meet at the Bishops' Council after the General Conference to make their awards.
(B) The Secretary of Education shall notify each member of the committee in writing at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.

COMPOSITION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

That page 178, section 156, AME Discipline, from line 12 to the end of the paragraph shall be changed to read as follows:

"...... American Bible Society and the chaplains in the active service in the armed forces of the United States, who are members of the AME Church; the president of the Connectional Council; the president of the Connectional Lay Organization; one ministerial and one lay delegate for each thirty (30) ministerial members of an annual conference or fraction over sixteen. No conference shall have less than three ministerial and three lay delegates. Both the Bishop of the District and the delegation shall be deprived of voice and vote in the General Conference for any infringement of this rule.

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PART XI.

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

That page 186, section 2, AME Discipline, shall be changed to read as follows:

"The members of the Episcopal Committee from each Episcopal District shall be elected by ballot by the ministerial and lay delegates of each Episcopal District as a meeting called by the Bishop of the District for that purpose, and upon written notice given to each delegate of the time and place of such election. No person related either by blood or marriage to any Bishop shall be eligible for election."

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PART XII.

(Appointment of Ministers)

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

"The following requirements shall be observed by the Bishop when fixing the pastoral appointments: (1) He shall appoint preachers to pastoral charges annually after consultation with the presiding elder. The presiding elder in turn shall inform the minister of said appointment at least twenty-four hours before appointments are publicly announced; (2) He shall not move a preacher beyond the bounds of his conference without his consent unless he shall have given him notice in writing at least three months prior to the time appointed for same. In case of intense tensions resulting from the proposed removal of a minister from the charge which he serves, the Bishop shall withhold the appointment until proper adjustments have been made. Whenever the appointment of a minister is changed, he shall be upgraded, or assigned to an appointment commensurate with the one from which he has been moved (provided his work in the charge from which he is being moved has been satisfactory as per the presiding elder's report and the local church from which he is being moved. All laws in conflict with the above are hereby repealed.

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TO REVISE THE COURSE OF STUDY FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION:

YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:

1. That page 151, paragraph 1, line 3 shall be changed to read: "Candidates shall be examined in these books".

2. That page 152, section 120, paragraph 2, line 8 shall be changed to read: "or who has not finished from a recognized high school"—delete "or its equivalent."

3. That page 153, section 20, paragraph 2, shall be changed to read: "In every educational area in which a Seminary is located the Dean or a member of the Faculty of the Seminary shall be an Advisory Member of every Committee on Admissions and Committee on Fourth Year Studies."

EXTRA SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

A majority of the Bishops, with the consent of two-thirds of the Annual Conferences, when necessary shall call an extra session of the General Conference. If there be no Bishops, three Elders, with the consent of two-thirds of the Annual Conferences shall call it.

The consent of the Annual Conference shall be obtained in the following manner: The Bishops or Elders who desire to call the General Conference to meet in extra session shall issue a statement containing the reasons for the proposed extra session, the time and place of the meeting of the proposed extra session, a request that the Annual Conferences consider and act upon the proposed call, the names and addresses of the persons who desire the authority to call the extra session be affixed thereto. This call shall be published in the Christian Recorders at least sixty days before the date of the proposed extra session.

The Bishops shall call the Annual Conferences of their respective districts to meet in special sessions within thirty days after the publication date of the notice in the Recorders and the secretary of the said conference report the action of said conference to the secretary of the General Conference, the secretary of the Bishops' Council and the persons desiring the extra session within ten (10) days after the holding of the Conference. The Annual Conference shall meet either separately—within the geographical boundaries of the Conference—or at one place within the Episcopal District. The secretary shall read the call to the Annual Conference. Each Conference shall vote separately, by individual secret ballot, in an assembly confined to the members of one Conference only, upon the question: DOES THIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE CONSENT TO THE CALL OF THE PROPOSED EXTRA SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE? A majority vote shall determine the consent of the Conference. The results of the vote thus taken shall be sent to the secretary of the General Conference, the secretary of the Bishops' Council and the persons who desired the authority to call the extra session.

If any Bishop shall fail or refuse to call the Annual Conferences of his District to vote on this question within the allotted time, the President of the Bishops' Council or a bishop designated by the Bishops' Council shall call the Conferences which were not called and he shall preside during that session of the Annual Conference.

If the consent of two-thirds of the Annual Conferences has been given to the calling of the Extra Session of the General Conference, the Bishops or Elders shall call it by:

(1) Publishing the Official Call, in accordance with the consent given by the Annual Conferences, in the Christian Recorders for three (3) successive weeks before the date consented to by the Annual Conferences, and

(2) Mail a copy of the Official Call to the ministerial and lay delegates of the last regular session of the General Conference, but non-delivery of the mail copies shall not void "due notice" to the ministerial and lay delegates for which they were intended if the Official Call is published in the Christian Recorders.

The requirements of the above rules, relating to the call of the Annual Conferences, shall not apply to the Conference of the Episcopal Districts outside the continental United States.

The consent of the Conferences outside the United States shall be obtained in the following manner: The Bishop shall notify the Presiding Elders to call the members of the District who are members of the Annual Conference in which said District is located and shall instruct them to present the call for the extra session to said members for consideration and action, vote to be taken in manner as outlined above, (see paragraph No 5), the result of the action to be reported within ten (10) days following the meeting.

The Extra Session of the General Conferences shall assemble at the time and place consented to by the Annual Conference. The Senior Bishop shall preside or in the event of his failure or inability to act, the next ranking Bishop present shall act in his stead. In the event that the next ranking Bishop fails or is unable to act, the succession shall follow according to seniority. The secretary of the General Conference shall call the roll of the members of the last General Conference, and if two-thirds of the members of the last General Conference answer present at the roll call, the presiding officer shall declare the General Conference duly and lawfully assembled. The Extra Session shall immediately elect such officers and appoint, elect or confirm such committees as may be necessary to expedite the business of the Extra Session and carry out only the purposes of the call. The Extra Session thus organized shall proceed to business under the call and its acts shall be lawful.

If, after the business of the call shall have been completed, there be vacancies in the office of Bishop, the Episcopal Committee shall assign the necessary number of Bishops to fill the vacancies; in so doing the Episcopal Committee shall have full authority to remove or transfer any Bishop from the District to which the previous General Conference may have assigned him. This authority shall not be delegated to the Bishops' Council.

The lay and ministerial delegates to the extra session shall be provided for in travel and sustentation in the same manner as for the Quadrennial meeting.

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION

The permanent judiciary of the AME Church shall hereafter consist of Committees of Investigation, Committees of Trial and a Judicial Council as hereinafter provided and no bishop, presiding elder, pastor, local preacher or layman shall henceforth be brought to trial except by the rules here and hereby established.

Every accusation against any layman, preacher or bishop shall first be given to the proper committee of investigation. A committee of investigation shall be composed of not less than five nor more than nine persons. There shall be one committee of investigation in each local church and one in each annual conference. Each committee shall be elected annually for a term of one year by a majority vote of the duly qualified electors. In the local church the members of the Committee shall be laymen and in the annual conference they shall be elders. In all cases they shall be at least twenty-one years of age and shall have been members of the AME Church for the four consecutive years preceding their election to office.

All accusations against laymen shall be investigated by the committee of the local church of which the accused is a member. All accusations against local preachers shall be investigated by the committee of the local church of which the local preacher is a member. All accusations against traveling preachers shall be investigated by the committee of the annual conference of which the traveling preacher is a member. Accusations against general officers shall be investigated by the Connectional Board to which the general officer is accountable.

Accusations against Bishops shall be investigated by a committee of investigation chosen from the duly elected members of the committees of investigation in at least five different annual conferences, in at least five different episcopal districts, by the president of the Bishops' Council, provided the president of the Bishops' Council is not the bishop accused. All accusations against the president of the Bishops' Council shall be given to the Judicial Council and the Judicial Council shall appoint the committee of investigation from at least five different annual conferences in at least five different episcopal districts. No member of a committee of investigation chosen to investigate the accusations against a bishop shall be chosen from among the members of any of the annual conferences over which the accused bishop is the presiding bishop.

Every committee of investigation shall begin its duties as speedily as circumstances will permit. The committee shall meet at the call of the member first named or elected who shall be the temporary chairman. When the committee shall have organized it shall fix the times and places of its meetings by majority vote, unless it shall by majority vote authorize the chairman to call all meetings.

No committee of investigation shall meet unless it shall have been called to consider accusations against a person which the committee has the authority to investigate. Every committee of investigation shall report its findings to the proper authority and in so reporting state in unequivocal language that it either finds the accusations referred to it untrue or that some wrong has been committed for which cause the committee by majority vote files charges against the person accused.

Every committee of investigation shall complete its investigation in thirty days, but if the committee shall in its judgment require longer than thirty days to complete a fair and impartial investigation it shall request of the appointing power an extension of time, which, upon the first request, if not more than sixty days, shall be granted; but subsequent request for extension of time shall be denied.

Every committee of investigation shall give the conclusion of its investigation and its findings in writing to the proper authority as follows:

(a) To the pastor of the local church if a layman were investigated;

(b) To the bishop of the annual conference if a minister were investigated;

(c) To the Connectional Board if a general officer were investigated;

(d) To the Bishops' Council if a bishop were investigated;

(e) To the Judicial Council if the president of the Bishops' Council were investigated.

No committee shall disband itself or abandon its investigation without giving its conclusions and findings in writing. If a person who duly laid before a committee of investigation an accusation which said person verily believes was sufficient cause for the filing of charges and a trial and the committee of investigation did not so find and conclude in its written report and the person who made the accusations believes the committee has improperly or erroneously concluded the person making the accusation shall send the accusations and so much of the evidence as can be mailed to the Judicial Council. The Judicial Council shall have power to finally dismiss the matter or to order the accused to face trial upon the accusations before the proper committee of trial.

No bishop, minister or layman shall be tried except upon charges preferred and signed by a majority of the members of the committee of investigation having the authority to investigate.

THE COMMITTEE OF TRIAL

A committee of trial shall be composed of not less than nine persons and not more than eleven persons. They shall not have been members of the committee of investigation which preferred and signed the charges which they are called upon to try. They shall be at least twenty-one years of age and members of the AME Church for the eight years next preceding the date of their appointment to the committee of trial. For the trial of lay members, they shall be lay members chosen by the pastor who shall preside at the trial. For the trial of local preachers they shall be tried before the quarterly conference which shall have power to acquit, censure, suspend or expell him according to its judgment. For the trial of traveling preachers they shall be traveling preachers chosen by the bishop of the conference of which the accused is a member from among the traveling preachers of the conference of which the accused is a member and the bishop shall preside at the trial. For the trial of a bishop they shall be elders chosen by the president of the Bishops' Council who shall preside at the trial, unless the president of the Bishops' Council be accused or the object of an investigation, in which case the Judicial Council shall appoint the committee of trial and appoint one of the bishops to preside at the trial. For the trial of a general officer the president of the Bishops' Council shall appoint the committee of trial. If the general officer is a minister the committee shall be elders who are members of different annual conferences in at least five different episcopal districts. If the general officer is a layman they shall be laymen who were members of the last General Conference and are members of churches in at least five different episcopal districts. In the trial of a bishop or a general officer no two members of the committee of trial shall be members of the same annual conference.

If at any time there shall be charges duly preferred against more than one bishop, the president of the Bishops' Council shall within three days from the date of his receipt of such charges, send all of the charges in his possession to the Judicial Council. The Judicial Council shall in its discretion, by majority vote, determine and appoint the committee of trial and appoint the bishop to preside in each case. If the bishops appointed by the Judicial Council shall decline or if the Judicial Council shall determine that there is no available bishop to preside, the Judicial Council shall by majority vote elect an elder to preside.

The time and place of all trials shall be fixed by the presiding officer of the trial and the time and place of each trial shall be a part of and included in each notice pertaining thereto.

A bishop, minister or layman of the AME Church shall be charged with or tried for any one or more of the following offenses:

(a) Disobedience to the order and discipline of the AME Church
(b) Immorality
(c) Illegal handling of local, conference, connectional and all other church funds
(d) Habitual neglect of duty as an officer or a member of the AME Church
(e) Maladministration in office in the church
(f) Exacting or receiving money for appointments
(g) Levying unauthorized assessments and the levying and collecting of assessments for personal gain
(h) Conviction of crime.

A charge shall only be preferred by majority vote of the proper committee of investigation after the inquiry of the committee on investigation is completed. A charge when preferred shall allege one offense only and specifications supporting the charges shall be submitted with the charges when they are preferred. If there be more than one charge each shall be stated separately.

A bill of charges may be amended at any time up to the opening of the trial of the charges, provided the amendment does not change the nature of the charges meant to be amended or introduce new charges.

Every person charged for trial shall be allowed to appear by counsel of his own choice and to be heard orally or in writing, provided such counsel be a member or members of the AME Church. The presiding officer shall, in every trial, appoint counsel where none is chosen by the parties, but, however appointed, not more than two persons shall appear as counsel for each side at any trial.

All notices shall be given in writing, in the name of the AME Church. Notices shall be signed by the presiding officer of the tribunal having jurisdiction over the proceeding to which the notice refers. Notice shall be addressed to the person for whom the notice is intended. Notice shall be given to parties thirty days before the date set for trial and notices to witnesses shall be given ten days before the trial. Notice may be waived, but the waiver of notice must be in writing and a part of the trial record. Notice shall be served in all instances by registered mail addressed to the person for whom the notice is intended, at the last known place of residence of the addresse. Notice of summons to appear as witness is an order of the church. Notice of appeal must be given to the presiding officer of the tribunal appealed to within thirty days after adjournment of the proceedings from which the appeal is taken and the presiding officer of the appelate tribunal shall set the time and the place for the hearing of the appeal.

Objections to the regularity of the proceedings of the tribunal at the trial or any other objections must be made immediately after the trial opens and the presiding officer at the trial shall hear and rule upon each objection before proceeding with the trial.

The right of preemptory challenge shall be limited to two of five, three of seven, four of nine, five of eleven for both parties on a trial, but challenge for cause shall be unlimited.

On a trial the accused person shall enter a plea of "guilty" or "not guilty". If the accused shall refuse or neglect to enter a plea when called upon, the plea of "not guilty" shall be entered for him.

If the accused person shall neglect or refuse to appear at the trial and it can be shown that due notice was given the accused the trial shall proceed in his absence.

On the motion of opposing counsel witnesses to subsequently testify shall be required to absent themselves from the trial until such time as they are called. Non-membership in the church shall not exclude or disqualify a witness, but competency and relevancy of testimony and evidence are questions of law to be decided by the presiding officer at the trial.

No trial shall be held unless the minutes of all the proceedings are recorded and transcribed by a qualified court reporter or stenographer who shall, after the adjournment of the trial, certify that the record and the transcription are truly and correctly made and that the same contains all of the pleadings, rulings, testimony, evidence, motions, decisions and judgment.

One certified copy of every trial record shall be deposited with the Bureau of Research and Statistics, by the presiding officer of the trial, not later than thirty days after the adjournment of the trial.

If there be an appeal, three certified copies of the complete record shall be submitted to the proper appelate tribunal each appelate tribunal shall carefully review every appeal, but the review shall be confined to the record only. The order of appeals shall be as follows:

(a) From decisions in the Quarterly or District Conference to the ensuing annual conference.
(b) From decisions in the annual conference to the judicial council, when the issue is a matter of law.
(c) From decisions in the annual conference to the next general conference, when the issue is one of fact.
(d) From the decisions and judgment of the Committee of Trial to the Judicial Council.

No appeal shall affect the judgment appealed from. The judgment of a trial court is effective throughout the whole church until it is reversed or otherwise changed by the appellate tribunal.

An appeal is not affected by the death of either party, witnesses or counsel.

The right to appeal does not exist for any person who failed or refused to be prsent in person or by counsel at the trial unless good cause is shown therefor.

If an appellant shall before an appeal is finally decided, disobey the order of the tribunal from which the appeal is taken, or fail to appear by counsel or in person on the appeal, or commit a triable offence—as provided in the Discipline—or commit a crime or withdraw from the church, or begin a civil suit against the church or any party to the proceedings or the tribunal from which or to which the appeal is taken, the appellant shall forfeit all the rights of appeal granted in the Discipline.

No person shall be required to answer or be liable for any charge which is not preferred and signed by the members of the proper committee of investigation and a majority of the members of the committee of investigation shall be necessary to dismiss any accusation or prefer any charges, but if any alleged offense shall have been committed more than two years prior to the date of the accusations, or the date on which such accusations are given to the committee of investigation, the committee of investigation shall not have power to consider them.

When charges shall have been preferred and notice thereof has been given the accused, he shall cease to exercise the privileges or perform the duties of his office immediately.

A person who shall refuse to accept charges when delivered to him or who shall knowingly evade the service of charges, shall be deemed to have been given "due notice" and a certified, verified or notarized return of the attempted service, giving the facts, when made by the person who attempted the service shall be sufficient evidence that the accused person has notice.

The power to find facts shall be the exclusive right of the duly appointed committee of trial. If the committee of trial find the defendant not guilty as charged, but find the defendant to have acted imprudently, the findings of the committee shall so indicate and the committee shall within its discretion recommend such relief as its judgment may direct. Judgment in all trials is effective immediately and after notice of appeal if entered at the end of the trial the presiding officer shall adjourn the proceedings.

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL

The Judicial Council of the AME Church shall be the final tribunal or appeals on all questions of law. A member of the Judicial Council shall be at least thirty-five years of age and shall have been a member of the AME Church for eight years next proceeding his election. No bishop or general officer shall be a member of the Judicial Council. The term of office of each member shall be for eight years; beginning with the close of the General Conference in which the member is elected. There shall be nine members of the Judicial Council and five of them shall be elders; four of them shall be laymen.

At the 1948 Session of the General Conference the following order of tenure shall be observed and effected by the election of the Judicial Council:

Three elders shall be elected for eight years.
Two elders shall be elected for four years.
Two laymen shall be elected for eight years.
Two laymen shall be elected for four years
An equal number of alternates shall be elected at the same time, in the same relation and for the same tenure.

At the 1952 General Conference:
Two elders shall be elected for eight years
Two laymen shall be elected for eight years, and thereafter all terms are for eight years.

The Bishops' Council shall nominate, by majority vote not more than twice the number of persons to be elected. The General Conference may also nominate not more than twice the number of persons to be elected The Secretary of the General Conference shall publish in the Daily Recorder, or in some other paper available to all of the delegates all of the nominations on the sixth and seventh days of the General Conference. On the eighth day of the General Conference, the General Conference shall without debate or discussion elect the required number of members of the Judicial Council by ballot and the majority vote shall decide the election.

From among the remaining nominees the General Conference shall not later than the tenth day of the General Conference elect the necessary number of alternates.

If in the interim of the General Conferences there remain no alternates of the proper relation to fill vacancies on the Judicial Council, the Judicial Council shall have power to elect persons of the proper relation to fill the vacancies until the next General Conference.

The Judicial Council shall decide all—

(1) Appeals from rulings and decisions in annual conferences
(2) Appeals from the committees of trial
(3) Petitions for clarification of legislation and provisions of the Discipline that may be of doubtful meaning or interpreted in more than one way
(4) Petitions which question the constitutionality of any of the provisions of the Discipline and
(5) Appoint the committees provided herein and appoint the bishop to preside when two or more bishops are under charges
(6) Appoint counsel for the AME Church to prosecute or defend the interests of the AME Church in Civil actions at law, except that it shall not appoint one of their own number as such counsel
(7) Hear petitions and argument thereon for revision of the Discipline, in special sessions at the annual meeting of the Judicial Council and certify the Judicial Council's decision thereon to the committee on revision of the Discipline at the next General Conference.

The Judicial Council shall elect a presiding officer, who shall be called the Chancellor of the Judicial Council; provide and fix the rules of all proceedings before the Council; elect a vice-chancellor to preside in the absence of the chancellor. The chancellor shall appoint the clerk of the Judicial Council as the proceedings may require.

The Judicial Council shall meet in regular session at least once annually at the place of meeting of the Bishops' Council.

The financial secretary shall be authorized to pay the expenses incidental to the carrying out of the provisions of these laws upon the certification of the Judicial Council over the signature of the chancellor and clerk of the Judicial Council.

This bill shall become effective immediately upon passage.

All laws or parts of laws in conflict with these laws are hereby repealed.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPORAL ECONOMY

We recommend that the salary of an active Bishop shall be $6000.00 per annum. He shall also be allowed the sum of $4,000.00 per annum. This said amount shall be for traveling expenses, private secretary, parchments, stationery and etc.

The house and office of the resident Bishop shall be furnished, equipped, supplied and a secretary be given by the Annual Conference of the Episcopal District upon agreement of said Annual Conference, who shall elect a committee composed of one minister and one for each Annual Conference who shall apportion the same for each Annual Conference.

The traveling expenses of the Presiding Bishop of any given board only, shall be paid by the department over which he presides annually, together with the expenses of the members who constitute the Board.

The salary of a retired Bishop shall be $3000.00 per annum (½ of that of an active Bishop).

NO. II.

A Presiding Elder's salary shall be $3000.000 per Conference year or any greater sum, the District is able to pay, and his house rent, fuel and traveling expenses. A committee to make this apportionment should be appointed by the Annual Conference, and the Presiding Elder shall be an advisory member of it. The apportionment made to each circuit, station and mission shall be submitted to the Annual Conference and published in the minutes.

Each pastor shall collect the apportionment of his charge before Quarterly Conferences; and have it for the Presiding Elder when he comes, that he may be unincumbered in laboring at the Quarterly meeting, preaching, inviting persons to join the church, raising the Conference Funds, and doing all in his power to build up the church and help the pastor.

In case of failure of a pastor to collect the Presiding Elder's allowance he shall receive the same from any or all monies collected during his Quarterly meeting. All deficiencies of the Presiding Elder's support shall be raised by extra collections in his District ordered by the Annual Conference to be collected after its session, at those circuits and stations which have failed to pay their apportionment.

NO. III.

The salary of a married traveling preacher shall be $3000.00 per Conference year or any greater sum the charge is able to pay, and house rent, fuel and traveling expenses, and board for himself, wife and children under 14 years of age.

The salary of an unmarried traveling preacher shall be $1800.00 per conference year, or any greater sum the charge is able to pay and his board and traveling expenses. The Pastor's support shall be paid by the church or churches he may serve. Should his wife die, he shall have the same as if he were married for the support of his children, if he has any.

The salary of the Editor of the AME Review shall be $4000.00 plus $600.00 house rent.

We recommend that a committee appointed by the Bishops, consisting of one minister and one layman from each Episcopal District with the secretaries of Finance and Pensions and the Bishops as ex-officio members, to work out a program to include all active laymen who have been faithful over a period of years as pensioners. The said committee to report to the 1952 Session of the General Conference.

SECRETARIAL STAFF—Chief Secretary, Rev. Russell S .Brown—$350.00 (including preparation for compilation for the Compilation Committee).

ASSISTANTS—Rev. S. A. Coussins	$40.00
Rev. T. E. Harper	40.00
Rev. W. A. Carr	40.00

STATISTICAL SECRETARY	$35.00

STENOGRAPHERS—Rev. Churchstone Lord	$25.00
Mrs. Helen Hopkins	25.00
Mrs. Electa J. Bonds	25.00

SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT—	
Duplications and Postage	$75.00
14 District Assets (each)	20.00

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE—Chairman	$10.00
Secretary	5.00

MARSHALS—Chief Marshals	$35.00
Other Marshals	20.00

Messengers to the Bishops .... $25.00 each

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT—	
Chairman	$10.00
Secretary	5.00

ANNUAL CONFERENCE BOUNDARIES—	
Chairman	$10.00
Secretary	5.00

BOOK CONCERN—	
Chairman	$ 5.00
Secretary	5.00

We recommend that the dollar money remain the same: $1.00 per member with the following distribution viz:

Financial Department	48%
Pension Department	30%
Conference Contingent	6%
Education Department	5% Plus Education Dollar
Missionary Department	5%
Church Extension Department	4%
Religious Education	3%

Allen Day 25% to the Publication Department, 25% to the Church Extension Department and 50% to remain in Conference treasurer. Easter Day 50% to Secretary of Missions, 50% to the Conference treasurer for Missionary Preachers.

Children's Day, 50% to the Church Extension Department and 50% to the Conference treasurer for Missionary Preachers.

SALARIES OF GENERAL OFFICERS

Financial Secretary	$4500.00 from Financial Dept.
Secretary of Missions	4000.00 from Missionary Department
Secretary of Church Extension	$4000.00 from Extension Dept.
Secretary of Education	$4000.00 plus $600.00 house rent from Educational Department
Busines Manager	$4000.00 plus house rent Publication Department
Secretary of Sunday School Union	$4000.00 from S. S. Department
Secretary of Pension	$4000.00 plus $600.00 house rent from the Pension Department
Secretary of ACE League	$4000.00 plus $600.00 house rent from Religious Education Dept.
Secretary of Religious Education	$4000.00 plus $600.00 house rent from Religious Education Dept.

We recommend the following salaries to be paid from the Woman's Missionary Funds:

President	$3000.00
Secretary	2400.00
Treasurer	2400.00
Editor Woman's Recorder	1800.00
President of Youths	1800.00

The following general officers shall receive their salaries and house rent from the Financial Department:

Editor Christain Recorder—$4000.00 plus $600 house rent

Editor Southern Recorder—$4000.00 plus $600 house rent

Editor Western Recorder—$4000.00 plus $600 house rent

PENSIONS

The following funds shall be forwarded to the Pension Secretary to be paid to the Pensioners of the AME Church.

A. 30% of the Dollar Money shall be set aside as a Pension Fund for superannuated ministers, widows and orprans of the deceased ministers.

B. To supplement the Pension Fund, there shall be collected by each pastor from his station, circuit, or mission, the sum of (10) ten cents per member per annum, which shall be reported at each Annual Conference.

C. The Pension Fund may be supplemented by personal donations or contributions from time to time.

Director of Music	$100.00
Director of Evangelism	100.00
Tellers and Secretaries	20.00 each
Assistant Director of Music	50.00

COMMITTEE ON REVISION—Chairman	$50.00
Vice-Chairman	25.00
Secretary	30.00
Assistants	15.00
Marshals	15.00
Reading Clerks	15.00

EPISCOPAL COMMITTEE—Chairman	$50.00
Vice-Chairman	25.00
Secretary	30.00

Assistant Secretary	15.00
Marshals	20.00
Messengers	20.00
Typist	30.00
Chairman Judiciary	40.00
Attorneys	40.00
Protective Custodians Chief	40.00
Others	25.00

TEMPORAL ECONOMY COMMITTEE—Chairman	$50.00
Vice-Chairman	20.00
Secretary	30.00
Assistant Secretary	15.00
Messenger	10.00
Assistant Messenger	5.00
Marshal	10.00
Assistant Marshal	5.00
Typist	25.00

THE BOOK CONCERN
STATUS OF THE PROPERTY

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Publication Board, the Manager's report shows that the building was purchased by Dr. Geo. E. Curry, and a mortgage note assigned to him for $7,500.00 which he still holds against the property. The record also shows that $24,000.00 of taxes and $16,000.00 in interest and penalties, making a total of $40,000.00 due as of January, 1948. No tax has been paid from 1927 to 1940. The Record also shows that the deed stands in the name of Otto Frobesse.

At this meeting the Chairman of the Board selected Attorney Raymond Pace Alexander to bring action at once against Bishop Curry to have this mortgage note turned over to the Book Concern, and the Deed with it. I wish to thank the Chairman and members of the Board for their fine spirit of co-operation during this Quadrennium. May the Lord bless you all.

W. K HOPES, Manager

BALANCE SHEET
MARCH 31, 1948

ASSETS

	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Cash in Bank	$ 66.89	
Cash on Hand	72.58	
Accounts Receivable—Schedule 1	1,701.49	
Merchandise Inventory	9,245.50	
Land & Building	* 190,000.00	
Furniture & Fixtures	5,710.00	
Machinery & Equipment	35,009.25	
Total Assets		$241,805.71

LIABILITIES

Accounts & Notes Payable—Schedule 2	** 8,752.04	
Surplus	233,053.67	
Total Liabilities & Surplus		$241,805.71

* Building in the name of Otto Frobesse, 716 So. 19th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

** Unpaid Tax bills and mortgage should be added. Such have not been completely determined as of date.

Total tax bill as of March 31, 1948—Mortgage as of March 31, 1948 was paid and reported but still remains in the name of G. E. Curry.

RECEIPTS FOR QUADRENNIUM APRIL 1, 1944 TO MARCH 31, 1948

DESCRIPTION	MAY 1, 1944 TO NOV. 30, 1944	DEC. 1, 1944 TO MAR. 31, 1946	APR. 1, 1946 TO MAR. 31, 1947	APR. 1, 1947 TO MAR. 31, 1948	TOTAL
Rentals	$ 2,633.00	$ 6,169.00	$ 5,267.00	$ 6,794.00	$ 20,863.00
Job Printing	5,006.59	10,213.21	10,881.31	9,210.84	35,311.95
Subscriptions	2,735.78	5,664.03	4,685.98	4,522.89	17,588.68
Refunds	101.16	13,531.94	52.01	113.05	13,798.16
Sale of Disciplines	189.51	7,246.11	4,445.19	944.23	12,825.04
Sale of Hymnals	4,076.98	10,127.95	7,147.68	11,618.35	32,970.96
Sale of Books	583.59	538.88	1,396.89	1,242.98	3,762.34
Donations	600.00	1,400.00	183.75	88.90	2,272.65
Miscellaneous Sales	2,371.45	2,573.50	2,368.98	1,417.81	8,731.74
Transfers From Building Fund	....		10,078.76	8,933.35	19,012.11
Advertising	256.06			412.00	668.06
Advances by W. K. Hopes	2,013.34		1,922.50	608.71	4,544.55
Petty Cash	....	110.00	265.00	352.75	727.75
Allen Day	13.51	46.57	3,418.34	2,457.93	5,936.35
Loans			3,395.91		3,395.91
Total Receipts	$20,580.97	$57,601.19	$55,509.30	$48,717.79	$182,409.25

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE QUADRENNIUM APRIL 1, 1944 TO MARCH 31, 1948

	MAY 1, 1944 TO NOV. 30, 1944	DEC. 1, 1944 TO MAR. 31, 1946	APR. 1, 1946 TO MAR. 31, 1947	APR. 1, 1947 TO MAR. 31, 1948	TOTAL
Salaries	$ 6,429.21	$19,822.52	$18,580.79	$16,709.54	$ 61,542.06
Services & Commission	220.54	1,198.70	676.62	492.25	2,588.11
Office Supplies & Postage	269.54	735.16	764.29	637.37	2,406.36
Fuel, Gas & Light	694.79	2,885.18	2,058.92	3,119.82	8,758.71
Telephone	355.02	736.18	501.73	620.36	2,213.29
Repairs and Maintenance	379.67	912.85	1,078.52	589.59	2,960.63
Taxes & Water Rent	......	286.60	231.38	122.38	640.36
Insurance	105.00	478.88	274.24	433.50	1,291.62
Transportation & Cartage	349.84	677.49	202 60	464.73	1,694.66
Travel Expense—W. K Hopes	295.00	960.96	868.50	733.15	2,857.61
Gratuities & Courtesies	49.00	56.55	590.05	126 93	822.53
Travel Expense President and Members, Publication Board	..	......	.....	836.28	836.28
Miscellaneous Supplies	424.07	1,027.16	134.27	737.75	2,323.25
Sundry Other Disbursements	10,458.73	26,638.40	30,075.14	24,579.31	91,751.58
Total Disbursements	$20,030.41	$56,416.63	$56,037.05	$50,202.96	$182,687.05

Cash on hand May 1, 1944—Exh. C	$ 363.59
Add: Receipts May 1, 1944 to March 31, 1948	182,409.25
	182,772.84
Deduct: Disbursements May 1, 1944 to March 31, 1948 Exh. D	182,687.05
Cash on hand per records	85.79
Actual Cash—Exhibit A	139.47
Cash Over	53.68

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE MARCH 31, 1948

	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Rev. W. J. Townsend	$ 10.25	
Rev. W. O. P. Sherman	11.39	
Rev. R. B. Smith	30.89	
Rev. T. J. Davis	3.30	
Rev. C. I. Dawson	15.75	
Rev. J. C. Bannerman	3.00	
Rev. J. S. Brookens	25.11	
Mr. H. Holland Fields	19.70	
Chester Review	22.25	
St. Matthews A. M. E. Church	27.00	
Illinois Annual Conference	498.00	
Mother Bethel A. M. E. Church	172.25	
Mr. Jesse Smith	130.50	
Woman's Missionary Education Dept.	146.35	
California Conference	1.00	
Railroad Porters' Union	235.00	
Mr. Mercer L. Lewis	115.00	
Rev. L. M. Moore	24.00	
Pittsburgh Annual Conference	101.50	
Rev. D. L. Davis	5.50	
Rev. J. M. Stepteau	2.00	
Rev. A. Harris	3.75	
Allen A. M. E. Church	98.00	
Total		$1,701.49

ACCOUNTS AND NOTES PAYABLE MARCH 31, 1948

	AMOUNT	TOTAL
Atlantic Paper Co.	$ 60.94	
R. W. Rexford Co.	36.67	
S. Margolis	31.78	
Judson Press	84.72	
Herman Buhler	51.50	
M. Buten Co.	9.04	
Bingham Bros.	93.17	
Addressograph—Multigraph Co.	128.11	
Philadelphia Card and Paper Co.	86.43	
Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr.	2,796.69	
Mergenthaler Linotype Co.	2,147.99	
Bishop J. A. Gregg	500.00	
Mrs. E. C. Deas	500.00	
Mr. L. Doss	125.00	
Dr. W. K. Hopes	2,100.00	
Total		$8,752.04

REPORT OF EDITOR CHRISTIAN RECORDER

Rev. David Norris, Editor

EDITORIAL POLICY

It has been my policy to present current problems without fear or favor and not to offer solutions for them, believing that no one man has the correct answer for all questions that face the Church from time to time.

The circulation, proof reading, printing, advertising, mailing, answering of complaints, under our present law are in the hands and control of the Business Manager, who made a report.

The Christian Recorder cannot go on nor should it be expected to do so under the present hit or miss methods of operation, dual managership, poor equipment and the increasing number of complaints from those that feel that that the church should have a better paper makes it necessary for the general conference to do something for the Mother Recorder.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a Connectional Centennial Subscription Campaign for The Christian Recorder begin at the close of this General Conference and that a program observing 100th Anniversary be held in each Episcopal District during the next ninety days.

2. The allowance voted the editor by the Bishops' Council in 1945 be paid as only one year of the four years has been paid.

3. That the recommendation of the Business Manager and approved by the Publication Board, making the Editor also Manager of The Recorder be made law. With provisions for an official inventory and printing be made for The Recorder. That every traveling preacher and laymen members of our Annual Conference be required to subscribe for The Recorder. That ample space in the Allen Building for office be provided for the Editor-Manager of The Recorder.

A. M. E. CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

Rev. L. H. Hemmingway, Secretary-Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET AS OF MARCH 31, 1948

ASSETS

Cash in Bank—Checking Account		$13,013.29	
Petty Cash Fund		25.00	
Special Fund		2,000.00	
Real Estate—Office		35,000.00	
Furniture and Fixtures		4,844.16	
Loans Receivable		441,969.62	
TOTAL ASSETS			$496,852.07
LIABILITIES			
RESERVE FOR LOANS RECEIVABLE			$141,969.62
SURPLUS OR NET WORTH—			
Balance— March 31, 1947	60,654.61		
Less Adjustment For Loans	12,725.00		
		47,929.61	
Add Net Income 1947-48—Exhibit B		6,952.84	
Total Surplus or Net Worth March 31, 1948			54,882.45
Total Liabilities, Surplus and Reserve			$496,852.07

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Rev. E. A. Adams, Secretary-Treasurer

(Condensed Report)

CONNECTIONAL SCHOOLS

Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio—Dr. C. L. Hill President.

Allen University, Columbia, S. C.—Dr. S. R. Higgins President.

Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.—Dr. W. A. Fountain, Jr President.

Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla.—Dr. A. J. White President.

Paul Quinn College, Waco, Txeas—Mrs. N. B. Aycox President.

Kittrell College, Kittrell, N. C.—Dr. E. F. G. Dent, President

Western University, Quindaro, Kansas—Dr. C. L. Flipper, President.

Shorter-Flipper-Curry College, Little Rock, Ark.—Dr. S.S. Morris, Jr., President.

Daniel Payne College, Birmingham, Ala.—Dr. T. E. Harper, President.

Campbell College, Jackson, Miss.—Dr. S. L. Greene, Jr. President.

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES

Payne Seminary, Wilberforce, Ohio—Rev. John H. Lewis Dean.

Dickerson Seminary, Columbia, S. C.—Rev. C. S. Spivey, Jr Dean.

Turner Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.—Rev. Frank Cunningham, Dean.

B. F. Lee Seminary, Jacksonville, Fla.—Rev. D. B. Thorpe, Dean.

Seminary at Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas—Rev. L. W. Jenkins, Dean.

Seminary at Kittrell College, Kittrell, N. C.—Rev. W. H Tynes, Dean.

Bishop Noah Williams School of Religion, Quindaro, Kans.—Rev. Ed A. Scott, Dean.

Seminary at Shorter-Flipper-Curry College, Little Rock, Ark.—Rev. George A. Singleton, Dean.

Seminary at Daniel Payne College, Birmingham, Ala.—Rev. T. D. Driver, Dean.

Seminary at Campbell College, Jackson, Miss.—Dr. J. J. Morant, Dean.

R. R. Wright, Jr., School of Religion—Rev. A. E. Andrews, President; Rev. E. Coleman, Jr., Dean.

(For financial reports see pages 669 and 670.)

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

Rev. L. L Berry, Secretary-Treasurer

EXCERPTS FROM REPORT—1948

OUR SCHOOLS IN THE FOREIGN FIELDS

Gaines High School at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I.

The Fountain High School at Georgetown, British Guiana

The Schaffer High School at Cape Palmas, Liberia, West Africa

The Wilberforce Institute at Evaton, South Africa, with a Medical Clinic connected therewith set up by Bishop R R. Wright, Jr., during his administration as Bishop from 1936 to 1940.

The Monrovia College, which belongs to the AME Church has been used for the past twelve years by the Liberian Government subject to our repossession of the property at will.

The AME Girls' Industrial and Literary School at Freetown, Sierra Leone.

Theman High School at Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana.

The AME Boys' Seminary at Freetown, Sierra Leone.

The Parochial School at St. Paul in Haiti.

Practically all of our churches in the various fields carry on some kind of a parochial school.

ROLL OF MISSIONARIES

1948

ONTARIO, CANADA—Rev. W. C. Perry, Rev. C. P. Jones, Rev. C. E. Penny, Rev. Lorenzo Wayner, Rev. P. J. Stevens, Rev. John Holland.

NOVA SCOTIA—Rev. S. E. Churchstone Lord, Rev. Arthur J. Mansfield.

VANCOUVER—Rev. Grady R. Brown.

SOUTH AMERICA—Rev. D. P. Talbot, Rev. John Wesley Weeks, Rev. A. Morris, Rev. S. F. Helstone, Rev. George Clark, Miss Marjorie Taylor, Miss Maisie Talbot.

SIERRA LEONE (WEST AFRICA)—Rev. I. E. C. Steady, Rev. E. T. Martyn, Rev. M. E Cole.

LIBERIA—Rev. W. T. White, Mrs. W. T. White, Miss Margaret Mason.

GOLD COAST—Rev. J. P. Balogun-Richards, Rev. Ralph S. Wright, Rev. M. D. Lucas, Mrs. E. J. Randall, Rev. A. G. E. Johns, Mr. G. M. Joseph, Miss More Jones.

BAHAMAS—Rev. T. E. Culmer, Rev. William Thompson, Rev. Robert M. Johnson, Rev. David Gibson.

JAMAICA—Rev. I. C. Trouch, Rev. A. H. Smikle, Rev. Isaac Higgins, Rev. George Meade, Mrs. F. A. Robinson, Rev. J. H. Daley, Rev. E. B. Hinds, Rev. T. L. M. Spencer.

HAITI—Rev. Phipin Van Putten, Mrs. Ethel Van Putten.

SANTO DOMINGO—Rev. Nehemiah Willmore, Rev. J. B. Boyce, Rev. Isadore M. Norman, Rev. H. A. M. David, Rev. William Johnson.

VIRGIN ISLANDS—Rev. David S. Williams, Mrs. Alatha V. Williams, Mrs. A. J. Roberson.

BARBADOS—Mrs. Isadore Kennedy.

TRINIDAD—Rev. W. H. Mayhew, Rev. T. J. Hercules, Rev. Samuel Thibault, Rev. Edward Gilkes, Rev. Fredrick Lewis, Mrs. Geraldine Mayhew, Mrs. T. J. Hercules.

SOUTH AFRICA—Dr. J. R. Coan, Supervisor and Representative of Bishop G. W. Baber, Dr. Francis H. Gow, Supervisor and Representative of Bishop F. M. Reid, Miss Esther Mosake, Mr. Edward Clark Maxeke, Mrs. D. P. Young, Rev. J. N. Tladi, Presiding Elder, Grahamstown District, Cape Annual Conference; Mrs. L. B. Gow.

CUBA—Mr. Lorenzo Miquel, Mr. Carlos M. Palacios, Mr. Isadore S. Curreor.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AS TO MARCH 31, 1948

ASSETS

Cash			
Balances—All Funds..		$11,732.28	
Real Estate			
Headquarters Building at Cost........	$24,000.00		
Heating Plant at Cost	1,886.20	25,886.20	
Furniture and Fixtures			
Office Furniture and Fixtures Appraised Valuation	$ 1,082.41		
Household Furniture and Fixtures at Appraised Valuation	1,065.43	2,147.84	
Books and Pamphlets.............		1,229.84	
TOTAL ASSETS			$40,996.16

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	$714.40	
Federal Withholding Tax..............	81.60	
Advance to Petty Cash	10.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES......		806.00
Net Worth at March 31, 1948 ...		$40,190.16

THE BOARD OF HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Cash Receipts and Disbursements From Year Ending March 31, 1948

CASH RECEIPTS

General Contributions on Income	1944-5	1945-6	1946-7	1947-8	TOTAL
Dollar Money	$20,801.85	$22,051.83	$23,222.49	$25,109.19	$ 91,185.36
Easter Collections	8,940.83	11,185.87	16,189.81	13,383.86	49,700.37
Missionary Roll Call	2,770.79	3,120.80	3,831.23	3,036.78	12,759.60
Public Collections	1,483.97	1,537.35	1,868.12	1,930.33	6,819.77
Voice of Missions......................	1,549.51	1,689.75	1,717.59	2,090.39	7,047.54
Home and Foreign and Missionary Fund..	423.51	368.25	441.52	579.69	1,712.97
Sale of Literature.....................	203.13	277.07	250.62	358.28	1,089.10
Mortgage Retirement Fund	735.00				785.00
Clergy Permits	798.88	842.19	1,279.32	1,944.07	4,864.46
Donations and Miscellaneous Income.....	48.00	63.50	219.23	499.13	829.86
Interest Income	2.55	.86	5.73	2.52	11.66
Traveling Expenses for Bishops		2,353.46	....	2,000.00	4,353.46
Transportation of Delegates to New Orleans				5,252.52	5,252.52
TOTAL Contributions and Income...........	$37,808.32	$43,490.93	$40,025.66	$56,086.76	$186,411.67
Other Receipts					
Loans	$ 3,000.00	$ 2,500.00	$	$ 3,8000.0	$ 9,350.00
Ontario, Quebec, Conferece Fund	496.02	1,098.05	1,034.32	926.50	3,554.89
Federal Withholding Tax	423.98	485.08	353.60	360.40	1,623.06
From Ministers for Fares to Bishops' Council				1,502.14	1,502.14
Cash advanced for Petty Cash Fund....				10.00	10.00
TOTAL Other Receipts.............	$ 3,970.00	$ 4,083.13	$ 1,387.92	$ 6,599.04	$ 16,040.09
Total Cash Receipts	$41,778.32	$47,574.06	$50,413.58	$62,685.80	$202,451.76
Balance at Beginning of Period	2,495.75	5,994.49	10,388.17	7,233.25	2,495.75
TOTAL Available During Period	$44,274.07	$53,568.55	$60,801.75	$69,919.05	$204,947.51

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

For Missionary Work					
Stipends to Missionaries	$ 4,612.75	$ 5,980.00	$ 7,463.35	$ 7,250.00	$ 25,306.10
Sustenance and Upkeep of Missionaries	1,300.95	1,125.88	2,580.25	2,983.48	7,990.56
Contributions to Missions	764.00	2,277.25	3,219.63	1,242.50	7.503.38
General Conference Expenses	5,000.00	....	4,904.83	1,571.40	11,476 23
Voice of Missions	1,978.80	2,641.23	2,754.62	2,463.00	9,837.65
Communication Service	1,267.63	1,946.30	3,829.94	2,194.46	9,238.33
Traveling Expenses of Board Meeting, Secretary of Missions and Bishops	3.330.57	5,594.40	3,884.85	4,252.39	17,062.21
Expressage and Storage	131.37	147.38	196.34	818.44	1,293 53
Medical Service	65.00			100.00	165.00
Clergy Permits	919.74	982.05	1,434.84	2,258.41	5,595.04
Other Foreign Field Expense	1,909.94	485.26	907.80	503.14	3,806.14
Annual Board Meeting	......	3,044.50	4,000.00	3,610.00	10.654.50
Assistance to Students	....		62.84	240.30	303 14
Transpotation of Delegates to New Orleans	....			5,252.52	5,252.52
Transportation to Bishops' Council	......			1,502.14	1,502.14
Sundry Missionary Expense	1,762.86	1,556.04	1,244.37	617.63	5,180.90
TOTAL	23,043.61	$25,780.29	$36,483.66	$36,859.81	$122,167.37
For Administration of Missionary Work					
Headquarters Salaries	6,190.67	$ 6,390.00	$ 6.420.00	$ 6,580.00	$25,580.67
Printing and Mimeographing	672.09	886.87	1,626.91	1,959.25	5,145 12
Stamps, Stationery and Office Supplies	395.32	614.50	724.86	1,015.87	2,750.55
Legal Fees	62.00	282.00	52.75	678.00	1,074.75
Accounting Fees	240.00	330.00	330.00	375.00	1,275.00
Headquarters Salaries	672.09	206.96	248.04	422.40	1,175.24
General Office Expense	297.84	1,946.30	3,829.94	2,194.46	9,238.33
TOTAL	$ 7,999.31	$ 8,832.12	$ 9,462.37	$11,119.04	$ 37,412.84
For Upkeep of Headquarters Building					
Building Repairs and Supplies	$ 2,016.93	$ 2,028.23	$ 3,244.60	$ 2,437.78	$ 9,727.54
Janitorial Supplies and Service	793.50	923.20	2,138.40	1,693.61	5,548.71
Fuel Oil	190.85	212.81	284.14	335.49	1,023.29
Electricity and Gas	247.31	182.40	205.71	225.36	860.78
Insurance	121.97	88.85	119.33	91.25	421.40
Water	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	96.00
TOTAL	$ 3,394.56	$ 3,459.49	$ 6,016.18	$ 4,807.49	$17,677.72
Other Disbursements					
Loans	$ 3,050.00	$ 3,250.00	$	$ 3,800.00	$10,100.00
Federal Withholding Tax	294.16	509.83	370.27	363.80	1,538.06
Household Furniture	......			225.73	225.73
Books, Pamphlets and Literature	......		120.00	51.40	171.40
Ontario, Quebec, Conference Fund	497.94	1,016.35	1,116.02	959.50	3,589.81
Office Furniture	......	332.30	....	....	332.30
TOTAL	$ 3,842.10	$ 5,108.48	$ 1,606.29	$ 5,400.43	$15,957.30
TOTAL Cash Disbursements	$38.279.58	$43,180.38	$53,568.50	$58,186.77	$193,215.25
BALANCE at End of Period	$ 5,994.49	$10,388.17	$ 7,233.25	$11,732.28	$11,732.28

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT — FOR PERIOD APRIL 1, 1944—MARCH 31, 1948

RECEIPTS

	Periods				
	4|1|44—1|31|45	2|1|45—1|31|46	2|1|46—1|31|47	2|1|47—3|31|48	Totals
Cash on Hand April 1, 1944					$ 8,100.08
Receipts from Bishops:					
First District	$ 3,369.51	$ 3,448.91	$ 3,608.68	$ 3,764.32	14,191.42
Second District	2,217.52	2,309.68	2,556.76	2,464.92	9,548.88
Third District	1,824.36	2,033.01	2,134.31	2,193.40	8,185.08
Fourth District	3,050.16	3,226.56	3,281.56	3,509.34	13,167.62
Fifth District	2,867.81	3,102.20	3,179.92	3,425.41	12,575.34
Sixth District	3,723.64	3,923.80	4,155.93	4,244.08	16,047.45
Seventh District	2,558.72	2,739.15	2,883.12	2,976.88	11,157.87
Eighth District	1,721.34	1,831.48	1,409.14	2,188.96	7,150.92
Ninth District	1,890.68	2,099.14	2,251.07	2,357.28	8,598.17
Tenth District	2,182.14	2,335.30	2,398.49	2,457.20	9,373.13
Eleventh District	3,789.98	4,258.63	4,604.94	4,672.54	17,326.09
Twelfth District	1,835.04	1,865.80	3,355.16	1,963.38	9,019.38
Thirteenth District	1,712.08	1,895.37	1,990.01	2,056.00	7,653.46
Fourteenth District	....	25.00	35.00	....	60.00
Other:	....	....	....	....	....
Cash Over	....	2.00	....	....	2.00
Payment on Note—Payne Seminary	....	1,000.00	1,000.00	....	2,000.00
Financial Department—Loan	....	....	....	5,000.00	5,000 00
Totals Total to be Accounted for	$32,742.98	$36,096.03	$38,944.09	$43,273.71	$159,156.89

DISBURSEMENTS

	Periods				
	4|1|44—1|31|45	2|1|45—1|31|46	2|1|46—1|31|47	2|1|47—3|31|48	Totals
To Schools and Colleges:					
Allen University	$ 2,200.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,550.00	$ 9,750.00
Campbell College	1,500.00	1,700.00	1,750.00	1,800.00	6,750.00
Daniel Payne College	1,500.00	1,700.00	1,750.00	1,800.00	6,750.00
Flipper Key Davis University	....	....	....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Edward Waters College	2,200.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,550.00	9,750.00
Kittrell College	1,750.00	1,800.00	1,750.00	2,300.00	7,600.00
Morris Brown College	2,250.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,550.00	9,800.00
Payne Seminary	....	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	4,500.00
Paul Quinn College	1,750.00	1,800.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	7,750.00
R. C. Ransom Academy	200.00	300.00	300.00	410.00	1,210.00
School of Religion—R. R. Wright, Jr.	....	....	1,000.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
Shorter-Flipper-Curry College	1,500.00	1,700.00	1,750.00	1,800.00	6,750.00
Western University	1,500.00	1,700.00	1,750.00	1,800.00	6,750.00
Wilberforce University	2,250.00	2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	9,250.00
Bishop Clayborn School	....	....	500.00	....	500.00
Totals to Schools and Colleges	$18,600.00	$21,200.00	$23,650.00	$29,160.00	$92,610.00

SCHOOLS	Value of Plant	Endowment	Annual Budget	Number Persons Employed	Monthly Payroll	Inc. In. Prop. V.	No. Students S. College	No. Graduated Quadrennium	No. to Graduate This Year
Wilberforce	$ 750,000.00	$100,000.00	$ 350,000.00	50	$12,000.00	$ 25,000.00	403	758	70
Allen	1,100,000.00	....	298,818.00	51	10,137.00	455,000.00	970	310	98
Morris Brown	1,250,000.00	500,000.00	432,469.00	81	18,000.00	846,029.59	963	229	71
Edward Waters	1,037,000.00	156,000.00	250,000.00	43	7,715.44	150,000.00	371	88	82
Kittrell	360,000.00	41,000.00	60,000.00	16	2,500.00	10,000.00	117	65	10
Paul Quinn	750,000.00	....	75,000.00	25	3,000.00	50,000.00	560	105	30
Campbell	650,000.00	....	50,000.00	25	2,534.00	200,000.00	548	77	83
Shorter	300,000.00	....	60,000.00	20	2,782.00	20,000.00	182	96	96
Daniel Payne	300,000.00	....	36,000.00	24	3,000.00	50,000.00	226	53	53
Western	400,000.00	....	15,000.00	15	545.00	10,000.00	25	30	6
R. R. Wright S. of Religion	10,000.00	....	8,000.00	75	670.00	10,000.00	800	......	1
TOTALS	$6,907,000.00	$797,000.00	$1,635,287.00	425	$62,883.44	$1,826,028.59	5165	1811	600

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT—1944-1948

Expenses:	$ 556.50	$ 1,008.70	$ 998.00	$ 1,014.00	$ 3,577.20
Travel	2,700.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,850.00	13,150.00
Salary—E. A. Adams	32.00	36.50	......	....	68.50
Stationery	21.90	.....	32.25	41.00	95.15
Postage	650.00	780.00	780.00	910.00	3,120.00
Rent—House and Office	800.00	960.00	960.00	1,140.00	3,860.00
Clerk—Salary	2,445.00	1,796.00	2,200.00	1,957.00	8,398.00
Board Meetings	409.90	.....	.....	162.60	572.50
Printing	50.00	10.00	....	50.00	110.00
Advertising					
	...	160.00	176.00	237.00	573.00
Bishops' Council	..	.....	125.00	136.00	261.00
General Conference	..		18.50	158.74	177.24
Office	613.20	202.78	168.10	312.08	1,296.16
Miscellaneous					
	$ 8,278.50	$ 8.253.98	$ 8,757.85	$ 9,968.42	$ 35,258.75
Totals—Expenses					
Other Disbursements:	$ 3,275.00	......	....	....	$ 3,275.00
Payne Seminary—Loan	....	....	....	$10,000.00	10,000.00
Wilberforce University—Loan	...	......	....	5,000.00	5,000.00
Repayment of Loan—Financial Department					
	$ 3,275.00	...	..	$15,000.00	$ 18,275.00
	$30,150.50	$29,453.98	$32.407.85	$54,128.42	$146,143.75
Total Disbursements					
Cash on Hand March 31, 1948	....	....	....	8,013.14	....
Victory Savings Bank, Columbia, S. C.	..	......	......	2,500.00	.... ..
The First National Bank, Columbia, S. C.	....	....	....	2,500.00	13,013.14
The Lower Main Street Bank, Columbia, S. C.					
	....	....	....	....	$159,156.39
Total Accounted For					

R. R. WRIGHT, JR. SCHOOL OF RELIGION

CALENDAR

First Session

Registration	September 1, 1948-December 10, 1948
Classes Begin	November 16, 1948
Final Examinations	February 1 and 4, 1948

Second Session

Registration	February 1, 1949-February 25, 1949
Classes Begin	February 8, 1949
Final Examinations	April 27 and 30, 1949
Commencement	May 7, 1949

PURPOSE

It is the purpose of the R. R. WRIGHT, JR. SCHOOL OF RELIGION to give instruction in the fundamental facts of the Christian religion and social service in order to develop the best possible Christian workers. Special attention will be given to young ministers, local preachers, and active and prospective church officials and leaders.

HISTORY

The R. R. WRIGHT, JR. SCHOOL OF RELIGION was first suggested by Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., in 1942, and was approved by each of the five annual conferences in 1943 and 1944. The first schools of the School of Religion (its original name) were opened in Memphis and in Nashville in 1943.

In 1944 each conference elected its members to the School of Religion's Board of Directors, and agreed to ask each member to give fifty cents per year for the School. On July 11, 1947, the Board of Directors met, organized, and elected Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., Chairman and the Reverend Alvin E. Andrews, A.B., S.T.B., A.M., a graduate of Wilberforce and Boston Universities, as Director. The Board approved of what Bishop Wright had done up to 1945, and authorized the establishment of schools all over the 13th Episcopal District.

On July 10, 1946, the Board of Directors changed the name of the school of Religion to R. R. WRIGHT, JR. SCHOOL OF RELIGION in honor of the School's founder, Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr. Also, the title of the Director was changed to President-Director.

On November 8, 1946, the R. R. WRIGHT, JR. SCHOOL OF RELIGION was incorporated in the State of Tennessee.

In the school year 1946-47 over 700 students were enrolled and attended the fifteen schools of the District.

LOCATION

The R. R. WRIGHT, JR. SCHOOL OF RELIGION has its main office in Memphis, Tennesee, and has various branches in Nashville, Chattanooga, Columbia, Shelbyville, Alcoa, Clarksville, Louisville, Covington, Danville, Paducah, Lexington, Frankfort, Harrodsburg, Knoxville, etc., in the Thirteenth Episcopal District. The office of the President-Director of the R. R. WRIGHT, JR. SCHOOL OF RELIGION is in the Goodwill Service Center, 362 Beale Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee, where classes for the Memphis School are held. Other Schools hold their classes either in a designated place or in the largest AME Church of the community. It is proposed to organizer a School of Religion in every community where qualified teachers may be found.

LIBRARY

A library is located at its headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee. This is reported to be the best library of religious books in the city. Persons wishing books from the library, who do not live in the Memphis area, may request books by mail.

CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

Correspondence courses are offered and a Certificate is given after the successful completion of each course. The following courses are offered:

The Bible, Old Testament, New Testament, Missions, Church Administration, Teaching of Jesus, The Prophets, History of Christian Church, Sermon Preparation, Discipline of AME Church.

A Correspondence Course consists of twelve lessons. The fee for a Correspondence Course is five dollars. Further information may be received from the President.

The Extension School of Religion covers the entire Thirteenth Episcopal District. This School holds three to five sessions at rural churches. Any church within the District may apply for and have an Extension School.

The Theological Department is located in Memphis and caters to veterans and individuals desiring to prepare for the ministry. This department is approved by the Veteran's Administration of Tennessee. Persons interested in attending may contact the President.

All faculty members and courses in the R. R. WRIGHT, JR. SCHOOL OF RELIGION must have the approval of the President of the R. R. WRIGHT, JR. SCHOOL OF RELIGION. Faculty members must present an outline of their courses to the President days before the opening of the school.

One must have completed twenty-four courses to meet the requirements for religious leadership in the AME Church in th Thirteenth Episcopal District. There are required courses in each division. Note the divisional outline of courses.

A certificate will be given at the end of each course successfully completed. No certificate will be given a person who has not attended nine periods during the course and has not successfully passed the examination of that course.

A diploma is awarded to the student who finishes twenty-four courses. The diploma is signed by the Bishop, the President, and the Dean.

No student will be allowed to register after two class periods of a course have been held.

Students enrolled should have training equal to the eighth grade.

Each student must pay a registration fee of one dollar, and one dollar per course.

Scholarships may be furnished by churches to worthy persons holding office or qualifying for the same.

The text books to be used in all of the courses are written in simple language which can be understood by students of the eighth grade level. However, the teacher of the course will handle the text book according to the intelligence level of the students. Text books generally have ten or twelve chapters so one chapter may be completed each week. Text books must be approved by the President-Director and the Faculty.

An accurate attendance roll is kept by all teachers.

The last session of the course will be for the final examination.

The needs of the R. R. WRIGHT, JR. SCHOOL OF RELIGION are many. Any additional contribution to the School will be acknowledged in this Bulletin.

A large circulation library is now one of the major needs of the School A small beginning has already been made. One book from each church would give us a greater circulation library. One wishing to contribute a book may send to the President for the name and price of the book. Name of donor will be written in each book given. Those who desire to give money may send same to the President or to the Treasurer.

Information may be had from the President-Director, 362 Beale Avenue, Memphis, or from any AME pastor in any community in the Thirteenth Episcopal District.

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Mrs. Mattie P. Williams, Registrar

FACULTY

Rev. E. P. Williams, Bible; Mrs. M. P. Williams, History of AME Church.

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FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY SCHOOL

(Located in St. John AME Church)
Rev. Charles E. Cobb, Dean; Mrs. Martha Cobb, Registrar

FACULTY

Rev. Charles E. Cobb, Bible; Rev. Charles E. Cobb, AME Disccpline; Mrs. Martin Cobb, Sunday School Teacher.

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KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE SCHOOL

Rev. DeForrest Jones, Dean

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ALCOA, TENNESSEE SCHOOL

Rev. E. M. Alcorn, Dean

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HARRODSBURG, KENTUCKY SCHOOL

Rev. M. J. Hendrieth, Dean

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(Located in St. Peter AME Church)
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(Located in Burk Chapel AME Church)
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COURSE OUTLINE OF THE R. R. WRIGHT, JR. SCHOOL OF RELIGION

(A Suggested Outline of Courses for Ministers and the

DIFFERENT WORKERS IN THE CHURCH

MINISTERS

First Year

1st term

32—The Program of my Church
13—The Bible*
59A—Introduction to Preaching
27A—Discipline of AME Church

2nd term

24—The Life of Jesus*
14—The Old Testament*
59B—Introduction to Preaching
27B—Discipline of AME Church*

Second Year

1st term

Service*
19—The New Testament*

1—History of Christian Church*

35A—Sermon Preparation

2nd term

36—Minister Teaches Religion*
20—Synoptic Gospels*
25—Life of St. Paul
35B—Sermon Preparation

Third Year

1st term

12—Pastoral Work*
16—Major Prophets
2—History of AME Church*
68—Christian Theology*

2nd term

52—Teaching of Jesus*
17—The Minor Prophets
56—Christian Ethics*
61—Psychology of Religion*

EVANGELISTS

First Year
1st term

10—Christian Social Service*
59A—Introduction to Preaching*
13—The Bible*
27—Discipline of AME Church

2nd term

14—The Old Testament*
52—The Teaching of Jesus*
27B—Discipline of AME Church*
59B—Introduction to Preaching

Second Year
1st term

53—Visitation Evangelism*
32—Program of my Church
19—The New Testament*
1—History of Christian Church

2nd term

47—Child Evangelism
20—Synoptic Gospels*
25—Life of St. Paul
34—Introduction to Christian Doctrine.

Third Year

1st term

3—Principles of Christian Evangelism*
2—History of AME Church*
16—The Major Prophets
4—Missionary Methods

2nd term

69—Evangelistic Preaching
17—Minor Prophets
24—The Life of Jesus*
2B—History of AME Church*

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

First Year
1st term

38—The Sunday School Teacher*
13—The Bible*
53—Visitation Evangelism
27A—Discipline of AME Church*

2nd term

38—The Sunday School Teacher*
14—The Old Testament*
52—The Teaching of Jesus*
27B—Discipline of AME Church*

*—Courses required in this division

Second Year
1st term

58—Solving Church School Problems*
19—The New Testament*
1—History of Christian Church*
10—Christian Social Service*

2nd term

58—Solving Church School Problems*
20—Synoptic Gospel*
25—The Life of St. Paul
34—Introduction to Christian Doctrine

Third Year

1st term

31—How to Improve Your Opening Service*
16—The Major Prophets
2—History of AME Church*
47—Child Evangelism

2nd term

40—The Superintendent*
17—The Minor Prophets
24—The Life of Jesus*
32—Program of my Church

YOUNG PEOPLE WORKERS

First Year
1st term

9—Young People's Organization*
13—The Bible*
53—Visitation Evangelism
27—Discipline of AME Church*

2nd term

9—Young People's Organition*
1—History of Christian Church*
14—The Old Testament*
24—Life of Jesus

Second Year
1st term

—Teaching Intermediates*
32—Program of my Church
19—The New Testatment*
66—Christian Guidance for Youth*

Second term

59—Teaching Intermediates*
20—Synoptic Gospels*
25—The Life of St. Paul
66—Christian Guidance for Youth*

Third Year
1st term

10—Christian Social Service*
16—The Major Prophets
2—History of AME Church*
47—Child Evangelism*

Second term

52—Teaching of Jesus*
17—The Minor Prophets
49—Recreation in the Church*
61—Psychology of Religion

GENERAL

First Year
1st term

32—Program of my Church
13—The Bible*
27—Discipline of AME Church
1—History of Christian Church*

Second term

14—The Old Testament*
52—The Teaching of Jesus*
27—Discipline of AME Service*
25—The Life of St. Paul

Second Year
1st term

9—Young People's Organization
19—The New Testament*
53—Visitation Evangelism
62—Public Speaking
*—Courses required in this division

Second term

58—Solving Church School Problems
20—Synoptic Gospels*
34—Introduction to Christian Doctrine
24—The Life of Jesus*

Third Year
1st term

10—Christian Social Service*
16—The Major Prophets
2—History of AME Church*
4—Missionary Methods

Second term

38—Teaching in the Sunday School
17—The Minor Prophets
49—Recreation in the Church
61—Psychology of Religion

COURSES

Course
Number

1 HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

A study of the church from its beginning to the Protestant Reformation. Text: A. G. Baker, *A Short History of Christianity* 75c (University of hicago Press) (Required).

2 HISTORY OF AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A study of the African Methodist Episcopal Church from its inception to the present. Text: C. S. Smith. *A History of the A. M. E. Church*, $1.00 (Goodwill) (Required).

3 THE PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM

The purpose of this course is to acquaint the student with the method which the Gospel has spread and grown, and to study and evaluate the methods best suited for the continued spread of the Gospel and the building of the church. Text: R. L. Owenby, *Evangelism in Christian Education*, 60c (Methodist)

4 MISSIONARY METHODS

A study in the methods by which the Gospel has been taken to foreign countries and how the principles of the Christian Religion have been extended by the church. Text: Harner and Baker, *Missionary Education in Your Church*, 75c (Missionary)

5 AFRICAN MISSIONS

A study of the various missionary activities of the AME Church in Africa. Text: R. R. Wright, Jr., *Missionary Study Course Number II*, 50c (Goodwill)

6. MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION OF THE AME CHURCH

A study of the missionary organization of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and its program and methods Text: *Constitution and By-Laws of the Woman's Missionary Society*, 15c (Goodwill) (Required).

7 HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

A study of the Christian missions from its beginning to 1900. Text: R. R. Wright, Jr., *Outline of History of Christian Missions*, 50c (Goodwill)

8 METHODS OF SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

This course presents practical methods by which the Sunday School can be administered. A special course for teachers and superintendents. Text: Eva Callarman, *How To Improve Your Sunday School*, 30c (Bethany)

9 YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS

The study of practical means of developing the Young People's Organization. Text: F. D. Getty, *Building A Young People's Society Program*, 50c (Westminister)

10 CHRISTIAN SOCIAL SERVICE

This course will present the principles of Christian social work and the organization of the church for doing the same. The purpose of this course will be to give the student knowledge by which he can do, as a church member, effective community work. Text: E. W. Shrigley, *Our Community and the Christian Ideal*, 40c (Methodist) (Required)

11. CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

This course will cover the general principles of church administration, and the organization and administration of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. It will give to the members an understanding of the genius of the church. The student must be able to explain it before passing the course. Text: R. R. Wright, Jr., *Handbook*, 50c (Goodwill) (Required)

12 PASTORAL WORK OR PASTOR'S WORKSHOP

This course will cover the approach and duties of the pastor with his members and community. Text: Andrew Blackwood, *Pastoral Work*, $2.00 (Westminister) (Required)

13 SURVEY OF BIBLE

This course will give a general idea of the Bible relative to its contents, history, and teaching. Text: C. J. Sharp, *New Training For Service*, 40c (Standard) (Required)

14. THE OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY

A general coverage of the Old Testament. Text: G. McRae. *The Old Testament Story*, 40c (Bethany) (Required)

15 THE WORK OF OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH

This course will cover the duties and responsibilities of different officers of the church. Text: R. R. Wright, Jr., *Handbook*, 50c (Goodwill) (Required)

16 THE MAJOR PROPHETS

A study of the works of the five major prophetic books of the Old Testament. Text: G. Saxe, *studies in the Major Prophets*, 35c (Moody Press)

17 THE MINOR PROPHETS

A study of the twelve minor prophets. Text: A. C. Knudson, *Beacon Lights of Prpohecy*, 65c (Methodist)

18 POETRY AND WISDOM OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

A study of the five books of poetry of the Old Testament. Text: E. A. Leslie, *Poetry and Wisdom*, 60c (Methodist)

19 THE NEW TESTAMENT

A study of the books of the New Testament. Text: R. Earle, *The Story of The New Testament*, 35c (Nazarene) (Required)

20 SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

Study of the first three boods of the New Testament. Text: M. J. Shroyer, *The Synoptic Gospel*, 60c (Methodist)

21 THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN AND THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A study of the fourth gospel and the concluding book of the New Testament. Text: John Know, *The Fourth Gospel and Later Epistles*, 60c (Methodist)

22 THE ACTS

A study of the effects of the early church. Text: E. P. Blair, *The Acts and Apocalyptic Literature*, 60c (Methodist)

23 LETTERS OF ST. PAUL

A study of the letters of St. Paul. Text: A. E. Barnett, *The Letters of Paul* 60c (Methodist)

24 LIFE AND TEACHING OF JESUS

A comprehensive study of the life of Jesus and a survey of his teachings. Text: J. D. Lee, *From Bethlehem to Olivet*, 35c (Methodist) (Required)

25 THE LIFE OF ST. PAUL

A comprehensive study of the life of St. Paul. Text: P. S. Minear, *An Introduction To Paul*, 35c (Methodist)

26 HOW TO CONDUCT A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This course attempts to explain how to plan and conduct a Vacation Bible School. Text: *How to Plan and Conduct a Vacation Bible School*, 25c (I.C.R.E.)

27 THE DISCIPLINE OF THE AME CHURCH

This course attempts to explain and interpret the laws and polity of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Text: *Discipline*, $1.25 (Required)

28 INTRODUCTORY COURSE TO CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

This course explains the motives and ideals connected with the Christian Missionary Movement. Text: Casselman, *Into All the worid*, 25c (Christian Education Press)

29 THE BEGINNING OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

This course takes a comprehensive look into the early beginning of the Christian Church. Text: W. D. Schermerhorn, *Beginnings of the Christian Church*, 35c (Methodist)

30 HOW TO IMPROVE OPENING SERVICES FOR YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

A study of the best way to conduct worship in the Sunday School. Text: Martin, *Worship in the Sunday School*, 35c (Abingdon)

32 THE PROGRAM OF MY CHURCH

A comprehensive study of what the church is and its program. Text: H. C. Munro, *Your Church and Its Program*, 25c (Bethany)

33 PERSONAL RELIGIOUS LIVING

A study of the way in which a leader may best guide his religious life. Text: O. F. Nolde, P. J. Hoh, *My Life*, 25c (The United Lutheran Publishing House)

34 INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

A study of the great Christian teachings. Text: E. Lewis, *Great Christian Teaching*, 50c (Methodist)

35 PREPARATION AND DELIVERY OF SERMONS

Studies of the best methods of preaching and delivering sermons. Text: Bob Jones, *How To Improve Preaching*, $1.50 (Revell)

36 THE MINISTER TEACHES RELIGION

The study of the part the minister plays in teaching religion. Text: F. A. Linahorst, *The Minister Teaches Religion*, $1.00 (Abingdon)

37 THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

This course attempts to help the Sunday School teacher to better explain and interpret the Sunday School lesson. Text: F. C. McLester, *Teaching in The Sunday School*, 60c (Abingdon)

39 YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

A study of how to make a program for the young people's missionary society work. Text: Alma A. Polk, *Building a Curriculum* 25c (Goodwill)

40 THE SUPERINTENDENT

An analysis of the superintendent's responsibilities. Text: P. C. Jones, *The Church School Superintendent*, $1.00 (Methodist)

41 TEACHING PRIMARY CHILDREN

The study and methods of teaching primary children. Text: M. C. Martin, *Teaching Primary Children*, 30c (Judson)

42 TEACHING BEGINNERS

The study and methods of teaching beginners. Text: E. M. Shields, *Teaching Beginners*, 25c (Judson)

43 TEACHING JUNIORS

The study and methods of teaching juniors. Text: F. E. Norton, *Teaching Juniors*, 30c (Judson)

44 PLANNING FOR NURSERY CHILDREN

The study of winning the pre-age Sunday School scholars. Text: M. E. Lloyd, *Planning for the Nursery Child in the Church*, 25c (Methodist)

45 SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

The study of how to effectively administer the program of the Sunday School. Text: P. H. Veith, *Improving Your Sunday School*, 75c (Westminister)

46 THE ALLEN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR LEAGUE

Studies in making the ACE League effective in the community. Text: *Manuals of Allen Christian Endeavor League*, 40c (Sunday School)

47 CHILD EVANGELISM

A study in the methods of winning children. Text: J. I. Overholtzer, *A Handbook on Child Evangelism*, 50c (International)

48 PLANNING FOR CHILDREN IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

A study in making a place for children in the local church. Text: H. A. Lewis, *Planning For Children In the Local Church*, 30c (Bethany)

49 RECREATION IN THE CHURCH

Studies of how the Church can develop its recreational program. Text: W. T. Powell. *Recreation In the Church and Community*, 75c (Methodist)

50 PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

An analytical approach of Paul's letters to the Romans. Text: Charles R. Erdman, *The Epistle To the Romans*, (Westminister)

51 THE PROPHETS

A study of all of the prophets of the Old Testament. Text: W. G. Chanter, *The Prophets*, 60c (Methodist)

52 THE TEACHING OF JESUS

A course dealing with the distinct and implied teachings of Jesus. Text: R. R. Wright, Jr., *The Teaching of Jesus*, $1.00 (Goodwill) (Required)

53 VISITATION EVANGELISM

A study of how to plan and succeed in house-to-house evangelism. Text: *Visitation Evangelism*, 10c (Federal)

54 THE LIFE OF RICHARD ALLEN

A study of the founder and first bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Text: Charles Wesley, *Richard Allen, Apostle of Freedom*, $2.15 (Associated)

55 PASTORAL THEOLOGY

A study of the problems confronting the Christian minister. Text: H. P. Pleune, *Some To Be Pastors*, $1.50 (Methodist)

56 CHRISTIAN ETHICS

A study of the moral laws of Christianity. Text: A. Knudson, *Principles of Christian Ethics*, $2.75 (Abingdon)

57 BASIC ENGLISH

A study of correct grammar usage. Text: J. C. Tressler, *Grammar In Action* (D. C. Heath, Chicago, Illinois)

58 PROBLEMS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

An attempt to isolate and treat distinct problems in the Sunday School. Text: I. C. Smith, *Solving Church School Problems* (Warner Press)

59 TEACHING INTERMEDIATES

The study and methods of teaching intermediates Text: Lucile DesJardins, *Teaching Intermediates* 40c (Judson)

60 WORSHIP

Studies of the best methods of conducting worship services. Text: M. C. Powell, *Guiding the Experience of Worship*, $1.25 (Abingdon)

61 PSYCHOLOGY OF RELIGION

An attempt to interpret religious experiences. Text: Paul E. Johnson, *Psychology of Religion* $2.25 (Abingdon)

62 PUBLIC SPEAKING

A study of how to speak better in public. Text: Richard C. Borden, *Public Speaking—As Listeners Like It*, $1.00 (Harper & Brothers)

63 PARLIAMENTARY LAW

A study of the laws governing assembled bodies. Text: E. C. Utter, *Parliamentary Law At a Glance*, $1.00 (Reilly and Lee)

64 HOW TO BUDGET

A study of how to plan a budget. Text. By Instructor.

65 PRINCIPLES OF TEACHING IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

A study of the laws of teaching. Text: F. C. McLester, *What Is Teaching?* 50c (Abingdon)

66 CHRISTIAN GUIDANCE FOR YOUTH

A study of how to give youth Christian guidance. Text: Richard Hoiland, *Ministry of Friendly Guidance*, 75c (Judson)

67 MARRIAGE

A study of how to make a marriage happy and enduring. Text: O. A. Geiseman, *Make Yours a Happy Marriage*, $1.00 (Concordia)

68 CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY

An advance study of the doctrines of the Christian Church. Text: Amos Binney, Daniel Steel. *Binney's Theologcai Compend*, $1.25 (Abingdon)

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

Financial condition year ending March 31, 1948 From audit by J. W. Cromwell, Certified Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT A—*Balance Sheet*

Total Assets were—		
Cash in Bank	$ 4,310.90	
Plant	140,454.15	
Investments	35,000.00	
Machinery, Equipment, Auto	24,031.08	
Other Assets	14.451.03	
Total		218,337.16
Total Liabilities—Schedules 1, 2	39,567.76	
Financial Department Fund	22,269.82	
Surplus or Net Worth	156,499.58	
Total		218.337.16

EXHIBIT B—*Income and Expense*

Gross Income was	93,087.69
With an inventory increase of	3,144.75
	96,232.44

Expenses including depreciation of $2,654 78 were	93,753.37
Resulting in a net income of	2,479.07

Repairs of $5,525.17, salaries and administrative expenses of $50,066.91 were the chief factors in holding down the net income.

Comparison With Budget for 1948-49

In the budget prepared for 1947-48, income was estimated at $97,800.00; actual income was $93,087.69; expense was estimated at $87,015.00, actual $90,608.62; net income was set at $10,785.00, actual $2,479.07.

For the year 1948-49 gross income is estimated at $102,351.00, expenses $92,785.00, net income at $9,566.00.

SCHEDULE 1 & 2—*Liabilities*

Notes Payable	$ 12,513.43	
Mortgage Remains	4,000.00	
Acounts Payable	7,611.10	
Deposits	393.23	
Unpaid Salaries and Expenses	15,950.00	
Total		39,567.76

SCHEDULE 3

The Financial Department Fund remains	22,269.82

SCHEDULE 4

The book value of Machinery and Equipment less annual depreciation of 6-2-3% is $22,874.09. Net value of Office Furniture is $1,156.99.

Income and Expense for the Quadrennium

Total Income for the Quadrennium was	320,545.89
Total Expense for the Quadrennium was	337,254.37
Net Loss allowing for an increase in in the inventory of $5,301.30 was	11,407.18
Depreciation of Machinery and Equipment was	9,901.78
Giving a loss disregarding depreciation of	1,505.40

EXHIBIT D

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION OF THE AME CHURCH INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR THE QUADRENNIUM APRIL 1, 1944—MARCH 31, 1948

INCOME	Quadrennial Total
Rental Properties	$ 24,315.75
Sales of Literature	227,804.04
Sales of Magazines	10,724.61
Job and Other Printing	38,335.90
League Conference	14,257.28
Other Income	5,108.31
Total Income	$320,545.89
Inventory--Increase—Decrease*	5,301.30
EXPENSES	
RepairsMaintenance	9,185.49
Board Expense	7,394.86
Bad Checks—Charges	1,211.35
Interest	3,358.65
Group Insurance	282.20
Other Insurance	1,915.40
Salaries and Administrative	162,053.74
Travel	5,976.70
Express and Hauling	3,716.60
Light, Heat, Power and Water	9,159.67
Materials and Supplies	72,670.50
Telephone and Telegraph	2,130.73
Printing—Other Firms	15,318.69
Postage and Mailing Expense	10,158.85
Real Estate Taxes	7,089.24
Other Taxes	797.88
Editorial	2,435.00
Legal Expense	6,214.35
Accounting	1,700.00
Refunds	764.21
Int. Coun. Relig. Education	2,348.53
Rent for Officers	1,470.00
Deprec.: March.. Off. Equip., Auto	9,901.73
Total Expenses	$337,254.37
Net Profit or Loss*	*11,407.18

QUADRENNIAL REPORT OF EDITORIAL SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are issuing nine pieces of source material as follows: Lesson Picture Cards for little fellows; Beginner's Stories; Primary Quarterlies—these three pieces of literature are prepared by Miss Minnie Tillman, M.A., teacher in the high school of Guthrie, Oklahoma; The Junior Quarterly edited by Rev. Andrew N. White, A.B., B.D., Pastor of AME Church, Covington, Kentucky; Intermediate Quarterly, edited by Rev. William P. Stevenson, A.M., D.D., Pastor Jones Tabernacle, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; The Senior and Teacher, edited by the Editor-in-Chief; The Allen Christian Endeavor League Quarterly, edited by General Secretary, Dr. S. S. Morris, Sr.; The Journal of Religious Education, the work of the Editor-in-Chief and the General Secretary. The high quality of these periodicals has been widely proclaimed.

During this quadrennium, the Editor has blazed some new trails. Believing that an organization that can boast of the pioneer leadership in religious, economic, and industrial life of a people, and more than a century and a half of organized life is justified in pursuing an unchartered course even in the face of long established custom. To stimulate the sale of our Sunday School literature and subscriptions to The Journal of Religious Education and to acquaint more fully our children and young people with their church, we conceived the idea of carrying on the cover page of the Quarterlies pictures of groups of children representing different Sunday Schools. And on the cover of the Adult-Teacher, to carry some one of our great churches together with a brief explanation on the inside of the same page.

Humbly submitted,
CHAS. W. ABINGTON, Editor-in-Chief.

SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

THE POSSIBILITIES

The possibilities of the Department of Christian Education are unlimited and unpredictable. Civilization moves forward on the feet of youth Here the church is challenged to train and guide these growing and marching youth. There can be no escape if the church is true to its sacred mission.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. That 5% of the dollar money fund collected in each annual conference be allocated to the Department of Christian Education, and this sum together with the fund reported in the annual conference from or for the Allen C.E. League comprise the annual budget of the Department of Christian Education for its specific budget purposes.

II. That the document marked "Exhibit A" which sets up the Department of Christian Education providing for two divisions—the Promotional and the Editorial, but not including in its functions the AME Sunday School Union, be adopted.

III. That a connectional crusade be authorized by the General Conference for the ensuing quadrennium; the crusade to be conducted under the leadership of the Bishops' Council of the AME Church. That the four major emphases be (a) Enlightenment, (b) Enlistment, (c) Enlargement, (d) Improvement. That there be five area highlights, (a) Educational, (b) Evangelical, (c) Statistical, (d) Financial, (e) Objective and Realistic.

NOTE—No salaried administrative officials.

The Financial Department to underwrite expenses contingent upon promoting the crusade.

The connectional Departments required to participate, but in accord with their own budget limitations.

The Department of Christian Education to be the general promotion and clearance agency.

IV. That the Girls' Scouts of America be recognized as the official organization for the girls of the AME Church, and that proper contacts with the National Scout Headquarters be maintained.

V. That the 10th Connectional Christian Education Congress under auspices of the Department of Christian Education be endorsed, and that funds to underwrite the budget set apart for the Department of Christian Education.

SAMUEL S. MORRIS, SR., General Secrteary.

THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN RECORDER

Rev. E. C. Hatcher, Editor

OUR PRESENT SUBSCRIPTION LIST BY DISTRICTS

First	436
Second	350
Third	534
Fourth	700
Fifth	300
Sixth	520
Seventh	166
Eighth	396
Ninth	752
Tenth	198
Eleventh	750
Twelfth	625
Thirteenth	269
Fourteenth	8
Fifteenth	20
Sixteenth	25
Seventeenth	10
Total	6,049

OUR ASSETS

Cash	$ 390.86	
On deposit in the Citizen's Saving Bank and Trust Co., Nashville, Tenn.		
Office Equipment	2,500.00	
Due from Advertising	680.00	
Due from Subscribers	400.00	
		$3,970.86

LIABILITIES

NONE

CASH RECEIPTS

March 31, 1944 to March 12, 1948

From Subscribers and Paper Sales	$20,874.02
From Loans	2,016.60
Cuts and Mats	420.00
From Advertising (Credit)	1,720.00
AME Sunday School Union for use of Back Page	
From Advertising (Cash)	1,470.00
From Donations and Preaching Missions	4,300.74
Total Cash Receipts	$30,933.36

CASH DISBURSEMENTS

March 31, 1944 to March 12, 1948

Headquarters Expenses: $2,988.19.

To AME Sunday School Union for Printing and Mailing the Paper	15,641.33	
Commission Credits	2,000.00	
On Loans in Full	2,016.60	
Salaries (Secretarial Help)	3,954.06	
Cuts and Mats	420.00	
Donations	1,840.27	
Traveling Expenses	1,444.50	
Janitor's Salary	74.50	
Insurance and Bonds	190.00	
Total Cash Disbursements		$30,542.50
Cash in Bank		390.86
		$30,933.36

THE WESTERN CHRISTIAN RECORDER

Rev. Fred A. Hughes, Editor

RECEIPTS—JUNE 1944 TO MAY 1948

June 1944 to June 1945	$ 1,368.00
June 1945 to June 1946	1,537.50
June 1946 to June 1947	1,680.75
June 1947 to May 1948	2,434.25
Conference Minutes	3,650.99
Publicity and Advertising	650.00
Total	$11,321.59

EXPENDITURES

June 1944 to June 1945	$ 1,950.00
June 1945 to June 1946	1,000.00
June 1946 to June 1947	1,100.00
June 1947 to May 1948	1,803.00
Conference Minutes—(Printing)	3,570.00
Postal Permit	25.00
Postage	364.50
Office Expense—(Secretary and Supplies)	1,899.00
Office Fixtures	207.20
Total	$11,819.80
Deficit	$ 498.31

PENSION DEPARTMENT

Miss L. Narissa Mance, Acting Secretary for
Rev. D. L. Witherspoon, (deceased)

Prior to the establishment of the Pension Department, the pension fund was handled by the Financial Department. The sources of revenue were 25% of the Dollar Money and ten cents per member from the congregations. In 1944 the General Conference set up four definite sources of income for the Pension Department: 1. Thirty per cent of Dollar Money; 2. Special Pension (ten cents per member from the congregations); 3. Pension Night; 4. The Pension Anniversary.

PAYMENTS TO PENSIONERS

1928	$ 52.00	1936	$ 50.00
1929	104.00	1937	50.00
1930	98.00	1938	50.00
1931	40.00	1939	60.00
1932	20.00	1940	58.00
1933	28.00	1941	70.00
1934	50.00	1942	80.00
1935	70.00	1943	90.00
		1944 (Feb.)	30.00

PAYMENTS TO WIDOWS

1928	$26.00	1937	$25.00
1929	52.00	1938	25.00
1930	49.00	1939	30.00
1931		1940	29.00
1932	10.00	1941	35.00
1933	14.00	1942	40.00
1934	25.00	1943	45.00
1935	35.00	1944 (Feb.)	15.00
1936	25.00		

DEATHS

District	Superannuates	Widows
First	15	20
Second	9	13
Third	11	8
Fourth	11	19
Fifth	5	12
Sixth	36	27
Seventh	24	19

DEATHS (Continued)

District	Superannuates	Widows
Eighth	18	21
Ninth	22	26
Tenth	17	14
Eleventh	29	22
Twelfth	21	11
Thirteenth	14	17
	232	229

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Six widows were dropped from the roll because they left the AME Church, and 83 widows remarried.

NUMBER OF PENSIONERS—By Districts

District	Bishop in Charge	Total	Superannuated Ministers	Widows of Ministers	Orphans
1	S. L. Greene and R. R. Wright, Jr.	110	16	91	3
2	Geo. W. Baber and M. H. Davis	112	21	83	8
3	R. C. Ransom	96	14	71	11
4	J. A. Gregg	116	21	92	3
5	N. W. Williams	119	28	88	3
6	W. A. Fountain	367	71	274	22
7	F. M. Reid	214	28	154	32
8	S. L. Greene	214	52	146	16
9	D. Ward Nichols	184	51	122	11
10	Geo. B. Young	128	28	100	.
11	H. Y. Tookes	300	72	210	18
12	Geo. W .Baber and J. H. Clayborn	192	52	128	12
13	R. R. Wright, Jr.	99	22	68	9
16	A. J. Allen	16	1	8	7
	Total	2,267	477	1,625	155

PENSION INCOME RECEIVED FOR THE QUADRENNIUM AFRIL 1, 1944—MARCH 31, 1948

Years Ending

District	Total	Mar. 31, 1945	Mar. 31, 1946	Mar. 31, 1947	Mar. 31, 1948
1	68,728.92	13,865.55	17,991.42	18,691.28	18,180.67
2	41,957.43	8,625.65	10.850.00	10,998.43	11,483.35
3	43,321.57	9,761.01	10,658.74	11,275.47	11,520.35
4	71,842.79	16,739.66	17,640.72	18,421.47	19,040.94
5	57,162.50	12,827.53	14,052.34	14,729.45	15,553.18
6	90,768.56	16,672.85	24,152.37	24,805.07	25.138.27
7	66,325.75	13,994.25	16,623.80	17,615.30	18,092.40
8	33,086.34	7,947.39	8,481.72	8,339.87	8,317.35
9	52,499.26	11,575.00	12,839.77	13,562.16	14,522.33
10	40,017.97	8,811.19	10,132.38	10,469.50	10,604.90
11	86,897.54	20,043.52	21,225.13	22,686.00	22,942.89
12	35,660.24	7,675.45	8,605.75	9,407.12	9,971.92
13	39,010.20	8,716.15	9,747.95	10,120.30	10,380.80
14	100.00		100.00		
16	260.00			260.00	
17					
Total	$727,533.07	$157,300.20	$183.102.10	$191,381.42	$195,749.35

AMOUNT OF PENSIONS PAID TO DISTRICTS FOR THE QUADRENNIUM

APRIL 1, 1944 TO MARCH 31, 1948

Years Ending

District	Total	Mar. 31, 1945	Mar. 31, 1946	Mar. 31, 1947	Mar. 31, 1948
1	30,634.75	7,031.00	9,163.00	7,927.75	6,513.00
2	31,657.00	7,619.00	9,107.00	8,092.50	6,838.50
3	25,049.75	5,613.00	7,247.00	6,822.50	5,367.25
4	30,763.00	6,740.00	8,303.00	8,512.25	7,207.75
13		6,423.00	3,003.00	3,330.00	90.00
5	33,723.75	7,493.00	9,127.00	9,150.75	7,953.00
6	94,146.75	22,900.00	26,393.00	24,317.50	20,536.25
7	49,624.00	12,025.00	13,944.00	13,098.75	10,556.25
8	55,280.00	12,423.00	15,127.00	14,304.25	13,129.75
9	56,016.25	13,061.00	16,464.00	14,674.25	11,817.00
10	42,449.25	10,146.00	12,221.00	11.422.25	8,660.00
11	81,796.00	17,529.00	23,977.00	22,022.25	18,267.75
12	57,581.00	13,095.00	16,318.00	15,552.75	12,615.25
13	32,029.00	7.545.00	9,643.00	8,418.00	6,423.00
16	2,073.00	355.00	588.00	567.25	562.75
Add. Pen.	506.00	358.00	148.00		
Total	$623,329.50	$143,933.00	$178,063.00	$164,886.00	$136,447.50

QUADRENNIAL REPORT—THE AME CHURCH REVIEW

By Rev. J. S. Brookens, Editor-Manager

INCOME

In computing our income as editor-manger, we have included collections for preaching as well as subscription monies.

Our subscription list for 1944 was taken from the General Conference delegate list.

Subscribers, 1944-1945	1500
Income	$3,100.00

Subscribers, 1945-1946	1700
Income	$4,500.00
Preaching	$1,100.00
Subscribers, 1946-1947	2500
Income	$6,000.00
Preaching	$1,000.00

Subscribers, 1947-1948	2100
Income	$5,100.00
Preaching	$ 900.00

RECAPITULATION

Total for Four Years:

Income		$18,700.00
From Subscriptions	$15,700.00	
From Preaching	$ 3,000.00	
Total	$18,700.00	

EXPENDITURES

For Printing:		
Dr. W. K. Hopes		$2,517.30
Prof. E. A. Selby		$6,351.65
Total for Printing		$8,868.65
Traveling Expenses, per Discipline, of $1000.00 per year, four years		$4,000.00
House Rent, per Discipline, $40.00 per month, four years		$1,920.00
Secretarial Expenses, at $25.00 per week, four years, and other office expenses		$5,200.00
Total Expenditures, four years	$19,988.65	
Total Income	$18,700.00	
Deficit	$ 1,188.65	

Note:—The loss of business in Alabama amounts to $950.00. Deducting $959.00 from $1,188.65, as follows:

	$1,188.65
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Actual deficit	$ 229.65

P. S. This does not include the bill for Printing this Report	$ 96.00

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